

Vision of Vivekananda on Philosophy of Education

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“Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man”

—Swami Vivekananda.

Swami Vivekananda was not only a social reformer, but also the educator, a great Vedanta's, patriot prophet of India who sought to modernize the nation of its social and cultural harmony. If education is viewed as the most powerful instrument of social change, his contribution to educational thought is of paramount importance. According to him education is a continuous process; it should cover all aspects of life - physical, material, intellectual, emotional, moral, and spiritual. His attitude towards modernization is that the masses should be educated before anything else is done. He tried to make the people of India understood that political and social strength should have their foundations on cultural strength. He has a true vision of philosophy of education in India in its cultural context.

He thought it a pity that the existing system of education did not enable a person to stand on his own feet, nor did it teach him self-confidence and self-respect. To Vivekananda, education was not only collection of information, but something more meaningful; he felt education should be man-making, life giving and character-building. To him education was an assimilation of noble ideas. Whether it concerns the goal or aim of education, or its method of approach or its component parts, all his thoughts