

Life and Teachings of Swami Vivekananda



The speech of *Sadguru Sri Nannagaru*
made on 12th Jan 1986.



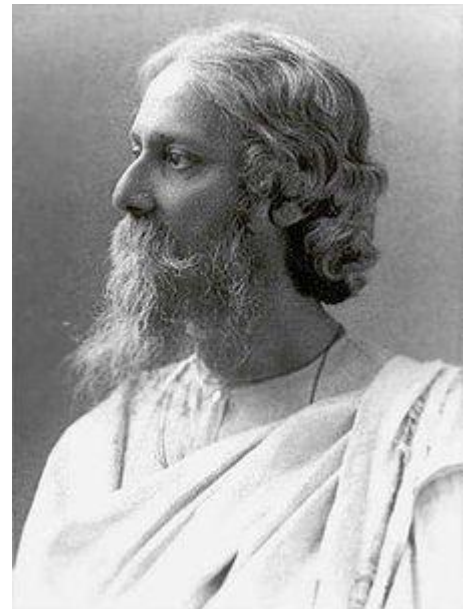
Who is this Vivekananda? He is the one, who, if required, is ready to sell his flesh, blood and bones (not just money) in the market and serve the society with the same.

- Sadguru Sri Nannagaru



Jawaharlal Nehru mentioned in his book 'The Discovery of India': "When India was fast asleep and West was making a tremendous progress, it was Swami Vivekananda who awakened India."

Rabindranath Tagore said:
"In Swamiji, everything is
Positive."



Swami Vivekananda is a spiritual doctor

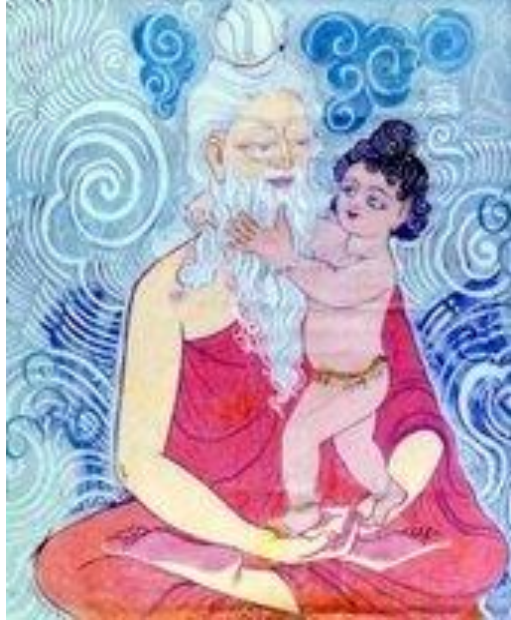


Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa
(Dakshineswar 1884)

Swami Vivekananda
(London 1896)

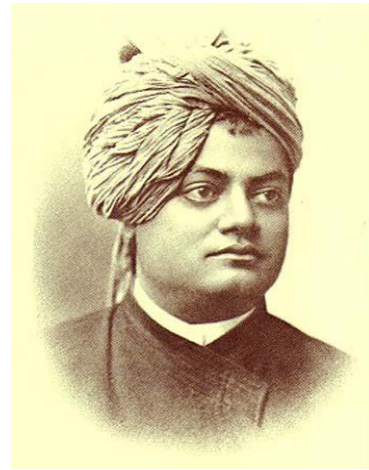
Vivekananda is referred to as Swamiji in the Ramakrishna culture. Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda etc., are all *Spiritual doctors* i.e. they understand the faults within us and try to remove them. We cannot realize the Self which is our true nature until and unless we are faultless. Therefore in order to take us forward towards the goal of Self Realization, Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda incarnated on this earth.

Swamiji, one of the Saptarishis



A Divine Power, A Divine light (whether you call it Narayana shakti, Kali Shakti or any other power but that intends universal reformation) in the form of a child approached one of the saptarishis and lovingly caught hold of his neck. The rishi (sage) asked the child the reason for holding him. The child replied: "I am going onto the earth on a Divine mission. But I feel very

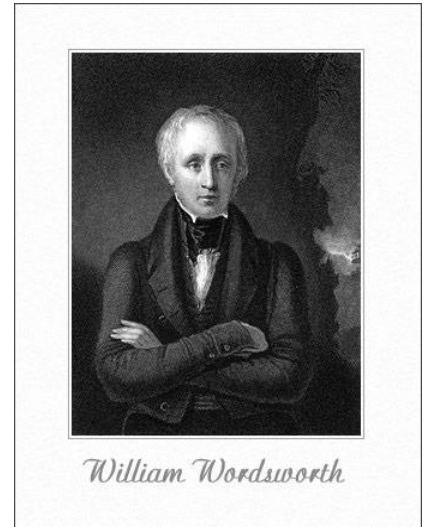
lonely. Will you accompany me to help me in my spiritual work? ” The rishi consented for the same.



