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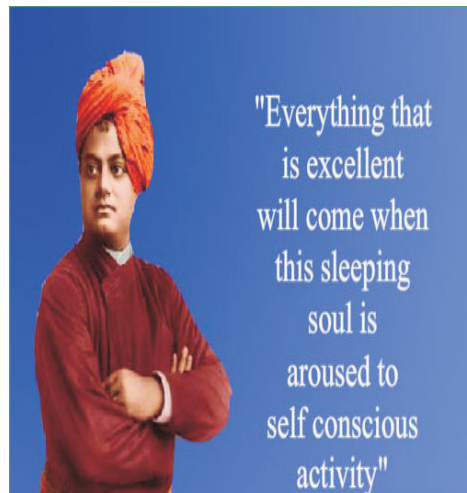
“THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PHILOSOPHICAL VALUES IN SWAMI VIVEKANANDA’S THOUGHTS TO THE SOCIETY”-A STUDY.

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ABSTRACT:

Swami Vivekananda thoughts are immediate necessity of contemporary world because his thoughts are scientific approach to way of life. Today the problem of terrorism, violence, selfish and other various activities are the root cause of social evil. Swamiji thoughts are immediate



remedy for the various social problems. Love, education, religious ethics and service to the people are the essence of his thoughts. Spiritual values, religious philosophical significance are main focus of his thoughts that stimulations of Arise, Awake are the individual virtue of Humanity. He was most remarkable person in contemporary Indian

philosopher.

KEY WORDS: Humanity, moral values, Truth and society, Religious philosophy, Ethics.

INTRODUCTION:

Swami Vivekanandha “as a man, his character was pure and spotless; as a philosopher, he was the greatest of all Eastern and western philosophers. He was an inspiration to all who work for the upliftment of Humanity. His vision was that India should conquer the world”

The love he got from his master made Narendra a great spiritual leader and made him dedicate

his life to alleviate the suffering of the poor and downtrodden. After the death of his master 1886, Narendra travelled throughout India and the world. His speech at The Parliament of world Religion held in Chicago on 11th September 1893 brought an unimaginable and remarkable respect to India and Indians. The whole world was astonished. So Romain Rolland remarked: "He was energy personified, and action was his message to men. For him, as for Beethoven, it was the root of all the virtues. His pre eminent characteristics were kingless. He was born king and nobody ever came near him either in India or America without paying homage to his majesty His words are great musical phrases in the style of Beethoven, stirring rhythms like the march of Handle choruses. I cannot touch these sayings of his, scattered as they are through the pages of books at thirty years distance, without receiving a thrill through my body like an electric shock. And what shocks, what transport must have been produced when in burning words they were issued from the lips of the hero"

After returning to India he established an Ashram, a Math near Culcutta, with the help of his own disciples and his co- disciples of Sri Ramakrishna During the last phase of his life he expanded the activities of the Math and gave lectures to the visitors. Before his death on 4th July 1902 he transferred all the properties in his name to co-disciples by deed of trust. The great seer, who dreamt one day the East and the west would unite and that day would be the eternal bliss for the humanity, has given us his message for freeing mankind from the enslavement of the mind and had revealed the true meaning of love and violence. He had explained details, for our benefits, the meaning of karma yoga Gnana yoga, Bhakti yoga and Raja yoga. Sri Arobindo said: "Be hold Vivekananda still lives in the souls of his Mother and in the souls of her children". Though India got freedom the people are enslave by avarice, desires power and selfishness and are leading a life deviated from truth, love, honesty, fearlessness and selfishness. It is a high time contemplates his philosophy of life to mould men and women to make them fearless and selfless warriors of humanity.

