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## WOMEN AND THE YOUTH SOCIETY: SWAMI VIVEKANAND

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### Abstract

*One of the sanyasi had dreamed about the youth society. When the youth were losing their ideals and values, Narendraji appeared and showed the way to avoid it. He was a sannyasi but also bright, brave and courageous. One such ascetic took birth on 12 January 1863 in the Datta family in Calcutta (Simla) and blessed this earth. His name was NarendranathDutt, father VishwanathDutt - a famous lawyer and mother Bhuvaneshwari Devi was a devoted devotee of God.*

*Vivekananda dreamed of building a new India and for this he had the greatest faith in the youth. They wanted to awaken the eternal power that was within the youth. The youth society of contemporary India was becoming disillusioned and directionless; the youth are aimless and hopeless and are unaware of their own defense. Such degenerate youth can be awakened again only when they are identified with Swamiji. Spiritual consciousness, social consciousness, economic consciousness, science consciousness, the story of India's past and future, the story of Indian culture are embedded in Swamiji's encouraging and idealistic speech. Swamiji used to say repeatedly -*

*"To transform this directionless youth society into the present beautiful society, it is necessary that innumerable people should first become human beings, a knowledgeable person, a compassionate person, a person who loves the country, who is holy and reverent, the day when such a person will wake up, India is the most Will become beautiful and big, when thousands of men and women will come forward sacrificing their own aspirations of enjoyment and will wake up devotedly for the welfare of lakhs and lakhs of human beings trapped in the maze of poverty and illiteracy, only then India will wake up.*

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## Introduction-

### Life and Personality of Vivekanand

Swami Vivekananda was a world famous monk - who was born on 12 January 1863 in Shimla, Calcutta. Narendranath was named in his childhood. Father Vishwanath Dutt was a lawyer in the High Court of Calcutta.

Narendra took education in an irregular manner. His primary education was done in the city itself, but the people of the family suddenly felt that Naren should not fall in the company of defiant children, so his education was postponed. Thereafter he studied in an institute established by Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. Naren was a good learned artist, sportsman as well as Kustivaj. He was famous for being very involved in Sanskrit. Above all he was a priest of truth. They didn't even know how to tell untruths.

In 1877, he went to Raipur with his father. Bengali education was not given in any institute of Raipur, so forcibly stayed at home. At the same time, he got into the habit of reasoning. His confidence was also high. In such a situation, he again came to Calcutta where his education started again. After schooling, he attended Presidency College, Calcutta. After that he studied philosophy at the Scottish Church College.

Then the Narendranath came in contact with two prominent members of BrahmoSamaj, Devendranath Thakur and Keshavchandra Sen. Narendranath started getting worried about a question. Who can make me see God? Eventually he met Paramhansa Sri Sri Ramakrishna, a seeker of Dakshineswar, whose spiritual influence changed Narendra. Then, due to the sudden death of his father, he left his college education and started looking for a job, but here too he was disappointed and again he met Sri Ramakrishna and made him a spiritual master. Sri Ramakrishna explained him that just as everyone can see us, in the same way we can also see them in the same way. But Naren could not be satisfied with these things. He wanted Ramakrishna to prove this to him and then with time Naren too had that strange feeling in his life and he became the most prominent disciple of Sri Ramakrishna. He got the education from the Guru that God resides in all human beings, so service to mankind is the only true service to God.

Keeping the Guru's education paramount, he went ahead in his life and established the Ramakrishna Math, which is presently engaged in the service of the poor and orphans, forgetting caste, varna, language etc. Later, when Naren became a monk, he was renamed again and he was called Swami Vivekananda. He went to the World Conference of Religions in 1893 in the Chicago city of America and in one of the most famous speeches he told the believers in his long speech that God is one, and all religions are like different rivers, which eventually merge into the ocean.

His speech attracted the attention of people not only in America but all over the world. Impressed by them, everyone praised him with a free voice. His photographs were printed in all the newspapers of America and his lectures were published in full, after that there was so much crowd to hear his lecture that special arrangements had to be made there. In this sequence, he got an invitation from England. For three months, roaming around

America and preaching Hindu religion. After that he went to England and stayed there for three months. In the same way he came and went two or three times in America and England and kept on giving lectures. After three years Swami Vivekananda returned to his India from abroad. After his health deteriorated Swami Vivekananda were back to India. He welcomed everywhere in India.

