In the following pages I have ventured upon a hard endeavour to write a dissertation on Swami Vivekananda. It is an attempt at scaling rather a Himalayan range for a humble person like me. Yet once I am in the midst of it I shall trek on the entire terrain whatever might be the hazard involved in it.

The exact topic of my thesis runs - 'A study of the philosophy of Swami Vivekananda with reference to Advaita Vedānta and great universal heart of Buddha'. Obviously the topic itself is a tough one. One must be conversant with three pyramidal elevation of God-men- Buddha, Śāṅkara and Vivekananda in order to resolve the complex task into a fruitful conclusion to the full understanding of the academicians and Pandits who are vying supreme in the field of philosophic world.

In this memorable task I lay no claim to storehouse of learning or acquisition of intellectual granary. My sole stock-in-trade is my application of intellectual pursuit spearheaded by my intellectual acumen and incisive brain.
Yet plainly speaking without appearing to be vain-glorious, I may be permitted to submit that in this effort I have recourse to vast range of studies and browsing through many a volume of speeches and writings of Vivekananda himself, apart from the study of great range and accumulation of massive commentaries, biographies and periodicals that have piled up through long stress of time, on writings and speeches of Swamiji. But mostly and pre-eminently I depended on the original writings of Swamiji which should be apparent if one cares to study the thesis with patience and deep attention. I must express my profound gratitude and reverence to the august personalities like Swami Lokeswarananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Calcutta and others who inspired me by their constant encouragement in this difficult task I undertook to finish.

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I have appended a Bibliographical reference at the end of the thesis to facilitate studies and to avoid confusion.

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