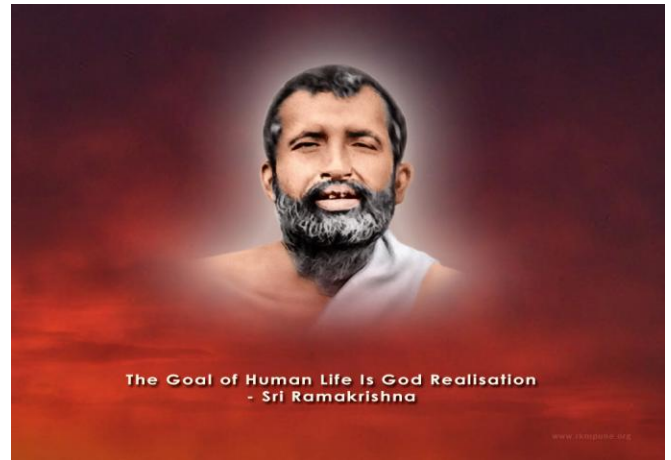
Then the child incarnated as Sri Ramakrishna in Kamarpukur and the rishi incarnated as Narendranath in the family of Vishwanath Dutta and Bhuvaneshwari Devi on Jan 12th, 1863 in Calcutta. They came together unto this earth because the Love and relationship that they shared are not of this birth alone but is of several births.

'If you want to see anyone who attained Samadhi, visit Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa'.

Narendranath met Sri Ramakrishna at the age of 19 being inspired by his English lecturer. Once Narendra's English lecturer was teaching a poem of William Wordsworth, a great poet and philosopher.



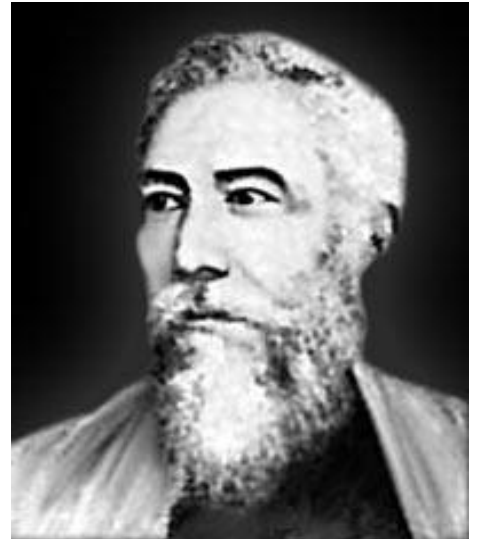
The lecturer said: “When the mind and intellect of a person are totally purified, he attains a great state called Samadhi, which is described as ‘The Kingdom of Heaven’ by the Christians, ‘The Nirvana’ by the Buddhists and ‘Moksha/Liberation’ by the Hindus. Do not consider this to be poetry or imagination of Wordsworth. You may think that the Purest of the Pure might have existed in the ancient era only and not in this modern era.



But there is a village called Dakshineshwar, very near to Calcutta. It is the residence of a sage called Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa, who has attained the same state of Samadhi as described by Wordsworth. Therefore *if you want to view a person who has attained the state of Samadhi as described by Wordsworth, you can visit Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa.*”

'When I look into your eyes you seem to be a great Yogi!'

Prior to listening to Wordsworth's poem, Narendra was greatly influenced by Brahma Samaj. He felt the Brahma Samaj's philosophy to be dry and craved for experience. Therefore he used to visit various Mahatmas and question them: "Have you seen GOD? Can you show Him to me?" The Mahatmas used to get startled with this question. When the same question was posed to Devendranath Tagore, the Father of Rabindranath Tagore, he replied: "I cannot show you GOD. But when I look into your eyes, you seem to be a great Yogi for me." Since Narendra was an agnostic, he considered Devendranath Tagore as a lunatic.



**‘Promise me that very soon you will visit
Dakshineshwar’.**



After listening to Wordsworth's poem, Narendra did not visit Sri Ramakrishna immediately.

When invited, Sri Ramakrishna visited the houses of devotees. One day it happened that



Sri Ramakrishna visited one of the houses of devotees in the same street where Narendra resided. Narendra was a very good singer. As Sri Ramakrishna was very fond of songs, the devotee invited Narendra to sing. Narendra sang the songs of Surdas. Sri Ramakrishna looked intently towards Narendra. Before dispersing, Sri Ramakrishna said: “Narendra, *Promise me that very soon you will visit Dakshineswar.*”

‘Today somebody who deserves to inherit my spiritual wealth has come to me’.



Very shortly after this incident, Narendra came to Dakshineshwar along with his friends. As there was no privacy in the room, Sri Ramakrishna took Narendra's hands into his and took him into the inner apartments.

Sri Ramakrishna said: “Naren! till now only the worldly people have been visiting me to fulfill their worldly desires. Can the worldly



people ever understand the essence of Truth? I have become deaf in listening to these worldly talks. At last today, I see a devotee who is



ready to surrender his life for the welfare of humanity in the form of Narendra. There is a difference between Material wealth and Spiritual wealth.

Mangoes made of wood resemble Material wealth whereas the true mangoes represent the Spiritual wealth.

Today somebody who deserves to inherit my spiritual wealth has come to me. Therefore I am very happy. ”



When they came out, Sri Ramakrishna, unable to resist His intense Love flowing out from the depths of His Heart for Naren, wanted to feed him (Naren) some sweets with his own hands. However Naren refused to eat until and unless others, who accompanied him, also were fed with sweets. Narendra left after being fed.

'This is enough for the time being'



After a month or so, Naren made his third visit to Sri Ramakrishna, who was then seated on a bed. When Naren was about to sit on the floor, Sri Ramakrishna objected the same and wanted Naren to sit beside him on the bed.



By a mere touch with his right foot, Sri Ramakrishna imparted spiritual energy into Narendra. Narendra had a Divine experience and started shouting:

“What are you doing to me? My hands and legs are not visible. This world is no more visible. I have my parents and brothers at home. I am very frightened.”

