



Swami Vivekananda helped restore a sense of pride amongst the Hindus, presenting the ancient teachings of India in a strong way to a Western audience.



Swami Vivekananda

A great Sanyasi





Childhood to Teens

- Swami Vivekananda was born on January 12, 1863 in Calcutta.
- He was named Narendra Dutta when he was born (he got the name Swami Vivekananda after he became a monk).
- He was very lively and naughty as a boy.
- He was always the leader of the children in his neighborhood.
- He loved to meditate too. When he did, he didn't notice the world at all.
- When beggars passed by, he would give anything to them.





Family

- Swami Vivekananda's father was Vishwanatha Datta who was a lawyer.
- His mother was Bhuvaneshwari Devi.
- He had sisters too.



Swami Vivekananda said, "He who cannot worship his mother can never become great."



When Sri Ramakrishna met Vivekananda

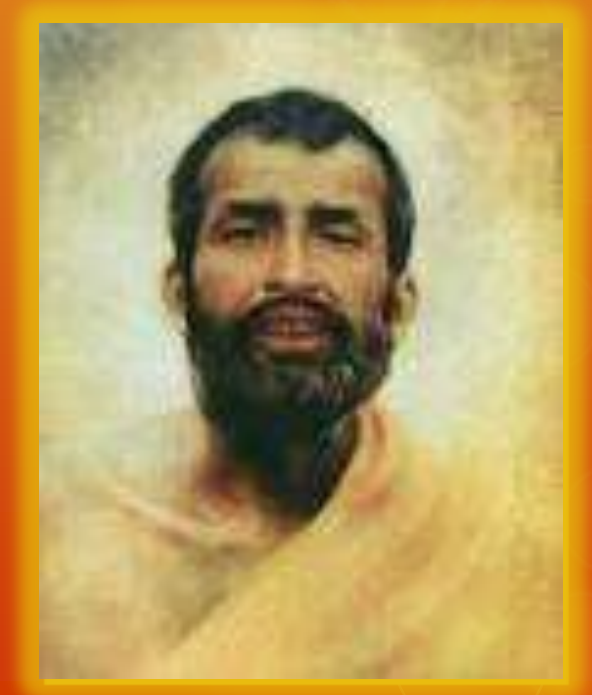
Vivekananda said "Do you believe in god sir?" "Yes" replied Ramakrishna.

"Can you prove it?"

"Yes."

"How?"

"Because I see him just as I see you here."





Sri Ramakrishna becomes Narendra's Guru



Narendra tested Ramakrishna, who never asked Narendra to abandon reason and faced all of Narendra's arguments and examinations with patience—"Try to see the truth from all angles" was his reply.

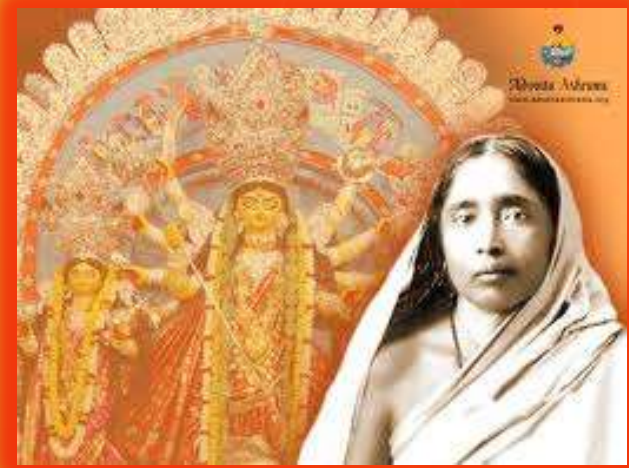
During the course of five years of his training under Ramakrishna, Narendra was transformed from a restless, puzzled, impatient youth to a mature man who was ready to renounce everything for the sake of God-realization.



His Guru Mata

Sharada Devi took care of Ramakrishna's disciples including Narendra as her own children.

When women disciples (like Nivedita) for Swami Vivekananda from US and Europe came to her home she accepted them as her own daughters and helped them to achieve their goal.





Traveling

He went to...

- all over India
- Chicago
- Japan
- China
- Canada
- England





Famous For

He spoke well in the Chicago world conference of religions and that changed the attitude of the western world about Hindus. "Sisters and Brothers of America ... Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached"





Founding of Ramakrishna Math

- After Ramakrishna's death, Vivekananda formed a group of other disciples at Baranagar near the river Ganga.
- Vivekananda and others in the group discussed spiritual teachings of Ramkrishna, Adi Shankara, and others.





Death

- Vivekananda's death happened at ten minutes past nine p.m. on July 4, 1902 while he was meditating; It happened in Belur Math.





Fun Facts



- Swami Vivekananda's memory was amazing.
- He asked a lot of questions.
- His guru was Sri Ramakrishna.



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