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SWAMI VIVEKANANDA AND HIS EDUCATIONAL RELEVANCE IN MODERN CONTEXT

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ABSTRACT

The present age is the age of humanism, which holds that man should be chief concern and center of all activities and Thinking. Through science and technology, man has attended great prosperity and power, and modern methods of communication and travel have converted human society in to a global village, but the degradation of man has also been going on a pace, as witnessed by the enormous increase in broken homes, immorality, violence, crime, etc. in modern society. It is significance belief today of Swami Vivekananda that education is the manifestation of the divine perfection, already existing in man; education was not only collection of information, but something more meaningful. They felt education should be man – making, life giving and character- building. He felt that education is an assimilation of noble ideas. Swami Vivekananda suggested that trying to give up jealousy and conceit and learning to work unitidly for others, to take courage and work on. He also suggested purity, patience and steadily work this is the only way to get success.

According to him “faith, faith, faith in our selves, faith, and faith in God-this is the secret of greatness and salvation. The potential divinity of the soul prevent this degradation, divinized human relationship, and makes life meaningful and worth living and It is also learned that everything can be sacrificed for truth, but truth cannot be sacrificed for anything.

INTRODUCTION

The term ‘education’ is defined as ‘development of the mind ‘as cultivation of the human capacity for critical consciousness, for ‘self-Actualization’....source of love and compassion, for justice and fellowship, for humanity and joy. According to some learned people the ‘Education’ has been derived from the Latin term “**Educatum**” Which means the act of teaching of training. A group of educationists says that it has come from Latin word “**Educare**” Which means “to bring up” or “to raise “. According to a few others the word “Education “has originated from another Latin term “**Educere**”which means “to lead forth” or “to come out”. In the broaden, general sense “**Education** “is the means through which the aims and habits of a group of people lives on from one generation to the next, and in the narrow, technical sense, education is the formal process by which society deliberately transmits its accumulated knowledge ,skills, customs and values from one generation to another .e.g. ,instruction in school. In modern society, today it is significance belief of Swami Vivekananda that education is the manifestation of the divine perfection, already existing in man; education was not only collection of information, but

something more meaningful. They felt education should be man – making, life giving and character- building. He also felt that education is an assimilation of noble ideas.

Swami Vivekananda a religious leader: A child, which birth name was Narendranath Datta, born in an aristocratic Bengali family on January 12th 1863 in Kolkata from his childhood, he showed an inclination towards spirituality and God realization. He achieved religious lesson from his Guru, Ramakrishna of Advaita Vedanta, that all religions are true and that service to man was the most effective worship of God. Contribution to Indian society, In spite of her innumerable linguistic, ethnic, historical and regional diversities, Indian society has had from time immemorial a strong sense of cultural unity. It was, however, Swami Vivekananda who revealed the true foundation of this culture and thus clearly defined and strengthened the sense of unity as a nation in this way he made India a nation with a global mission.

Ethics and Morality in life: The prevalent morality, in both individual life and social life, is mostly based on fear, i.e. fear of the police, fear of public ridicule, and fear of God's Punishment, fear of Karma, and so on. The current theories of ethics also do not explain why a person should be moral and be good to others. Swami Vivekananda has given a new theory of ethics and new principle of morality based on the intrinsic purity and oneness of the **Atman** .We should be pure because purity is our real nature, our true divine **Self or Atman**. Similarly, we should love and serve our neighbors because we are all one in the Supreme Spirit Known as Parliament or Brahman.

Social reformer and inspiring personality: He was the pride of India he made an immense contribution to purify the soul of people. He always said that God in poor and unhealthy people, but claim to see God in the Idol, is not a true worshipper. He advocates that God lies within you. So, you do not need to go anywhere outside to find God, as the God is there in your Owen heart. Your heart and your conscience are your God; to whom you are accountable for your deeds. There are three requisites for success is perseverance, patience and purity. If you think negative, then only negative things will happen in your life. Always think that you can do it, only then you'll be able to do it .Be optimistic in life.

Universal Thinker: According to Swami Vivekananda God is in all. This is the gist of all religions and worship –to be pure and to do well to others. He who sees Siva in the poor, in the weak, and in the diseased, really worships Shiva, and if he sees Siva only in the image, his worship is but preliminary. He who has served and helped poor man seeing Shiva in him, without thinking of his cast, creed, or race, or anything, with him Shiva is more pleased than with the man who sees Him only in temple. God is within you, it is impossible to find God outside of yourself. Our own souls contribute all of the divinity that is outside of us .We are the greatest temple .The objectification is only a faint imitation of what we see within ourselves.

Views on human mind and Woman hood: Swami Vivekananda compared human mind with a monkey who always restless and incessantly active by his own nature. He noticed, the human mind naturally wants to get outside, to peer out of the body, as it were, through the channels of

the organs. So, he stressed on practice of concentration, as he felt there is no limit to the power of the human mind, the more concentrated it is, the more powerful it becomes. He suggested not doing anything which disturbs the mind or makes it restless. He suggested not thinking that there are men and women, but only that there are human beings. He also warned it is completely unfair to discrimination between sexes, as there is not any sex distinction in *ATMAN* (soul), the soul has neither sex nor cast nor imperfection. He felt, the best thermometer to the progress of a nation is treatment of its women and it is impossible to get back India's lost pride and honour unless they try to better the condition of women. Vivekananda considered men and women as two wings of a bird, and it is not possible for a bird to fly on only one wing. So according to him, there is no chance for welfare of world unless the condition of women is improved. According to Vivekananda, the ideal of womanhood in India is motherhood—that marvelous, unselfish, all – suffering, ever –for giving mother Vivekananda felt in India there are two great evils –trampling on the women, and grinding through the poor through caste restrictions.

Conclusion: He states it emphatically that if society is to be reformed, education has to reach everyone – high and low, because individuals are the very constituents of society. The sense of dignity rises in man when he becomes conscious of his inner spirit, and that very purpose of education. He strive to harmonize the traditional values of India with the new values brought the progress of science and technology. It is in the transformation of man through moral and spiritual education that he finds the solution for all social evils. Founding education on the firm ground of our philosophy and culture, he shows the best of remedies for today's social and global illness. The potential divinity of the soul prevent this degradation, divinizes human relationship, and makes life meaningful and worth living and It is also learned that everything can be sacrificed for truth, but truth cannot be sacrificed for anything. He tries to materialize the moral and spiritual welfare and upliftment of humanity, irrespective of caste, creed, nationality or time. He wanted to build up a strong nation that will lead world towards peace and harmony, is still a far cry.

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