Then Sri Ramakrishna said, *“This is enough for the time being.”*

'You may test me in as many ways as you want'

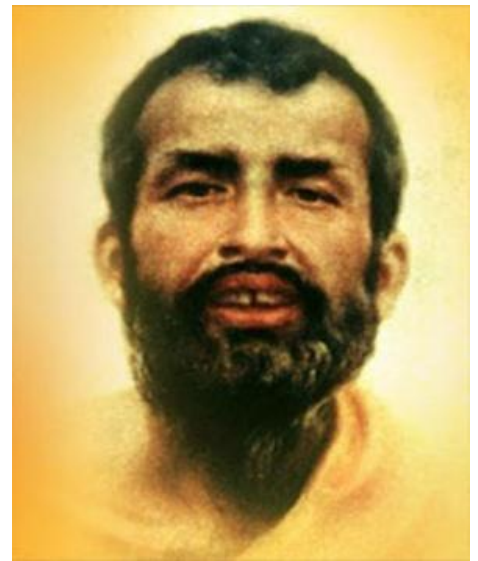


Narendra was a great doubter. He always said that even the Guru shouldn't be believed blindly. Therefore He even tested Sri Ramakrishna severely. Sri Ramakrishna never discouraged Narendra; rather He said: "As one thoroughly examines the tail, legs and eyes of a calf before purchasing the same, even you can

test me thoroughly before accepting me as your Guru.”

Sri Ramakrishna’s body was made in such a manner that He never touched money.

Narendra, in order to test Sri Ramakrishna, put a one rupee coin under his bed sheet. When Sri Ramakrishna sat down, he felt as if bitten by a scorpion and stood up immediately.

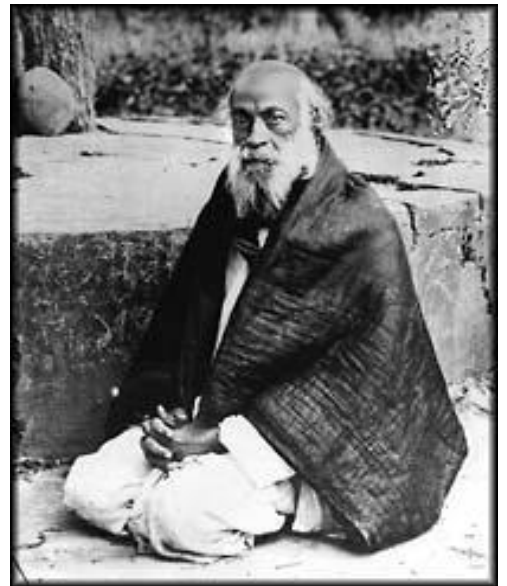


Narendra was ashamed for having doubted his Guru. Then Sri Ramakrishna consoled him saying: *“You may test me in as many ways as you want”*.

You haven't come for this work.

You have a different work to do

The Sadguru knows in advance the work allotted to each of his disciples. When Narendra tried to write down the teachings of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Ramakrishna stopped him saying: *"Naren! You haven't come for this work. You have a different work to do."* It was Mahendranath Gupta, who was destined to carry out that work. He wrote a book by name 'The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna'. It is the essence of all scriptures. In other words it can be called as 'The Modern Bhagavad Gita'.



When the girl to marry Naren did not even take birth on this earth, how can Naren get married?



As Narendra looked handsome, belonged to a rich family, had a sweet voice for singing songs and was studying law, he was getting many good proposals for marriage. When Sri Ramakrishna was informed about the same, He said: *“When the girl to marry Naren did not even take birth on this earth, how can Naren get married?”*

Where there is Kama, there is no Rama and
where there is Rama there is no Kama



There were also some marriage proposals which suggested sending Narendra to England for further higher studies after marriage. However Narendra rejected all of them saying: *“Where there is Kama, there is no Rama and where there is Rama there is no Kama.”*

**Don't ever get surprised or don't ever react
for what ever incident that may happen**



Narendra used to get angry very easily. In his intense anger, He even used to break chairs and tables. Then his mother used to calm him down by sprinkling some water and chanting the name of Lord Shiva. Out of anger, once Narendra abused his Mother. Narendra's father, Vishwanath Dutta did not reprimand him for this action. Rather he wrote on the



wall, the list of abuses that Narendra made against his Mother. When Narendra arrived along with his friends and saw the list of abuses, he felt greatly ashamed and repented for his wrong act. The next day, Narendra approached his father and asked him to give him an instruction which he would not like to forget throughout his life. Then Vishwanth Dutta said, *“Whatever incident may happen in this world, don’t ever get surprised or don’t ever react.”*

**I am born not to die but to do great things in
the world.**



When Narendra's father expired, he was studying the 2nd year of B.A. When Narendra's mother asked him if he would like to continue with his studies, he replied: "I am fit neither for the studies nor for the worldly activities. *I am born not to die but to do great things in the world.*"

One needs to display his mettle in the periods of testing

Narendra suffered from acute poverty after his father's death. He used to lie to his Mother that he had finished his lunch at a friend's house so that His Mother can have the little food available at



home. In spite of such acute poverty, his faith towards GOD or his Guru never declined. All of us are great devotees when everything happens as intended (ie. when you get your coffee and food on time). *One needs to display his mettle in the periods of testing.*

**Mother! Keep my mind away from lust, anger
and gold**



Vivekananda was a born teacher and a born saint. When Sri Ramakrishna suggested Narendra to pray Mother Kali for food and clothing, he prayed thus:

“Mother! Keep my mind away from lust, anger and gold.” When Sri Ramakrishna rebuked him as to why he did not pray for food and clothing, Narendra replied: “On looking at the Mother’s face, I didn’t feel like asking her for Material needs relating to this world. I couldn’t ask her of anything else except for purity of mind. I am sorry that I could not make the prayer as suggested by you.”



