

Swami Brahmailidyananda



Swami Brahmailidyananda, a monk of the Ramakrishna Order, took his monastic vows in 1990 and has been carrying on the universal message of visionary prophet Swami Vivekananda, who in the 1890's was among the first to bring the concept of religious acceptance from India to America. Swami Brahmailidyananda describes the path of Vedanta as "bringing democracy to religion. Vivekananda believed that all religions are not only necessary, but essential to the human spirit which, due to race and culture, has the need for diversity as obviously expressed by the various paths & religions," he explains. "Vivekananda never used the words 'religious tolerance' because that infers one's sense of superiority over another. He always preferred to say 'religious acceptance'."