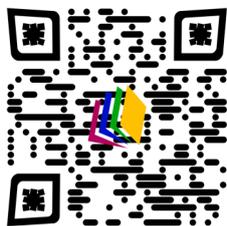


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## Swami Vivekananda: His Philosophy and Vision on Ideal Society

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### ABSTRACT:

The paper discusses about the life, philosophy, and vision of an ideal society of Swami Vivekananda. A deeper analysis has been made on his views on the spiritual humanism, the institution of caste system, giving the deprived their lost individuality, a society free of superstitions, harmony of balance between spiritualistic and materialistic society, a system of education meant for man making and character building and above all a religion based on scientific temper and rationalism. The paper also has highlighted how Vivekananda's Vedantic ideas underlines a unique blend of East and West culture which regenerated the virtuous aspect of Hinduism unearthing its reach potentiality serving the humankind.

**KEY WORDS:** Spiritualist, Yogi, Satya Loka, Vedantist, Metaphysician, Naren, Neo-Vedantic, Sadhana, Advaita Philosophy

*“He is not a pond, he is a reservoir. He is not a pitcher or jug, he is a veritable barrel. He is not a minnow or sardine, he is a huge red-eyed carp. He is not an ordinary sixteen-petalled lotus, he is a glorious lotus with a thousand petals.*

*He is not a twig floating in a river-a twig that sinks even if a bird alights upon it. Rather he is a great tree-trunk carrying men, beasts & merchandise upon its chest”.*

Sri Ramakrishna Paramhans

### Introduction

In the entire annals of Indian philosophy, the place of Swami Vivekananda is distinctive and significant one. He has been called a spiritual leader, a social reformer, a brilliant philosopher, a *Yogi*, a writer, an orator, an educationist, a subtle metaphysician, an ardent patriot, a realized & illuminated soul, an outstanding personality, etc. in one way. The unique greatness of Swamiji was well acknowledged by Professor J. H. Wright of the Department of Greek Studies at the Harvard University who described him as more learned than all Professors put together who joined in the World Parliament of Religions (Sharma, 2019, pp. 169-170). Again Deputy Professor of