Then Sri Ramakrishna said, “Leave about Mother. I assure you that your family will never suffer from want of food and clothing.”

One who is Rama, one who is Krishna is this Ramakrishna

In 1886, Sri Ramakrishna was diagnosed with throat cancer. Though Narendra was serving Sri Ramakrishna on one hand, looking at the intense



suffering of Sri Ramakrishna, he doubted him on the other hand. Narendra thought: “Is it my delusion to consider Sri Ramakrishna as GOD Himself, a great Guru and a great Mahatma?” Sri Ramakrishna read the thoughts of Narendra and said: “Oh! Naren! *One who is Lord Rama, One who is Lord Krishna, the same Rama, the same Krishna is this Ramakrishna.* Today I become a beggar giving you all my spiritual strength. Take up the responsibility of looking after your brother disciples.”

Swamiji got relief only after building a temple for Sri Ramakrishna

Sri Ramakrishna attained Mahanirvana on 16th Aug, 1886.



Swamiji felt guilty that the body of a great saint like Sri Ramakrishna was burnt in an ordinary burial ground without any trace. He felt that until and unless a temple is built in the memory of Sri Ramakrishna, this cannot be unburdened from his head. Therefore installing the ashes of Sri Ramakrishna, Swamiji built Belur Math with the money earned from America and got relieved.

'How can you preach religion to the one suffering from the pangs of hunger?'

After the Mahanirvana of the Guru, all the brother disciples got scattered. There was no financial support



even from the householder disciples. Swamiji assembled back all his co-disciples and started a monastery in Baranagore. He wandered throughout India and was moved with the plight of poverty in India. Swamiji said: *"How can you preach religion to the one suffering from the pangs of hunger?"* He decided to dedicate the rest of his life for the uplifting of India.

Swamiji's message to India



Whatever you do, do it fearlessly. Be Fearless. Be Fearless. Be Fearless.

It is not enough if you have faith in GOD. First you need to have faith in yourselves before possessing faith in GOD.

Oh! Mankind, possess the muscles made of iron and possess the nerves made of steel. When you lack the physical health and mental health, how can you play volley ball or foot ball or read the Gita?

The Truth/Self is not revealed to the weak, lazy and timid.

If you want God and God alone,
Kick this world mercilessly. You
can make any amount of
sacrifice or even face death for
the sake of your ideal.

Look at the ocean and not at the wave.

What you first need is courage.
Even though you are opposed
by the entire world, cling to
your ideal.

'Sisters and Brothers of America!'

The Parliament of Religions was conducted on Sep 12th, 1898 in Chicago in United States of America. The people of Madras financed Swamiji to attend the same. But Swamiji became penniless and



also lost his letter of introduction by the time he reached Chicago. However a generous lady helped Swamiji with good clothes and a letter of introduction and ensured that Swamiji attended the Parliament of Religions. Swamiji was seated on the stage and was to address a huge crowd. When the name of Swamiji was

called out, he felt frightened to talk as he never addressed such a huge crowd. So he sat back in his chair. When his name was called out for the second time, He replied that he would talk later. The President convening the Parliament of Religions discovered the fear of Swamiji and called out his name again telling him that he will not be given another chance. Therefore Swamiji, full of fear, came out to speak.

It is the tradition of America to address the people as 'Ladies and Gentlemen'. All the co-speakers followed the same tradition of addressing till then. However Swamiji addressed the people as '*Sisters and Brothers of America*'. There was a great applause in return. People stood up and clapped for a long time. This gave Swamiji an immense confidence to speak.

Swamiji, 'The Cyclonic Monk'

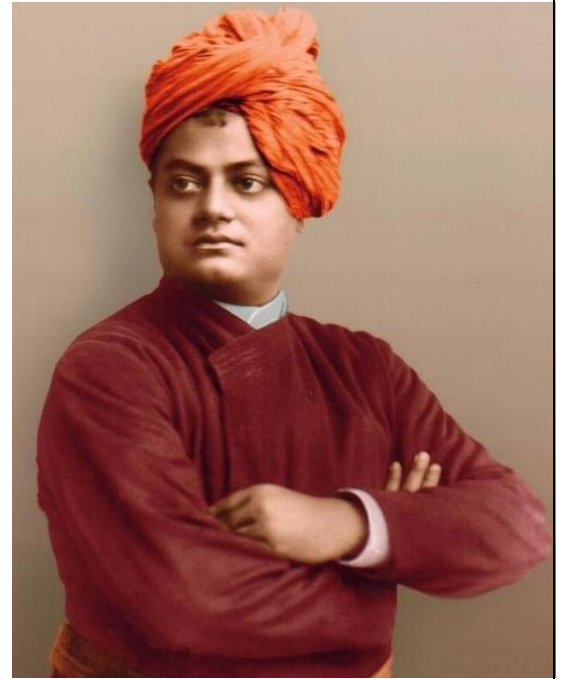


The following is the essence of the Speech in Chicago:

“Once a frog from an ocean visited a frog in a well. The frog in the well asked its visitor, how big is the ocean? Is it as big as this well? All of us represent the frog in a well. All of us think that it is only our religion that can take us to the destination. Without realizing the Truth, we

