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The impact and contributions of Swami Vivekananda in the Indian education system, emphasizing Character building, self realization.

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Abstract:

Swami Vivekananda's philosophy of education emphasizes character building, self realisation, and holistic development. This article explores the impact and contribution of Swami Vivekananda's on the Indian education system, highlighting the importance of character development, self realisation, and spiritual growth. By analyzing Swami Vivekananda's writings and speeches, this article demonstrates how his Philosophies can inform and transform the Indian education system, enabling students to become well – rounded individuals with strong moral character and a deep understanding of themselves and the world around them.

Key words: Swami Vivekananda, Indian education system, Character building , Self – Realization, Holistic Development, Spiritual Growth, Moral Character, Education Philosophy.

Introduction - Towards the close of the last century, our country witnessed a closed conflict between the cultural values of the east and the west, between our deep-rooted civilization and the European civilization of the British and the between The spiritual attitude of the east and the materialism of the west. The British had conquered politically every inch of the Indian soil and had also been successful in dominating the mind of the intelligentsia, so a shuttle innovation by casting and educational system of the English type and by relating the Indian traditional arts and literature to the background. Cultural slavery was slowly and dangerously dominating the Indian mind. Under the stress of a foreign culture and alien civilization, our country man lost their trucks become sceptical of their own culture and placed themselves totally under the influence of British Education.

It was at the stage in the last decade of the 19th century when two divine personalities arrows to fight the storm of western culture and to revive India's heritage and spiritual wealth accumulated during the past 4000 years. Swami Vivekananda in Bengal and very soon afterwards Swami in Punjab maid their appearance like to shining stars in the firmament of the educational, philosophical, religious and cultural milieu. Both of them where contemporaries. Both wire drenched deep Hindi actor of Indian spiritualism. Each one of them was an erudite scholar, a born patriot, a born , a philosopher, a saint, a revivalist of Indian culture, an apostle of practical Vedanta, a prophet and a realised self. We could use one word to embody every quality of the earth byj super mind in the sense Shri Arvindu explain the word

Swami Vivekananda's Philosophy of Education

Vivekananda of education is a refraction of his general philosophy of life. To him education is the manifestation of the perfection ,already in man. No knowledge comes from outside; eat recipes in the human mind. The individual simply discovers it. In Vivekananda's own words, "Perfection is already inherent in men and education is the

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manifestation of the same.” man manifests knowledge and discovers it within himself which is already existing there through eternity.

Meaning of Education

As we have already noted about Swami Vivekananda believed that education is the manifestation of the perfection already existing in men. To him education is not the amount of information, put into one's brain, which may lie there undigested all one's life. It is radar a like building assimilation of ideas.

Swami Vivekananda stressed positive education. He felt that the existing system of education provided only negative education-an education which took us far away from our culture, religion and original . It didn't train our will and inner conference. so according to Vivekananda, real education is that training by which the current and the expression Will are brought under control and become fruitful. It is infact, a development faculty, not an accumulation of words.

Aims of Education

The ultimate m of all education and all training, according to Swami Vivekananda, is man-making. Every child as it comes to this world, is not man, in the real sense of the term. He is only an . It is only through education and training that he is individuality is transformed into the personality of a man, fit for civilized social life of the time. Gradual transition from eco- centricity to sociability, brings a person nearer to human goals. Vivekananda recommends the following aims of education:-

1, Creation of self confidence and self realization:-

Education must make a man conscious of his hidden powers. Men must know that he is neither the Perishable bodily frame not the changing mind. He is The immortal soul which is the treasure -house of infinite power. All knowledge he discovers within himself. With this knowledge or divine light ,he can work wonders. Man should, therefore, have full confidence in himself and strive to reach the highest goal of his life, self confidence leads to self or realisation. In swamiji's own words, “faith in our self and faith in God this is the secret up greatness.” A person who possesses self confidence, can do much, individually as well as socially .We fail only when do not strive sufficiently to manifest the infinite power, within ourselves. Education of the right type should aim at removing the veil ignorance from our mind and make us understand what we actually are and what we should ultimately be. It is only through self-reliance and self- realization that a person can attend perfection and achieve the glory of life.

2, Formation of character:-

Character is the aggregate of a man's tendencies the sum-total of the band of his mind. We are what our thoughts have made us. Good and evil thoughts have an equal share in

moulding character. It is, therefore ,that education should aim at sublimating the evil tendencies of our mind. It should give us life-building and character making assimilation of ideas. Swamiji said, “we want that education by which character is formed , strength of mind is increased, intellect is expended and by which one can stand on one's own feet.” Education must Build up character and manifest our real nature.

3, Development of Personality:-

Personality is the influence, the impression, one cerates on the others. It is the personality of a man that counts . According to Vivekananda, “ Personality is two third and his intellect and words are only one third in making the real man.” The ideal of all education and all trainings should be this man-making. The man who influences, who throws his magic upon his fellow beings, is a Dynamo of power. When that man is ready he can do anything and everything that he likes .That personality, put upon anything ,will make it work.

4, Service of mankind:-

Another important aim of education is serving the God in man. It is not the God in symbols and images that we generally find in temples. It is the God in the sick, the poor, the miserable, the ignorant and the down- trodden what we should worship. in Swamiji's own words, “ if you want to find God ,serve”. He pointed to see the wretched poverty of his countrymen. He , therefore ,wanted that education must enable everyone to stand on his own feet and satisfy his own primary needs, at least. Here he suggested a system of education through work experiences and workshops.

5, Promotion of Universal Brotherhood:-

While Swami Vivekananda was a patriot m a nationalist to the core of his heart he was also a great internationalist. His love for mankind new no geographical boundaries. He always bleeding for the harmony and good relationship of all Nations. He said, “Through education, we should gradually reach the idea of universal brotherhood by flinging down the walls of separation and inequality. In every man, in every animal, however weak or miserable, great or small, resides same omnipresent and omniscient soul. The difference is not in the soul, but in manifestation.” Thus his internationalism was spiritual, based on the Vedantic principle of universality of self. He insisted that education must call forth this power in every person and broken it to such an extent that it may cover the whole world. Such a programme will annihilate all misery and this comfort for this Earth. He said, “I am thoroughly convinced that no individual or nation can live by holding itself apart from the community of others. Wherever such an attempt will be made, under the false ideas of greatness or policy or holiness, the result will always be disastrous. Our isolation from the other nation of the world, has been the cause of war

degradation and its only remedy is getting back into the current of the rest of the world". Thus Swami Vivekananda advocated internationalism of world society into a compact union of hearts and soul.

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