

## Some Aspects of Life of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan

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*Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was a great teacher, vice chancellor, Ambassador, President and above all a kind human being in India. He was born in one of the somelest villages. India mean madras in a traditional Indian Family, he touched the best possible heights achievable in the modern world. Starting as an ordinary Indian child, striving like a person from the masses, achieving unique goals and leaving exemplary footprints at the places and positions where he lived. He was a great writer and also a real ambassador of Indian philosophy in the modern age. He was the one who exposed the people in India and other world with the Indian thought and heritage. He was a great teacher of humanity who gave a message to the then suffering masses and elites worldwide in the form of his lectures, writings and ground level actions which have been showing path to the laymon, teachers, politicians and philosophers even now.*

Dr. Radhakrishnan was born on Sept. 05, 1888 in one of the somelest villages of India at Tirulane near madras. He completed his schooling at Tirufane, Tirupati and Vellore during 1896-1904. He completed his graduation and post-graduation from Madras Christian College he got married in the year 1906 to Shivakamomma, a wife devoted to her husband. He joined the Department of Philosophy on the Madras Presidency College as staff in 1909 and also completed the Teachers Training Course in 1910 from Teachers Training College Saidapet, Madras. He Studies Philosophy at the College level as a matter of Chance because he got the text books from one of his courins. But in the later periods of his life he wrote that, if this world is living then nothing in this world is by chance or by accident.

Dr. Radhakrishnan was a great writer. He wrote many world renowned books one of his best writings was "Indian Philosophy". He also wrote a book on "The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore" His Creation "Indian Philosophy" gave a new recognition to Indian Thought and Philosophy in the western world. He got appointment as a professor of Philosophy at the ceneversity of mysore, later he occupied the King George V chair of Mental and Moral Science at the Calcutta University, Professor of Eastern Religion and Ethics at Oxford University, Fellow of British Academy, held SayafiRao Gaekwas chair of Indian Culture and Civilization at the Vice Chancellor of the Andhra University from 1931 A.D.-1936 A.D. and Vice Chancellor of B.H.U. from 1939 AD-1948 AD. He was also the chairman of University Education Commission in India. He was Chancellor of University of Delhi in 1953. He also appointed as India's Ambassador to USSR from 1949-52. He became Vice-President of India in 1952 and continued till 1962. In 1962 he became president of India and continued till 1967 A.D.

He was a great writer as well as a great orador. He delivered a series of lectures at Oxford, Harvard, Yale, Los Angeles an Unique Politician, who was said a Pholosopher

Statesman in true sense. Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru said about him that “It was India’s Politian privilege to have a great philosopher, a great Educatioist and a great humanist as the president. That in itself shows the kind of men we honour and respect” The great soul always looked as a true representative of India before the world community. Journey of his life was continuous and uniform setting new examples and standards every time. He left for heaven on April 17, 1975. He wrote that “No Particular good fortune has lifted me above the sphere in which our common humanity struggles along.....”(Banerjee, p.11). His life was of a layman starting from the grass roots and touching the highest heights in the field of Philosophy, writing oratory, Politics and Humanism. He is a teacher for us in true sense.

**His Vision about Life and World-** In fact all individuals are guided by their own thought and vision in all spheres of life. Human beings have got the unique natural gift in their choices and related actions. They are known in the society and the world for longer periods of time. Dr. Radhakrishnan is also such a personality who is known for his thought and vision in the world community and will be remembered as a torchbeaser in various spheres of life for days to come. His thoughts in some areas of life are being discussed here. His thought about life and the world was reflected in the following words. *“To all appearance this is a mere accident. But when I look at the series of accidents that have shaped my life. I am persuaded that there is more in this life than meets the eye. Life is not a mere chain of physical causes and effects, chance seems to form the surface of reality, but deep down other forces are at work. If the universe is a living one, if it is spiritually alive, nothing in it is mere accidental. The moving finger writes and having writ moves on”.* (Banerjee A.K. 199. B.H.U. P.12)

The religion of Dr. Radhakrishnan was Humanity. He said “I prefer to be Human.” He also belived that “Religion consists in doing Justice, in loving mercy and in making our fellow creatures happy”. (Banerjee 1991, p.1) He also said that he suffers when purepersonal relationships as a human are spoiled and bepreyed. About religious truth he also belived that, all truth about God has its source in God. For him, the end of religion was an essential knowledge of God. However, he was also of the opinion that religion must establish itself as a nationa way of living. Religion must express it self in reasonable thoughts, fruitful action and right social institution. Secular foundations must be laid deep and preserved worthily if evr the sprit is to be at home. (Dr. S Radhakrishnan – The Pursuit of Truth p.-89-90).

The above mentiond brief summary of life and thoughts of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan clearly reveals that he was a great person overall. His thought and soul were attacked in several forms which enabled him to bloom as a world renowned thinker and philosopher. This not only saised his personal status but status of India in the community of Nations. He personities a common man in Indian Society who started his journey from the grass roots and touched the best possible beights in the society.

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