

**The Video Message from H.E. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, The State Counsellor
of The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and The Union Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Myanmar Government to the Samvad III:
Global Hindu Buddhist Initiative for Conflict Avoidance, Inter-religions
Understanding and Interdependent Sustainability, held in Ulanbatar, Mongolia,
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- The most Venerables and Your Holiness,
- Excellencies, Distinguished Participants,
- Eminent Scholars and Spiritual Leaders,
- Ladies and Gentlemen!

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to convey my sincere greetings and heartfelt congratulations through video message to the Samvad III, which is jointly organized by the Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF, New Delhi) and Gaudan Thegchenling Monastery – Centre of Mongolian Buddhists in association with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP), the Japan Foundation and Institute of Strategic Studies, Mongolia. It also gives me a great pleasure and honour to extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all of the esteemed participants from different faiths of various countries and organizations for taking part in this august assembly.

Every religion teaches us the best of all the best in the world by two parallel ways: - showing the good and ethical way of life, teaching or theory and putting the theory into practice – empirical application. Most of religious followers and leaders discharged these two duties and thus civilized and cultured human societies manifested themselves on the surface of the globe. Responsible religious leaders were also able to lead their followers to virtuous and righteous ways of living. As a consequence, most parts of the globe were the pleasant and peaceful habitats to live in.

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But in later times along with through the technology of modern civilization, modern populace have to face a great deal of predicament – a big gap in modern life between profession and practice. The religious faith they have already confessed may be of immense help to them but they neglect their religious teachings without going to their religious centres. Simultaneously some of the responsible religionists do not take interest in imparting knowledge of the genuine knowledge of the genuine teachings shown by their respective religions. Moreover, some even lead their followers to the wrong way by means of instructing them bogus and insincere doctrines under the name of religion. Staying along from religious teachings and disbelieving in them the population of atheists, heathens, agnostics, pagans, infidels, boors, vulgarians and barbarians become greater and greater in number than ever.

At present, we, all of the diverse religious leaders, have to make an arduous efforts to save this unwelcome situation and reform our approach to the sustainability of the faithful. First, we, all the religious leaders have to demonstrate convincingly to them that the genuine teachings and implementation and application of them have a profound and beneficial effects. And then we have to lead them to the fields of learning and practising, being equipped with the fundamental principles of moral ethics. All religious leaders in the world have to be builders of a peaceful and prosperous human society influenced by religious teachings and involve themselves in consolidating peace and security of the world. Besides, members of diverse religions have to build mutual understanding, respect and trust among each other in order to obtain a peaceful and prosperous human society, refraining from interfering in matters of other religions and cooperating for peace, and denouncing all kinds of hate-speech and false propaganda under the pretext of religion, and conflicts and wars resulted from such activities. We all have to strongly condemn all those who instigate religious conflicts by using various methods and those who provide support or involve themselves in such activities.

If we do not pay deep regard to the doctrinal teachings and the relevant empirical applications, the world we live in will unquestionably devastated by extremism

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or terrorism, the creation of infidels, boors, vulgarians and barbarians. The whole world has been unbalanced and unhinged by the said destructive and obstructive elements who are the major hindrances and obstructions to the construction of global peace and prosperity. Before these elements have become greater in numbers all of the religious leaders have to work together in unison and to endeavour without any fear and the slightest hesitation in order to obtain social life with full security assurances, including an inherent duty of all faiths to conserve the environment before it is too late to survive our humankind.

As paragons of virtue and righteousness by ourselves, let us lead our global followers to build a global peace and prosperity by teaching and showing good exemplary ways and means.

May I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes and respectful greetings to all the participants for the great success of this auspicious conference with the Supreme Virtues of the Buddha.

May all the religious teachers and leaders be united and happy in order to tread on the same common platform!

Thank you.

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