Working in this way, on July 4, 1902, Swami Vivekananda, the son of Mother India, fell asleep in the lap of eternal sleep. Swami Vivekananda was a true patriot. He was deeply concerned about the poverty of India and made a strong effort to remove it. He used to inspire the youth of the country to move forward.

### **Swamiji's concern about youth**

The present youth society is becoming obsessed. The youth are aimless and hopeless and are ignorant of self-defense. Such youth can be re-awakened only when they are identified with Swamiji. Spiritual consciousness, social consciousness, economic consciousness, science consciousness, India's past and future story is embedded in Swamiji's encouraging and idealistic speech. Swamiji used to say repeatedly-

“To convert this directionless youth society into the present youth society, it is necessary to make innumerable people the first human being, a knowledgeable person, a compassionate person, a person who loves the country, who is ready to sacrifice everything for his country, who is holy and revered. Yes, the day such a person wakes up, India will become the most beautiful and big on that day. When thousands of men and women will come forward sacrificing the aspirations of their own enjoyment and the youth will awaken unitedly for the welfare of millions and millions of humans trapped in the maze of poverty and illiteracy, only then India will wake up and become prosperous.....” the land where humanity has attended its highest towards gentleness, towards generosity, towards purity, towards calmness, above all the land of introspection and of spirituality”.

### **Swamiji's attitude towards women**

The wealth of any nation is its youth power, it will create its future. But in the present time youth are forgetting their culture and committing various crimes like rape, promoting terrorism etc. All these are giving information about the crisis in which direction the youth of our nation are pushing the nation. This situation is very sad. There is a need to awaken the youth that women should be respected. The spirit that Swamiji wanted to evoke throughout his life is human liberation. Swamiji was concerned only about human. How human beings renounced their inferiority, inferiority and humility and proceeded on the path of glory, so Vivekananda continued to fight throughout his life.

Among humans, Vivekananda's voice was more articulate for the female caste. From time immemorial, women were being stigmatized, disregarded and stigmatized. Women may have got a high place in mythology but the reality is something else. Being a male-dominated society, the upliftment of women has not been possible till date. Vivekananda was troubled by this misfortune of women. He used to say, "Where women are not respected, they are not free from calamity, that society, that country can never progress.

Vivekananda used to think that just as a bird is unable to fly without both its wings, in the same way no society can be run by men only, it is also necessary to have women. Men and women are complementary to each other.

Vivekanandji believed in independence and used to say that women should be given freedom only then they can move forward. Swami Vivekananda said in his biography, "Americans look with great devotion and reverence to women who play a very important role in life. I get confused when I look at the women of my country in a way where women are in form, qualities And in luck, Goddess is worshiped like Lakshmi, and Saraswati, who is called the presiding deity of learning, these are all holy mothers. And I will die peacefully only then the countrymen will be able to understand the value of women."

Vivekananda traveled around the world with Indian spiritual speech and came in contact with different countries. He saw that there women were very much independent from Indian women. Indian women are fettered while western women are hard working and want to be outspoken. There is a feeling of hesitation among Indian women.

But the quality in which Indian women are ahead of the world women is the spirituality of Indian women and Vivekanandji kept this quality in front of the world. There is a depth of spirituality in Indian society. But this task is very difficult and it can be made successful only through education and that is why Vivekanandji wished that Indian women should make all-round progress and reach the highest peak of progress.

You all must have heard the name of sister Nivedita, who was a Scottish Irish social worker and also a disciple of Swami Vivekananda, she spent her youth in Ireland. From his father and teachers, he got the education of service to mankind and service to God. She met Swamiji in London in 1895 and was impressed by him. Swamiji made them aware of the divine knowledge. Niveditaji spent her whole life in service and worship of God and dedicated her whole life for India.

### **Swamiji's sermon to all the youth**

Swamiji had expressed his faith in the youth in Madras 50 years before the end of British rule. Swamiji himself was an embodiment of action and a vibration of youth. His life and ideals are the source of inspiration for the youth of the nation. At the young age of 39 years, 5 months and 22 days, he had conquered the whole world with his message. Big personalities of India and country and abroad were also influenced by Swamiji's personality.

