



“We are what our thoughts have made us;  
so take care about what you think. Words are  
secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far.”

A spiritual pioneer who played a significant role in bringing Vedanta and yoga to the West was **Swami Vivekananda**. In Kolkata, India, on January 12, 1863, he was born. Vivekananda lived a single life, giving his whole to Vedanta philosophy propagation, social reform, and spiritual aspirations. He is praised for his contributions to Indian culture and spirituality and is widely considered as a key figure in the restoration of Hinduism in India.

He was a key figure in the introduction of Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world, and the Father of Modern Indian Nationalism who is credited with raising interfaith awareness and bringing Hinduism to the status of a major world religion.



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