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## Swami Vivekananda as an inspirational writer

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Swami Vivekananda is one of the leading personalities in the field of motivational and inspirational writings and speeches. Basically, Swamiji is a versatile and multi-faceted genius, who had touched nearly all the territories of knowledge and wisdom. He was a cardinal figure in the introduction of the Indian philosophies of Vedanta and Yoga to the Western World. In fact, he was almost the first person, who brought "Hinduism" to the spectacular heights and focus. The pioneering efforts of swami Vivekananda brought "Hinduism" to the higher status of a major world religion during the late 19th century. Actually, he was a powerful force in the revival of "Hinduism" in India and contributed to the concept of "Nationalism" in Colonial India.

Swami Vivekananda is perhaps best known for his inspirational speeches and motivational quotes. Actually, he is a key figure for so many trainers, HRs, tutors, teachers, influential speakers and orators. Swamiji once aptly said;

*"We are what our thoughts have made us;*

*So take about what we think.*

*Words are secondary, Thoughts live; they travel for"*

In the above thought, he emphasized on the positive and healthy thought process. Swamiji had elevated the significance of good thoughts and positive thinking in everyone's life through his inspirational works like "**Karma Yoga**" and "**Raja Yoga**". As a result of which, lots of eminent personalities like Subhash Chandra Bose, Aurobindo Ghose, Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, Rajagopalachari, Jawaharlal Nehru, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Jamsetji Tata, Narendra Modi, Anna Hazare and so many others were highly influenced by him.

Swamiji emphasized that success was an outcome of focused thought and action, in his lectures on Raja Yoga he said;

*"Take up one idea, make that one idea your life,*

*think of it, dream of it, live on that idea.*



*Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body,  
be full of that idea and just leave every other idea alone.*

*This is the way to success,  
that is the way great spiritual giants are produced"*

That's why, even today Swami Vivekananda's great thoughts are very crucial and helpful for those students who are in pursuit of some of the most difficult examinations like UPSC, MPSC, NEET, NET, SET, CAT, AIEEE, MH-CET, GATE and so many other competitive examinations.

Actually, Swami Vivekananda's inspirational thoughts and writing is useful in all the paths of life. These inspirational ideas are able to bring out of any despair and dilemma. Therefore, he correctly uttered,

*"Each soul is potentially divine. The goal is to manifest this divinity within by controlling nature, external and internal. Do this either by work or worship, or mental discipline, or philosophy- by one, or more, or all of these- and be free. This is the whole of religion. Doctrines or dogmas, or rituals, or books, or temples, or forms, are but secondary details."*

Swami Vivekananda's writing is capable of making us fearless, enthusiastic and confident, because he focused on the divine power present within us, therefore, do not afraid of anything. In this context, he often quoted;

*"All power is within you,  
you can do anything and everything,  
just believe in that."*

Here, it is clearly stated that how and why self-belief, self-esteem and self-confidence is essential in our progress and success.

He believed that a country's future depends on its youth, therefore, he focused on human development and nationalism so he said,

*'Youth are the pillars of society'.*

Swami Vivekananda's inspirational writing is very beneficial to develop human personality and positive attitude. He advised us to come out into the broad open light of day, come out from the little narrow paths, come out into the universe of light. Everything in the universe is yours, stretch out your arms and embrace it with love. We can feel the noble soul of Swamiji through the expressions of above remarkable thought. That's why, he is a youth icon and a role model for the youth of the entire world.

As an outstanding inspirational writer, Swami Vivekananda had created '**a vibrant sensation**', which is highly useful till today. One can easily underline the importance of his



motivational writings in today's cut-throat competitive world and stressful life. Now-a-days, man becomes machine, so we become very impatient, insensitive and mechanical. Swamiji's great thoughts enable us to gather that courage, confidence and power to confront the haste of the Post-modern world.

However, Swami Vivekananda has provided impeccable power to humanity through his inspirational writings. In this context, I remember Swamiji's great saying,

*"Arise, awake and stop not,*

*Till the goal is reached".*

As a result of Swami Vivekananda's immaculate writings, he became one of the prominent inspirational writers as well as speakers to the whole world. Eventually, I quote Swamiji's thought which is greatly admired by the entire world,

*"Whatever you think, that you will be,*

*If you think yourselves weak, weak you will be;*

*If you think yourselves strong, strong you will be;*

*If you think yourselves impure, impure you will be;*

*If you think yourselves pure, pure you will be;.*

Thus, it is proved by Swami Vivekananda, that everything is already present within ourselves, we just need to introspect it then the true divine life begins.

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