

PREFACE -----

In the work entitled "Nature of social reformation and spiritual upliftment in Vivekananda" I have tried to mention and evaluate Swami Vivekananda's views on Religion, Spirituality, Education, culture etc. I have tried to show that being a vedantin, Vivekananda tried to uplift the ignorant down-trodden masses in the light of Vedantic identity of soul. With the same spirit he tried to solve the problems of individual and society, nationalism and internationalism spiritualism and secularism. Thus Vivekananda appears to me, as a great synthesizer of different values. At the same time he is a great lover of humanity, a lover of human freedom, a revolutionary against any kind of torture on humanity. He is a God- intoxicated man with a love for humanity. An all - extensive realization of this truth led him to serve man as God. 'Service to humanity is a way to serve God'---this motto inspired him. In his message, I find how a renouncer of the world becomes an important active factor of the world. This appears to me a great trait of Vivekananda's life and this attracts me very much. With all my limitations I have tried to give a faithful account of Swami Vivekananda's views and activities. In this respect I like to say that to complete my work, I have received the valuable suggestions help and guidance from my Professors. Dr. Usharanjan Chakroborty, Ex-Reader Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University and present Professor and Head, Dr. Raghunath Ghosh, Department of Philosophy, North Bengal University. I owe my life-long gratitude to both of them. I pray to the Almighty their healthy and prosperous life.

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