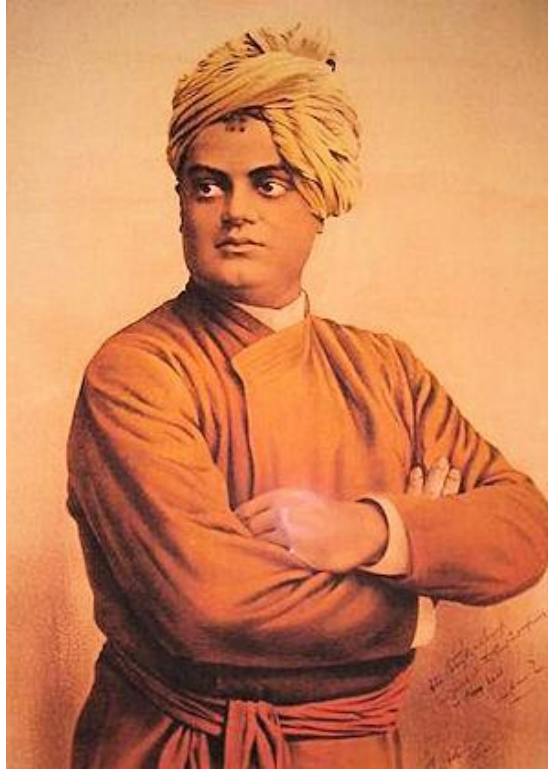
only consider our path and our religion to be great. This attitude of ours only represents the frog in a well.”

Swamiji, a penniless Sanyasin, a wandering Sanyasin, an unknown sanyasin became world famous within an hour through his address at Chicago. This is the glory of Guru.



The next day the newspapers described him as *'The Cyclonic Monk'*. When the press of United States of America recognized Swamiji, the Indian press also started recognizing him. Swamiji utilized this opportunity. He conducted classes in U.S.A for a year and thereby earned money.

'The Soil of India is my highest Heaven'



Comparing the luxury and wealth of U.S.A with the poverty of India, Swamiji used to cry till late night. One of the friends of Swamiji said, “Why do you want to return back to that poor India? Why don’t you settle down in U.S.A itself?” Swamiji replied: *‘The soil of India is my highest heaven.’*

Do you want only Bliss ie Ananda? Don't you want discrimination ie Viveka?



Unable to pronounce the name of Vivekananda, some Westerners used to call him as Ananda. Then Swamiji used to ask them: *“Do you want only Bliss ie Ananda? Don't you want discrimination ie Viveka?”*

Worship Jiva as Shiva Himself



Swamiji used to write letters to his co-disciples:

“God resides not only in temple but resides in every jiva. Therefore *worship Jiva as Shiva Himself*. The Hindu religion, which is tainted with superstitions and untouchability must be reformed. We must dedicate our lives for the uplifting of India in the name of Sri Ramakrishna.”

Am I not the same boy who wandered in the streets of Calcutta?



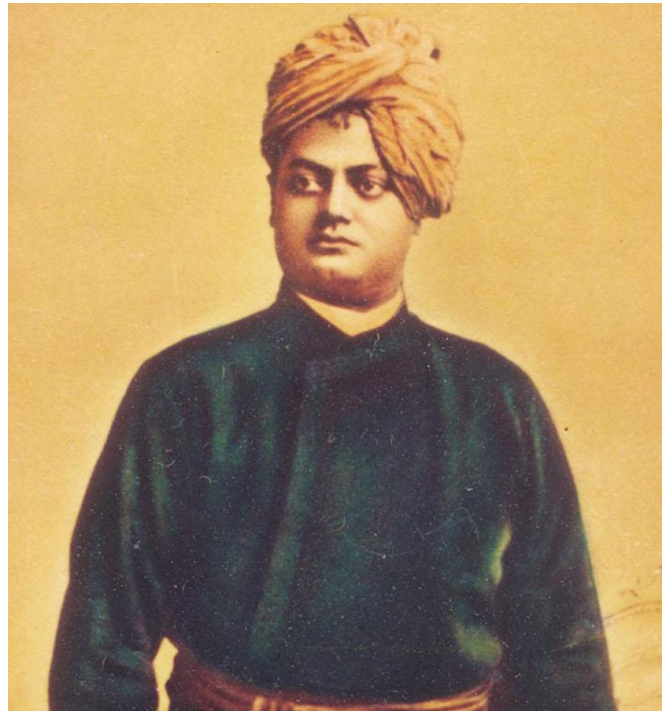
When Swamiji was honored on his return to India, he said, *“Am I not the same boy, Narendra who wandered in the streets of Calcutta? Why do you want to honor me specially? Is it just because the people of U.S.A honored me that you want to do the same?”*

'I speak harshly so that you may enjoy the Bliss in future'.

Some people are very rich but never utilize it for others.

Swamiji used to write letters to his Madras friends asking them:

"How are our ever crying faces?" Swamiji used to refer them as ever crying faces who possess wealth but



don't use it for others. Swamiji said: "My behaviour towards you is cruel so that you may be reformed. *I speak harshly so that you may enjoy the Bliss in future.*"

'You are my Latu and I am your Naren'.



