

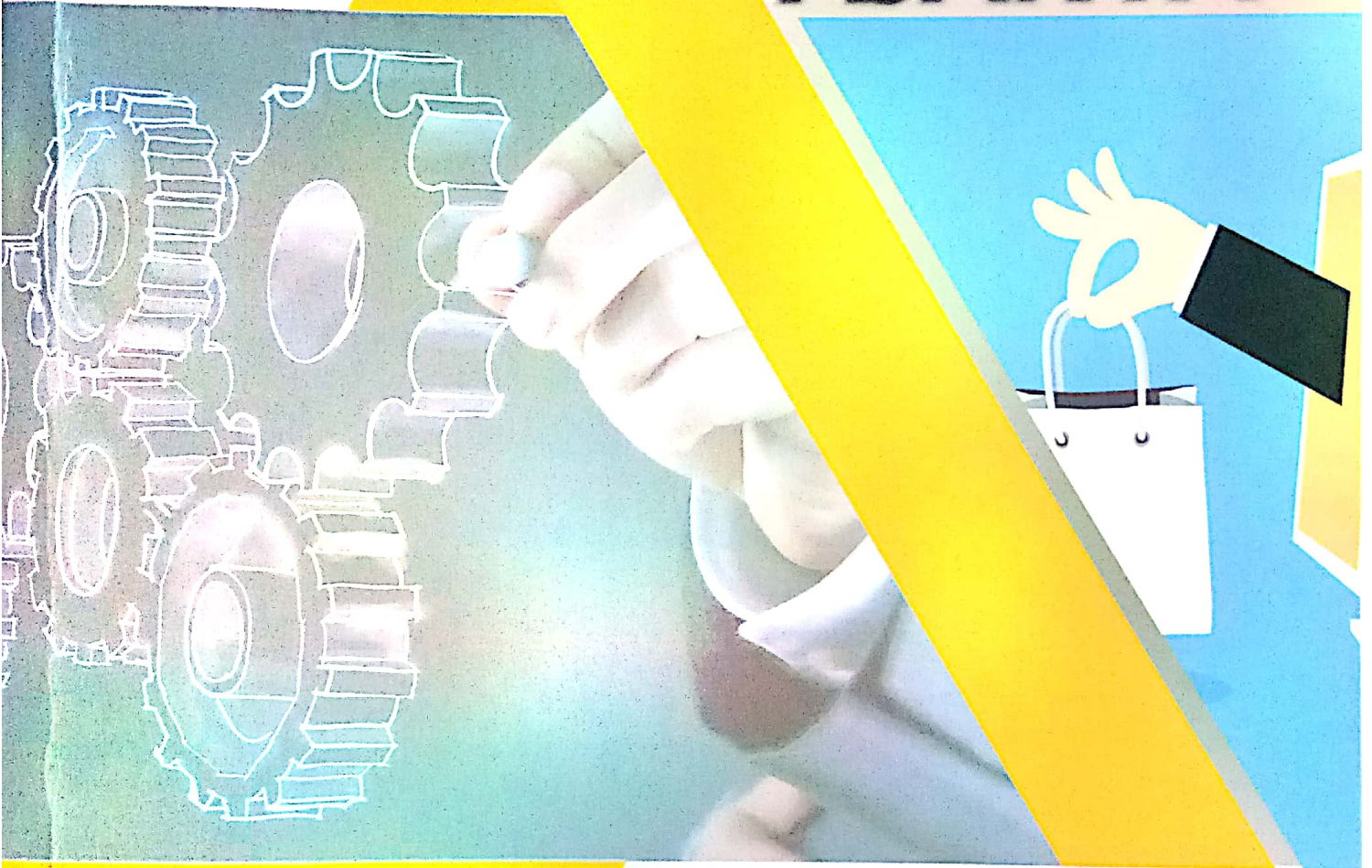


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11. Swami Vivekananda's thought on Youth and Education

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Swami vivekananda is the ideal of youth, as he has awakened the power of the youth for nation. He said 'India needs new energetic flow'. His life and ideas are inspiration for all the youth. He gave the formula of life success 'Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is achieve.' Life of swamiji provides a great example for youth. Small life but large impact of society. His thinking and life activities are based on Indian belief. 'Simple life high thinking'; Swamiji's noble thought for all youth in every situation to guide, to motivate and support to fight worst, hard and challenges. All qualities of swamiji personality like power, self dedication, meditation, service, self control, self reliance, patriotism and religion belief has inspired youth to become aware for self and nation.

Swami Vivekananda is a treasure of motivation and inspiration for all of us. Whether we are students, teachers, common people, or any other professional. He stated 'strength is life, weakness is death.' These words motivate youth for new challenges. Problem related life, society, and economy. Words of Vivekananda encourage fighting with negativity. Also, address to youth to 'be good and do good.' He motivates youth and says:

"All the power is within you, you can do anything and everything. Believe in that; do not believe that you are weak. Stand up and express the divinity within you."

According to Vivekananda- "character is jewel of youth. If person haven't character, no meaning of life." He noted- "Neither money pays, nor name pays, nor fame, nor learning; it is CHARACTER that cleave through adamantine walls of difference." In modern era people have compromised with situation. Compromising attitude is always harmful with personal and national character.

