



Class-3

Chapter-3, Section-1 (Lecture Sheet)

Great Men and Women

Lecturesheet-2

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Swami Vivekananda: Swami Vivekananda travelled all over India. He found that there are only poverty, illiteracy, mal-education and superstition in the whole country. The country was then ruled by the British. He realized that the poverty, illiteracy, mal-education and superstition of the country must be removed. The country should be made independent.

In 1893 Swami Vivekananda attended the world conference on Religions at Chicago in America. There he delivered lectures on Hinduism. He told in his speech 'no dispute, co-operation, no destruction, exchange of thoughts, no difference of opinion, harmony and peace'. Everybody was charmed at his speech.

After the Chicago conference, many foreigners were charmed and became his disciples. The name of Margarate Noble was worth mentioning among them. She was initiated by Swami. Then she was given the name sister Nivedita.

On July 4, 1902, he died. He was then only 39 years 5 months 22 days.

Some advices and moral teachings of Vivekananda are:

1. Serving living beings means serving God.
2. Strength and courage is religion.
3. Weakness and cowardliness are sin. Freedom is virtue and dependence is sin.
4. Benevolence is virtue and oppression is sin.
5. Honesty and honest work – complete religion exist in these two.
6. No matter whether they are illiterate, poor, ignorant, cobblers, and sweepers, they have the same blood as yours, they are your brothers.
7. Faith in oneself, faith in God – this is the only way of prosperity.