After returning from U.S.A, all his co-disciples met Swamiji except for Swami Adbutananda also known as Latu Maharaj. Swamiji searched for him and found him in the crowd. When Swamiji called him near and asked him why he stayed so far, Latu said, “As you attained name and fame, I felt you might have forgotten me.” Swamiji replied: *“You are my Latu and I am your Naren.”*

'Your shoes went out in search of my coat'

Swamiji had great self respect. Once when Swamiji was travelling by a train in U.S.A, there were no other co-passengers except for an American. He hated the black people and hence threw out the coat of Swamiji when Swamiji



was asleep. When Swamiji searched for his coat and could not find the same, he understood that to be the mischief of that American. When the American was enacting sleep, Swamiji slowly threw out his shoes. When the American asked Swamiji about his shoes, Swamiji replied: *"Your shoes went out in search of my coat."*

What you are referring to is only an image of GOD, whereas I am serving a live GOD.

In his childhood, once Swamiji was carrying back home a photo of God. He saw an old woman fainted on the road due to sunstroke. Swamiji immediately kept aside the photo and



tried to serve her. Someone on the road shouted that Swamiji incurred a sin in putting the GOD's image on the road. Swamiji replied:

“What you are referring to is only an image of GOD, whereas I am serving a live GOD.”

**Ramakrishna Math has world wide centers
today only due to strength of Swamiji's will**

An America lady bought the land for Belur Math.

Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission were established. The

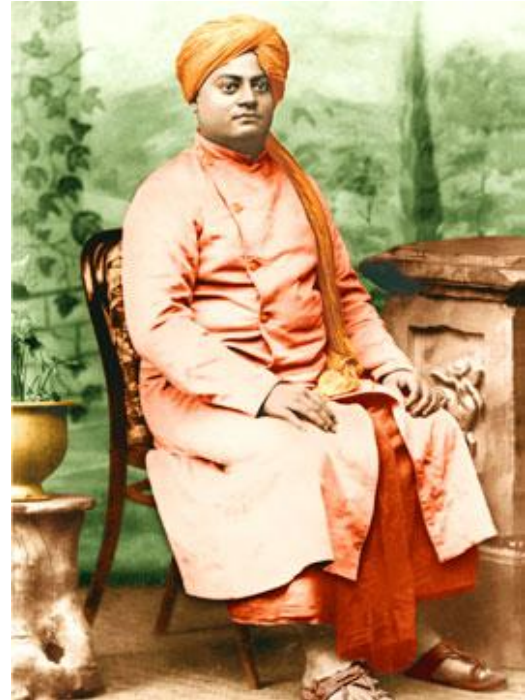


Math trains the monastic disciples and the Mission carries out several service oriented activities.

It is only due to the strength of Swamiji's will that Sri Ramakrishna Mission today runs numerous schools and hospitals and serves the nation at the time of natural calamities.

If you people are so inefficient that you cannot even form a trust, how can you serve nation?

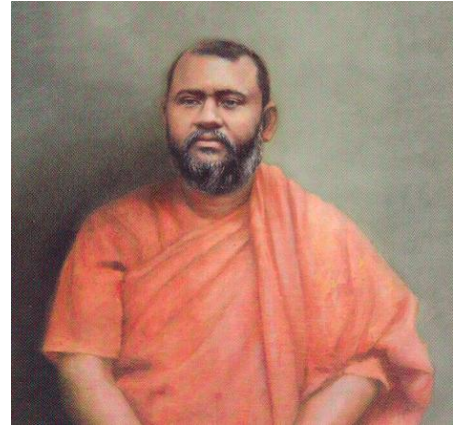
After establishing the Belur Math, Swamiji said, “Currently all the assets are in my name. It is better that a Trust be formed so that my family members cannot claim the same after my death.” Swamiji suggested that a committee should be



formed. The co-disciples suggested that Swamiji should become the first president. However Swamiji out rightly rejected this proposition. When the co-disciples wanted Swamiji to suggest a name for President-ship, Swamiji said, *“If you people are so inefficient and incapable that you can’t even elect a*

President, Secretary and a Treasurer, how can I expect you to serve the nation?"

Then Swami Brahmananda was elected as the first president of the Ramakrishna Math. Sri Ramakrishna referred to Swami Brahmananda as his *spiritual son*. Sri Ramakrishna described him as one of the companions of Sri Krishna in Brindavan.



Swami Saradananda was elected as the Secretary. Swami Saradananda took the name of Holy Mother Sarada devi. The Holy Mother was so fond of Saradananda that she wanted him to light her funeral pyre. When Saradananda asked for final instructions, Holy Mother said, *"Tolerance, Tolerance, Tolerance."*

Wealth is required but cannot be made the goal of Life

In his last days, Swamiji went to the West for the second time. After his return, there was a change in his outlook.

He observed that in spite of possessing lots of luxuries, the westerners had secret burdens and



were very disturbed in their heart of hearts.

Swamiji realized: Wealth is required but cannot be made the goal of life. Only Self Realization and Truth realization should be made the goal of life.

Swamiji, 'The Friend of Poor'



Swamiji said, “When you visit a temple, you consider it as worship to the Lord. However when you serve the poor, why do you consider it as a service and not as a worship? Isn't it the same Lord in the form of Man? Isn't it the same Lord in the form of Poor?”

Swamiji said, *“Him I call a Mahatma, whose heart bleeds for the poor.”* Only he who suffered from starvation can understand the pangs of hunger. You cannot understand the same by mere book reading. When you are suffering from in-digestion, how can you understand the pain of hunger?



When there was a famine in Calcutta, Swamiji was ready to sell off the Ramakrishna Math to serve the poor. *Inner intention is more important than the external activity.*

Therefore Swamiji is called *‘The friend of poor’*.

