

To the World Religion Conference. 1

Sisters and Brothers !

I send you my heartiest greetings on this path of Unity towards the radiant summits and I trust that you, forgetting all petty divisions and small human moods, will progress in continuous creation, cherishing the glorious traditions of your great Motherland, India.

In India a glorious Renaissance of Art is approaching. New Schools shall be opened. Exhibition Hall shall be built. Museums shall grow. Besides State Museums many private collections shall be founded not only of antique art, but of modern art as well. It would be instructive to have the annals of the names of the new private collectors. In the History of Indian Art the names of these ardent lovers of Beauty shall be given a place of great honour.

Verily Art at its highest does not tolerate any conventionality, nor violence. In the very foundations of Be-ness lives the concept of Beauty, in all its convincingness.

We, as builders, do not deny, nor reject.

"In Beauty we are united !

Through Beauty we pray !

With Beauty we conquer ! "

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