

## 2018 Swami Abhedananda Lecture Series In Religion And Philosophy

In commemoration of the 150th birth anniversary of Swami Abhedananda, a direct disciple of Sri Ramakrishna and the third spiritual leader of the Vedanta Society of New York, we are pleased to announce this special Lecture Series during the year 2018. Please see below for details.

Swami Abhedananda came to take charge of the Vedanta Society of New York in August 1897 at the request of Swami Vivekananda.

He gave a well-received series of lectures, traveling extensively throughout the United States, as well as places as far apart as Alaska and Mexico, and was acclaimed as a great exponent of Vedanta, and Hindu thought and culture. He crossed the Atlantic no less than seventeen times to teach Vedanta in England and France. And all the time he was writing on philosophy and religion – his complete works span 11 volumes.

After a long and very successful tenure in the United States, Swami Abhedananda returned to India in 1921.

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| Sunday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11.00 am  | <i>"Harmony of Religions"</i><br>Dr. John J. Thatamanil, Professor of Theology and World Religions at the Union Theological Society here in New York  |
| Sunday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 11.00 am  | <i>"Buddhism, Advaita and the Perennial Philosophy"</i><br>Dr. Miri Albahari, Professor of Philosophy, University of Western Australia                |
| Friday, April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30 pm  | <i>'Swami Abhedananda: Life and Teachings'</i><br>Swami Chetanandanda, Minister-in-Charge, Vedanta Society of St. Louis                               |
| Sunday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 11.00 am | <i>"Bhakti in Historical Perspective"</i><br>Professor John Stratton Hawley, Claire Tow Professor of Religion at Barnard College, Columbia University |