INTERVIEW
Interview of Swami Mukti Nathand ji Maharaj President of Ramkrishna Math, Lucknow.

1. Please tell me some thing about the life of Swamiji?

The future Swami Vivekanda was born in the famous Datta family of Simla, in Calcutta, His Family name was Narendra Nath Datta. The influence of the mother in the formation of the character and the development of the mind of a child is always very great. Narendra Nath used to tell how his mother had taught his first English words; and he mastered the Bengali alphabet under her tutorship.

2. What was the Swamiji’s Gospel of equality and the gospel of social raising up?

Vivekananda believed that no system can have strong and enduring foundation unless it is built on spirituality. He wanted the society to have moral and spiritual regeneration. He believed that economic reform alone cannot bring about socialism so he gave the gospel of social raising up. Uplift of the masses and uplift of women will be the real content of equality.

3. How he wanted to change the contemporary society?

Swami Vivekananda was such personalities who bore torch late and showed us the path of regain the past glory of our society and culture. He paved the way for social transformation in the society which for a long time has been orthodox, backward and badly divided into a number of castes and classes, Swamiji all to fight change in society an
prepare Indian masses to identify their spirit and vigor to fight injustice, discrimination, slavery. Poverty illiteracy etc. social transformation was his mission and that was based on Vedic and spiritual wisdom. Swami Vivekananda used this weapon to rebuild this country on solid ground for peace and prosperity.

4. **What was Vivekananda’s social reform for present world order?**

   It was the philosophy of Vedanta that Vivekananda took upon himself to preach to the Indian people and to the propel of the west. Vivekananda’s massage has both national and international significance. He was intensely Indian and yet international in outlook and sympathy. He was first bridge-builder between India and the modern west. America will ever cherish him, as the greatest messenger from eternal India.

5. **Tell me something about Vivekananda’s contribution to Indian National development.**

   His contribution to Indian national development has been deep as well as comprehensive. He was the first to lay bare our problem, social and educational, cultural and religious. He roused to thinking section to sense of the urgency of these national problems and thus helped to stir the nation’s conscience; he focused our attention on our national defects and stimulated our energies in the direction of the forging of our national character. In all that he did he was fully conscious of vital role that he was playing-the role of being an architect of a nation’s fate.
6. "As we know the Swamiji wanted to apply practical Vedanta in every day of life" Will you express your views on it.

A practical Vedantist Swami Vivekananada wanted one and all to translate the Upnishadic doctrines into action in everyday life. The Swami himself practiced the ideal in his own life; he flung himself whole-heartedly into the whirlpool of activity and thus inspired others to follow in his footsteps and render service to the suffering humanity even under the most-trying circumstances.

7. Give me some views of Swamiji's for the women?

Swami Vivekananda raised his powerful voice many decades ago on behalf of our women and our masses. To them will ever remain a powerful guardian of their rights and interests. True emancipation, he declare, for women as well as for man, could their only through and intensification of one’s spiritual awareness. He wanted their progress, for the progress of a nation depends upon the progress of its women.

8. According to Swamiji what is the main Characteristics of Vedanta?

Vedanta declares oneness of existence. According to Swami Vivekananda, the main characteristics of Vedanta is that it is perfectly impersonal, it does not owe to its origin to any person of perfect; it does build itself around one man as centre. Yet it has nothing to say against philosophy, which do, build themselves around certain person. Vedanta says that the mind is the cause of bondage when it is impure and attached to the sense objects; the mind can lead us to freedom when it is free from the attachments of worldly things.
9. Do you consider that the mission is true follower of Vivekananda’s Vedanta?

Yes we are the true follower of his views, his thought and his practical Vedanta.