EDUCATION AND SOCIETY

It is a general opinion and complaint that present day educational system does not help the society at large make us free from the shackles of fear, corruption, ego, and power politics. Swami Vivekanada 's saying will definitely help and guide us to lead a peaceful life . He says "Education which does not help the common mass of people to equip themselves for the struggle for life, which does not bring out the strength of character, a spirit of philanthropy and the courage of a lion –is it worth the name? Real education is that which enables one to stand on one's own legs". It is said that a nation is shaped in the classrooms. So Swamiji seriously points out " Truth does not pay homage to society –ancient and modern. Society has to pay homage to truth or perish. Societies should be moulded upon truth and truth has not to adjust itself to society". He advises that education that should train the mind to develop the power of concentration and detachment. So the educators and teachers have gargantuan responsibility of understanding the above message and directing the students in the path shown by the Swamiji.

SERVICE

Swamiji made a clarion call to the people of India to go to village to serve the poor. He said "If you have any respect for my words the first thing I will advise you to do is to throw open all the doors and windows of your room. In your quarter there are lots of poor people sunk in degradation and misery. You will have to go to them and serve them with zeal and enthusiasm. Arrange to distribute medicines to those who are sick and nurse them with all care, supply food to him who is starving, teach with as much as lies in you the ignorant, and if you begin to serve you brethren , in this way, I tell you, my child,

you will surely get peace and consolation" He firmly advises us to serve the people without selfishness, without expecting any reward or fame and sacrifice for other's salvation, According to him the motto of Karma yoga is " Be good, do good without complete selfishness".

RELIGION AND ETHICS

His views on religion and ethics are very practical and could even be accepted by atheists. He says "Unselfishness is God. One may live on a throne, in a golden palace and be perfectly unselfish and then he is in God. Another may live in a hut wear rags, and have nothing in the world, yet he is selfish, he is intensely merged in the world". He further says "If you cannot worship your brother man the manifested God, How can worship a God unmanifested? If you are really pure how do you see the impure? For what is within without. We cannot see impurity without having it inside ourselves. This is one of the practical sides of Vedanta and I hope that we shall all try to carry it into our lives". Finally he says "To do good to be good is religion" He declares that it is our duty to lead the mankind to the place where there is neither Vedas , nor the Bible , nor the Koran and to teach them that religions are nothing but the expression of the religion which is oneness so that each my choose the path which suits them best." Moral education is not given importance in the curriculum of schools today. The present generation has wrong perspective on religion and morality and has no sense of tolerance, responsibility and respect towards their parents and society. That is why our country is witnessing increasing cases of sexual assault, harassment on women and gang raps. To save India we have to lend our ears to his advice and render our services to humanity.

LOVE

According to Gita, every individual has the combination of three qualities-Thamas, Rjas, Sattva –and he has to develop the sttva quality to become a perfect man and a lovable human being. We still remember Swamiji and Mahatma Gandhi and glorify them because they loved humanity. But today the quality called love in practice is not found in man and women Love makes us differ from animals but all the incidents that we witness daily in our country are alarming. We constantly hear views about divorces suicides, rapes, eve-teasing, child abuse and murders etc. If true love exists among fellow human being, such horrible incidents would not occur, that is the reason why Swamiji advise people to treat every women as their mother and every girl as their sister. He says "where there is control there could not be love, and where is no love there could not be perfect freedom". He further says manifestation of love exists in perfect selflessness and in doing well to other irrespective of class, creed and caste with complete selflessness. He says that true love is to love those who hate you and who are considered as your enemies

CONCLUSION

Every Indian must have study Swamiji's biography and his teachings. We must make sincere attempts to follow his teaching in practice. We are all blessed to have been born as men and women in this world .So it is our prime duty to love our brothers and sisters and to do service for their emancipation, not seeking name and fame. Swamiji strongly advises us to serve the people not because it is said in Vedas and Sastras but to serve them for the sake of service with real love for them.

Sri C.Rajagopalchari observes "Swami Vivekananda saved Hinduism and saved India but for him we would have lost our religion and would not have gained our freedom. We therefore owe everything to swami Vivekananda. May his faith, his courage and his wisdom ever inspire us so that we may keep safe the treasure we have received from him" Let us take a vow to propagate the thoughts of our great

men and saints and follow them in our lives in order to show our gratitude to them. Let us rise and say in one voice: "Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached".

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