Swamiji used to say that all people are children of God, the most pure and perfect soul resides, so no one should force himself to be weak. He used to say that youth, get up and be courageous, be brave, take full responsibility on your shoulders because you are the creator of your own destiny. All the power lies within you.

Bring courage in yourself so that you can know the truth, know the truth contained in life and do not be afraid of death. When You can understand that you are a soul and that nothing in the world can destroy you. Then you will be free. Then you will know your Holy Spirit. There are some hypocritical priests in our society whose thinking is narrow; they are always a hindrance in the path of progress. They are caught in superstition, tyranny and evils; they have to be removed from the root. Be human, get out and look outside.

Immerse the violence and ego in Gangaji forever and get involved with full force. God will guide you.

"Be brave, go ahead. Stand firm to the highest ideal, be steadfast. Avoid selfishness and envy, obey. Always stand firm on the side of the true human race and your country and you will shake the world Remember The source of power is the person and his life. Nothing is other than this."

Such brilliant thoughts of Swamiji used to ignite the minds of the people. His thoughts can make a big difference in anyone's life. At present, the youth of the country are facing many problems and surely. Swamiji's message can infuse power in their lives and suggest a new path for the future. For this it is necessary to take care of so many things:-

- **Goal of the life**

Swamiji always used to say that a person's life is meaningful only when he has a goal in life, otherwise his life is meaningless. Youth period is the most important period which is always uncountable and indescribable. Puberty time is an indicator of your future. Your happiness, your success, your honor and your success all depend on how you are living in the present. This time of your life is exactly like the clay ball in the hands of a potter. potter with great skill gives the desired shape and goes on making it. You too become a potter.

Swamiji used to say that youth should first set the goal of life. Before becoming something, it is necessary to keep working, only then you will definitely be able to become something. When the purpose of life is clear, then all the work gets solved by itself.

- **Self-confidence**

Before doing anything in life, it is necessary to become self-reliant. And even more important is that you have faith in God.

He is an atheist who does not believe in himself. According to mythological religious belief, he is the most atheist who does not believe in God. Unfortunately, we have covered ourselves. Sometimes we feel that we will not be able to do anything when we have the ability. If our youth are united then it is possible for them to achieve anything in the world.

Swamiji always believed that whatever is happening around us, whether it is small or big, positive or negative, we have to choose opportunities from that.

- **Solidarity**

Solidarity is the key to success in any task. Swamiji once said that success requires perseverance and a lot of willpower, I will swallow the ocean. Any person who has this type of will power, ability to work hard, can reach his goal.



- **Cooperation**

This era is the era of cooperation and organizational work. Even if it is science, technology or business, there is a need for cooperation and organizational work for success. When Swamiji was in America, he was very impressed by the partisanship and organizational work there and wanted to spread this idea in India also. As an example of this, he founded the Ramakrishna Mission and inspired all the sanyasis for the work of nation building.

### **Important commemorative day**

- **National Youth Day**

In 1984, the Government of India announced the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda as National Youth Day. Since then, the birthday of Vivekanandji is celebrated on 12 January as National Youth Day. India also observed Swami Vivekananda's National Youth Day in 2021

The main reason for this was Swamiji was an inspiration to all the youth across the country. Swamiji's personality was extraordinary and the world had to accept the iron of his talent. The purpose of celebrating this day was to awaken the energy of the youth as well as a step towards making the country developed.

- **World Fraternity Day**

World Fraternity Day is observed on 22 September because on this day he gave his first speech at the World Conference of Religions held in the city of Chicago in 1863 and addressed the American people saying that sisters and brothers of America.

### **Conclusion**

Centuries ago, when the world envisioned a world-wide village with the concept of capitalism, monasticism, and astrology, India had provided Swami Vivekananda to the world as a true universal citizen. Swamiji had declared that human effort for peace would continue until Western civilization recognized that Indian society was the foremost spiritual and civilizational point of view and that the world did not get its modern feelings, concerns and imaginations from Indian thinking.

The Government of India decided to observe every year since 1985, that is, his birthday, as "National Youth Day" because the concept behind this was that Swamiji's philosophy and thinking for which Swami worked hard, while thinking for Indian youth.

India celebrated the 150th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda in 2013. It was announced officially in India by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Various programs are organized on this day in different branches of Ramakrishna Math. Apart from this, many religious, cultural programs were also organized in various educational institutions.

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