

## SWAMY VIVEKANANDA'S WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Women empowerment is an important concept in contemporary Indian society. Swamy Vivekananda raised his power full voice many decades ago on behalf of our women and our masses. He sums up the national problems in India in two words that the women and the people. He traces the downfall of India to the continued neglect of our women and of our masses. In India there are two evils, says he, trampling on the women, and grinding the poor through caste restrictions. In one of his letters from America he speaks in the agony of the ages of tyranny, mental, moral, and physical that has reduced the image of God to a mere beast of burden, the emblem of the divine mother to a slave to bear children, and life itself, a curse. The first condition of growth, according to him, is freedom. Social tyranny which denied liberty to these two vital elements of the nation should give place to social freedom. Emancipation of women and uplift of the masses formed the two most important items in Swami Vivekananda's programme of national regeneration.*

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### **INTRODUCTION**

In the era of technology and modern age writings and speech on women have become a fashion. What should be the position of women whether she should be a homemaker within the house or should be left independent to expel. In the present day scenario where divorcees are increasing in such a situation is it women only are to be victimized, for the way of, their lifestyle, dressing, education profession etc., why women only are to bear the pressure and humiliation, why she is not treated as a human than an object and such other questions are always the raining bells in the society. To find solution to above such questions problems a along the history of many great people have tried to find solution to these burning issues, and have in reality uplifted women in all walks of life i.e., socially, economically, religiously, by providing right to equality education, rights status etc., Many great men right from ages, have struggled to none a few - Raj Ram Mohan Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Lohiya, Gandhiji, Swamy Vivekananda many others.

Here among these if the light is thrown on Swamy Vivekanand's thoughts then one can observe how Vivekananda tried to analyze the worst conditions of the women and how he put in the rig..., the effort for their solution. His contribution in this direction is his own.

His saying put in his works related to women is noteworthy and uncomparable and they depict the importance of women. In his eyes' he says "I see in every woman only the divine mother", the ideal womanhood of India is motherhood-that marvelous unselfish, all suffering, ever forgiving a mother. He always in his speeches quoted the day India starts neglecting their women the downfall of the nation starts. Here he even quoted if you can better the condition of your

women then there will be a hope for your well being otherwise you will remain as backward as you are now. He always respected women stating "there is no chance for the welfare of the world unless the condition of women's improved. The great Thinker Buddha among the rest has always put women in an equal position with a man. In Vedas and Upanishads, women taught the highest truths and received the same veneration as Men.

The highest of all feminine types is mother higher than the wife. Wife and children may desert a man, but his mother never. Mother is the same who loves her child perhaps a little more, mother's colorless loves know no barter it never dies, who can have such love- it's only the mother were the high views that Swami Vivekananda had for women. He was of the opinion that human beings all are one born cherish and help one another.

His call was more cherished by westerners among them name a few are, sister Nivedita, Christen, Harida's midsisters, Jose fin meeliyod etc. All these following his have become the strength of women community.

The existing system in Hindu Society i.e. child marriage, sati etc and by chance if the boy dies then that girls life becoming miserable and spending her life of widowhood in dark room, the unimaginable situation of the life in a such a context and his views to bring out this system or state is clearly observed in the words and statements he has done in his speeches and sayings. He always had his ideas, ideas of equality like men women also stand on equal footing, marriage like men, women also should be got educated and after 30 years of spinsterhood get then married. The parents should take hold steps to get their girls children educated to understand life and then get them into the family life after marriage. But what are we doing. It is not only male children but also females physical, mental development and education should be given importance so that they themselves will build up their career as the citizens of the country. This ideal of Swamiji if followed by every citizen then our country will be a model for the nation.

These views are not only limited to Indian but to all the female folk community of the world. "Women suffering from years have gained universal strength and patience. She is a house of superstitions and religious spirituals. This will lead her to have salvation. We the knowledgeable people have to implement and expel the magnanimity and see that it reaches the common crowd. In India Shankara, Buddha, etc. Brought these generous magnanimous elevations. Which have still not reached the public people should have with this generosity and magnanimity. This new genre should take birth by the women and for the women. These ideals reveal and make one aware of the views of Vivekananda and give strength to develop faith and belief in oneself.

Swami Vivekananda has always elevated women to equality, Unlike men she also with her knowledge and strength can achieve equal and more than men. There is nothing like low and high, nor is there any opposition but each of them are a mutual support to each other. They are the two false of single truth and reality. This understanding was the opinion of Swami Vivekananda.

He explains the condition of women in our country stated how in other countries women are supported by men, how women have developed and become independent. He many a time aghasted with the freedom of women in other countries than in our country. There they are so safe and move freely but here even free movement on roads is not possible.

The country's progress is seen in the respect shown towards women. That is the cause of their progress. Women upliftment, education, enthusiasm reveals the dynamic competence of the country. But we in our country like slaves are still suffering in dark. Why? To this, he replies "education equal opportunities, training, encouragement if all

these exist then our country and women here will not leave anything unachieved in any of the areas.

Along with the above she should become brave and adventurous. In the present day situation, self-security and courage have to be achieved. for self-well being. They by themselves have to gain the strength and show we are nothing less and build up their life on for with men.

Swami Vivekananda never believed that men will solve the problems of women. He said who are you? Are you god? Why rule widow and women ? move aside. Women they can solve their own problems. “you rules do” you think you will uplift others move aside. Women, without getting to miserable condition, in any matters blindly following men opposing the root cause of their condition in the society can find a way. She by herself has to solve the problems faced by her this is possible with education he opposed the interference of men in matters of women. He stressed upon the point education is not just reading and writing but a means to find a path to achieve and make them able. His emphasis is more on the downtrodden and suffers especially the unmarried, widowed women and females.

For the development of the family, society, nation etc women are the center point. As the saying gives if a son is got educated it becomes his individual development but if a daughter is educated then the whole family gets developed. this is a great truth and reality.

The portal of women id an imagination of strength our culture depicts her as “ mother”. In the Indian cultural context, womanhood is equal to a mother is the first God. An incarnation of God is seen in mother. Especially in the Indian scenario women is superior and her representation is equal to god.

Mother is the portal of love and admiration. She rules homemaker her possession with her strength and might. Her sacrifices are endless. Similarly, in our country, we have great admirals like Sita, savitri, Damayanti, etc. The creator of the universe the motherland with all glaze represents the whole nation. It is through the woman the development of the nation is possible.

Swami Vivekananda's views on his woman empowerment outlook have to be focused.

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