Swamiji says- 'you are the king, you are to be lion, you look good at giving someone, not on demand'. India has a huge population, especially at a young age. If youth develop, self-belief then journey starts self to universe. Stop blaming others. Youth should become responsible and wise. If education develops positive attitude for other then society become a live.

Swamiji always thought for nations he stated: "I am no metaphysician, no philosopher, nay no saint. But I am poor, I love the Poor" his thought regarding poverty is directed to

equality. And appeal to leader for concern with major part of nation population. If people lose trust in life, government and leaders then we cannot progress. Said the great humanist educationist Swamiji. He was deeply moved by the sorrowful plight of humanity and felt education as the panacea of all evils. Today youth such a learnt lesson from swamiji thought and life. Life's main motive to serve poor and needy person of society.

Our parents, our media, our leaders, our society collectively make to us average person. We spend our all powers for food, wealth, and honour. We born like bagger and expire like it. But swamiji want to see to 'youth for- learn, earn and share'. 'Be and make.'

Vivekananda was the first to draw the attention of Indian leaders to the social implication of the curse of mass poverty. Many leaders and person at that time recommended in their individual way to feed the starving people. However, Vivekananda categorically pointed out that freedom of the people from want of daily bread was first condition of national regeneration of India. Swamiji pointed out-"their extreme poverty is one of the causes why the Chinese and the Indians have remained in state of mummified civilization"

Swamiji had studied the text like the Vedas and Upanishads to assimilate the Indian philosophy of learning. He had observed western culture and Ideology. He personally feel life goal of peoples of world. So his thoughts are not only revealing of Eastern but also western context. Swamiji correlate valuable thought about better life of human in the context of spirituality, sociology, and behaviourism.

The difference came by education, which developed strength and made powers and dignity as human beings. Swamiji emphasized-

"Education, education, education alone! Travelling through many cities of Europe and observing in them the comforts and education of even the poor people, there was brought to my mind the state of our own people, and I used to shed tears. What made the difference? Education was answer I got."

Learning the whole library by heart cannot educate a man because education aims at assimilation of ideas. He gave the education its true meaning by saying that:

'Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man' All the knowledge that the world has over received come from the mind. The external world only provides an opportunity to man to see his own mind.

Swamiji was dissatisfied with the prevalent educational system as it emphasized only on providing information. He remarked-

“Education is not the amount of information that is put into your brain and runs not rot there, undigested all your life.”

According to swamiji learning is the inner to outer process and knowledge is endless. The person learns specifically from the inner strengths. He emphasized the education making a man a clerk or lawyer or at the most a deputy magistrate. This is another form of clerkship and cannot do anything for the country at the large. Educated person must be sensitive enough to pay heed to the piteous cry rising from the land of Bharat and must be able to fulfil this wand. Education should bring out the strength of character; fill the spirit of philanthropy and the courage of a lion. In the words of swamiji-“We want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded, and by which one can stand on one’s own feet.”

Thus, he cherished man making as the prominent aim of education. We are mechanically producing educated people. They are working for earning. In society, so many times some educated person make big mistake, crime, corruption, joules, anger. Education should vital role for man making system. As ‘Manushya Nirmaan.’ Who have a kindness, humanity, love, unity, simplicity, positive attitude.

In Vivekananda’s opinion the only method use by the ‘lowest man to the highest yogi’, is the method of concentration for acquiring knowledge. For concentration yoga and pranayam is best practice for students. Therefore, yoga and pranayam should part of teaching and learning process.

Swamiji planned to establish girl’s school in every village and try to uplift them. Emphasizing on the women’s right as a human being. Vivekananda once remarked that: ‘The ideal of perfect women hood is perfect independence.’

Vivekananda redefined religion- ‘Religion does not consist in talk, or doctrines or books, but in realization’ religions manifestation of divinity already in man’. Swamiji gave more priority to nation than Dharma. He stated- ‘Dev se bhadkar desh hai’

According to Vivekananda, - “Three things are necessary to make every man great, every nation great.”

- Conviction of the powers of goodness.
- Absence of jealousy and suspicion.
- Helping all who are trying to be and do good.

He came across the seeds of the seeds of the harmony of religious as well as the solidarity of the human race in Hindu scriptures. ‘Truth is one; sages call it by various names’

At present, education just deposits information any way and any form in mind of student. This process is creating burden, stress and a narrow concept. According to Swamiji, "Education is the divine manifestation that already exists in man". Thus, learning is the inner to outer process and knowledge is endless. The person learns specifically from the inner strengths. Teach yourself and the teachers role is of the guide. The main goal of education is human development. That is, the person who gets education will become a true human. According to Swamiji, the only method of education is concentration. In this method, the learner has to follow brahmacharya. Acquiring knowledge becomes possible only based on faith. Education means the formation of the character. Swamiji has emphasized on acquiring knowledge by becoming a good disciple. Students qualities are best than only one can gain good knowledge. Teacher's eligibility should be increase continuously. Emphasis on the need for religious education as part of education should be given. According to Swamiji, gender equality should be developing through Women Education. The people has given stressed for nation development and ignored religious differences. Swamiji's educational views reflect poverty, prevention of social equality, equal development, women empowerment, and nationality.

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