'It requires the advent of another Vivekananda to understand the work of this Vivekananda'.



Swamiji said, "I will never see my 40." Even Sri Ramakrishna said, "Naren! Don't ever think that you will see your 40." Swamiji left his mortal body on 4th July 1902. He had high blood pressure. Swamiji said, "*I am kicked like a foot ball from one place to another.*"

On 4th July 1902, Swamiji took the Sanskrit class and went for a walk on the banks of Ganges. During his walk he asked his co-disciple, "Vivekananda has come into this world. What did Vivekananda do?" The co-disciple did not answer him. Then Swamiji himself replied,

"Can everyone understand what this Vivekananda has done? It requires the advent of another Vivekananda to understand the same. In the coming future many other Vivekanandas are about to take birth. Even if you don't understand, at least they will understand the work of this Vivekananda."

Swamiji came back from the walk, locked himself in his room and slept peacefully. He went into meditation. A little blood came out of his mouth and his breath left from sahasrara.

There is no field that is not influenced by Swamiji

Swamiji utilized his intellect, strength, power and fame only for the sake of India. *There is no field that is not influenced by Swamiji* irrespective of whether it is the economical or social or political. Even our freedom fighters proclaimed that they participated in the struggle for freedom only after understanding and digesting the words of Swamiji.



Swamiji used to say, “When so many people are illiterate and hungry, where do I have the time to think of my own liberation?”

Swamiji never hesitated in doing trivial works

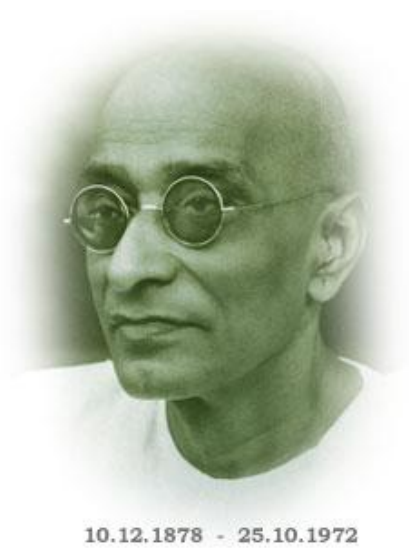
Swamiji gave away the positions of President and Secretary to his co-disciples. However, when the maid was absent he himself did very trivial works like sweeping.



A Musical troupe was appointed for the installation of Sri Ramakrishna's idol. However the Musical troupe did not turn out at the right time. All the others were feeling shy in replacing the Musical troupe. Swamiji rebuked them asking why anyone should feel shy in being part of the Musical troupe for the installation of their Guru's idol? Stating thus, the world famous Swamiji himself conducted the Musical troupe. Hence *Swamiji never hesitated in doing such so called trivial works.*

The sky which is infinite is blue in color, so
Lord Krishna being infinite is also blue in color.

Once Rajagopalachari was showing the rooms within his college to Swamiji. There was a Photo of Lord Krishna in one of the rooms. Looking at the same, Swamiji posed the question to Rajaji: “Why is Krishna blue in color?” Rajaji, a great intellect, replied: “*Since the sky which is infinite, is blue in color, even Lord Krishna being infinite is blue in color.*” Swamiji blessed Rajaji that he would become one of the important personalities of India in future.



**'It is my watch only but I would like to save it
in your pocket'.**



Being greatly inspired by the speech of Swamiji, Swami Rama Tirtha removed his watch and offered the same to Swamiji. Swamiji gently put back the watch into Rama Tirtha's pocket and said: *"It is my watch only but I would like to save it in your pocket."*

'Rather than criticizing your critics, You stop caring them'.

Once Sri Ramakrishna asked Swamiji, "How will you react if anyone criticizes you?" Swamiji replied: "*I will consider all such critics as barking dogs.*" Sri Ramakrishna said, "Don't be so harsh. If you speak thus, you may become egoistic. *Rather than criticizing your critics, you ignore them.*" Vivekananda was to become a great teacher in future. Therefore Sri Ramakrishna trained him in making expressions.



'He is Sri Ramakrishna, who by a mere thought can produce a 1000 Vivekanandas'.

When someone asked Swamiji, "Why do you call Sri Ramakrishna, a great Master? Isn't he an illiterate, who doesn't even have the knowledge of making his signature? Isn't it true, that

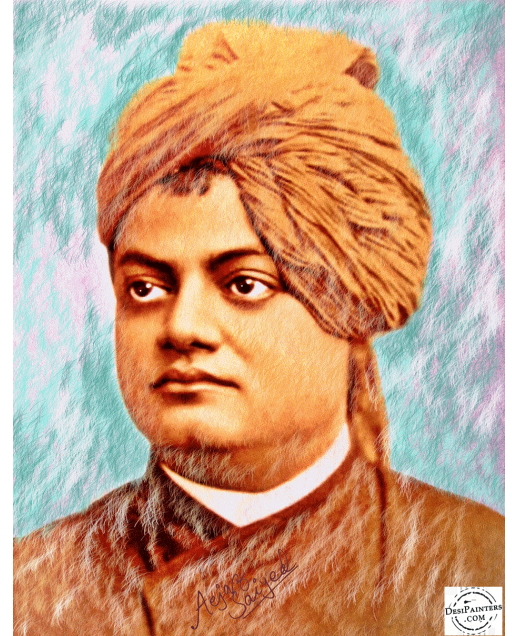


only because you are preaching his message, that his name is being spread in all directions?"

