

SWAMY VIVEKANANDA'S WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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ABSTRACT

Women empowerment is an important concept in contemporary Indian society. Swamy Vivekananda raised his power full voice many decades ago on behalf of our women and our masses. He sums up the national problems in India in two words that the women and the people. He traces the downfall of India to the continued neglect of our women and of our masses. In India there are two evils, says he, trampling on the women, and grinding the poor through caste restrictions. In one of his letters from America he speaks in the agony of the ages of tyranny, mental, moral, and physical that has reduced the image of God to a mere beast of burden, the emblem of the divine mother to a slave to bear children, and life itself, a curse. The first condition of growth, according to him, is freedom. Social tyranny which denied liberty to these two vital elements of the nation should give place to social freedom. Emancipation of women and uplift of the masses formed the two most important items in Swami Vivekananda's programme of national regeneration.

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