



Swamiji's Vision of India

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An adherence to traditional beliefs and conventions at one end, and the emergence of new set of ideas and ideologies, bargained in terms of reason at the other— in such a spiritual transition Swamiji made his existence felt as a spiritual revolution and reorientation that ushered an permanent impression and remained a never ending inspiration in the subsequent history of humanity. And today, when we suffer from spiritual stagnation and emotional draught, when we pace through an 'Age of Anxiety', Swamiji's voice comes to us, almost as a boon.

Narendra Nath rising to the height of Vivekananda- is a long journey of the self, finally attaining spiritual perfection. So Swamiji is, sometimes, held to be no less than an incarnation. We can quote Sri Aurobindo to show the relevance and justification of it.

*"He who would bring the heavens here
Must descend into clay,
The burden of earthly nature bear
And tread the dolorous way."*

- Savitree

Swamiji had the conviction that darkness can never be the ultimate end. The divine, the spirituality in man has begun to glimmer and is spreading flakes of fire gradually shaking of all darkness. So we are very near reaching the long cherished ideal world wadding across the darkest main of critical problem in multitudes.



Great convictions are mothers of great deeds. A stone can have no convictions. Only man can have it. Man errs and transcends all errors and makes his way towards perfection. Man at the limits of his mind has the power of reformation. So Swamiji wanted people to think. To think what this life is, what is their duty towards the teeming millions is.

Swamiji placed love high and said that we should know how to love and how to touch and move our fellow beings with love. We have to spread love in every sphere of life like the sun invading every nook and corner with its bright rays. We should learn to love and let others learn it too. For this, comes the indispensability of 'Service and Renunciation' which is our national ideology. Selfless service shall bring us the



greatest, the finest and the most precious turn over that is love, unity and integrity.

Love can never be valued in material standards.
Love outweighs all material standards.

From the perspective of religious multiplicity we sometimes become hopeless of the future of our unity and integrity. But this is merely because of a misconception. Such multiplicity in religion is but of appearance only. We do not dive deep into the soul of all religions. We are deceived by the appearance only. All religions are but one. Love is the binding force in all religions. The understanding of this shall bring unity and integrity.

Swamiji felt himself fortunate enough to have travelled all over India and had close observation of various cultural traditions and religions and faiths and beliefs. In all he found the oneness of human heart. The human hearts throb all alike with the same permanent elements of humanity like love, kindness, sympathy etc. As there is one main note in music, every nation has a common unifying tune having its replications in all human hearts.

No, darkness is not the destined end or way of life. The blissful resolutions never hold up in stagnation. Swamiji had strong belief in this. Civilization can tread on the path of progress towards emancipation only through blissful resolutions.

Many conventions are there to go ahead. But we cannot make much progress on these paths unless we are well armed with great convictions to break through all darkness.

Swamiji's approach was from momentary darkness to eternal light. The eternal and blissful state embeds and adorns the soul that is invincible and never falls apart. There are many benign and blissful convictions, but they suffer from ignorance and negligence. Many such great tributes of humanity, the honey of millions of years', meditation and endeavour are face to face with the questions of religion, caste and creed and many others are situation bound. Such ideas and ideologies at one end and the sceptic philosophy at the other- in between them is pressed to the blissful conviction of India. Swamiji could foresee a critical situation as this. So he made his attempts to filter the traditional faiths and beliefs. He made a pragmatic reorientation of the conventions.

Revolution of ideas and ideologies is but a gradual process. Nothing can be changed overnight. In the year 1896 in London he said "Mothers of great deeds." Hence "Let men think." Where there is no conviction, only the isms and ideas fall dead. India is now bustling with isms, but no conviction. What we need is conviction.

According to Swamiji the making of modern and mighty India is on. "India will be raised again not with the flag of flesh but with the power of the spirit, not with the flag of destruction but with the flag of peace and love". And "As you have come to this world, leave some mark behind."

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