Swamiji replied: "*He is Sri Ramakrishna, who by a mere thought can produce a 1000 Vivekanandas, like the one you adore.*"

The Immortal words of Swami Vivekananda

When the newspapers praised Swamiji in their editorials, Swamiji said, “The newspapers are all nonsense.”



Swami Vivekananda said, “I don’t want liberation. I am ready to take rebirth even a thousand times to get rid of the hunger of a dog in India.”

An aimless life is a miserable life and on the quality of your aim depends the quality of your life.



Go forward, March forward, Look forward; no need of looking behind.



Live for the sake of Ideal
and die for the sake of
Ideal. Don't live looking
at yourselves from the
eyes of others. The dogs
may bark on looking at
the sky.



Swamiji's favorite quote in the Gita:

“Kshudram Hrudaya Dourbhalyam.” There is nothing meaner than the timidity of the Heart. It is only due to fear that you commit mistakes. It is only due to fear that you get death. Every bad happening in the society is only due to fear. Therefore be fearless.



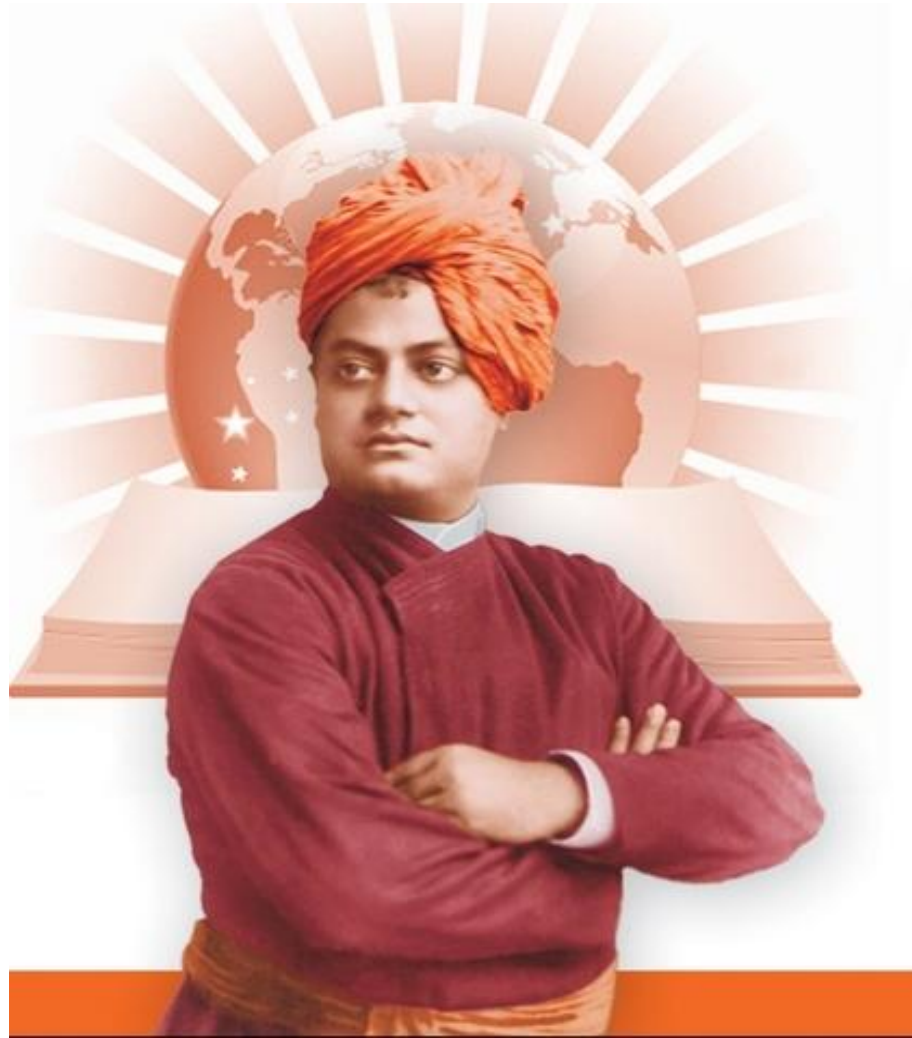
Currently what India needs is neither Sattava nor Tamas. What India currently needs is Rajas. In India people may look sattvic externally but are tamasic within.



Do not possess friendship with the petty minded people who crave for name and fame. If you serve the society selflessly, the liberation will adorn you automatically.



My religion is not Hinduism. The essence of my religion is Strength. If you are not physically and mentally strong, how can you experience the Truth?



You will always have someone to criticize you in this world, however good your work may be. This world resembles the tail of a dog and can never be reformed.



You are not a sinner. He is a sinner who calls you a sinner. You are all the sons of Immortality. There are no such words called sin and fear in my dictionary.



Arise, Awake and stop not till the goal is reached. For how many births do you want to remain in this sleep of ignorance? After you started your journey towards GOD, how much ever nearest or dearest tendencies may call you back, don't look behind but March forward. Oh! My Mind, go back to your source.



Can we ever clear the debt of Swami Vivekananda who was a great writer, a great teacher, a great orator, a great Social reformer, a Great Saint, the Patriot of Patriots, the Maker of Modern India, the Cyclonic monk, the Friend of the Poor, an Idealist as well as a Realist and a Lover of Humanity?

- Sadguru Sri Nannagaru

