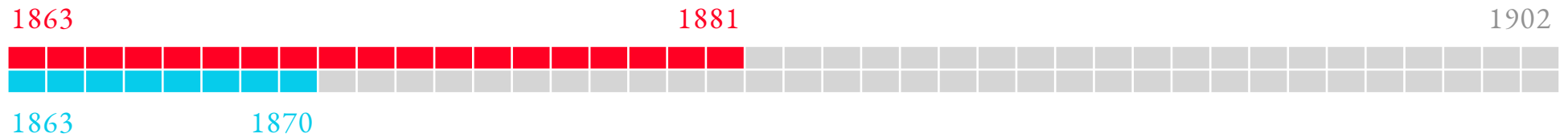


The ChronoMapia® of Swami Vivekananda

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Date	Location	Description	*Source
Mon, 12 Jan 1863	North Calcutta.	Swami Vivekananda was born on Monday, January 12th 1863 . His exact time of birth was 6:33am, a few minutes before sunrise. It was the great Hindu festival called, Makara Samkranti on that day. He was born to Vishwanath Dutta , a famous and important attorney and Bhuvaneswari Devi , a pious lady in the ancestral house. His great grandfather Rammohan Dutta originally built the house 300 years ago, at 3 Gourmohan Mukherjee Street, North Calcutta.	<i>Life 1: VAB: 11 9</i>
~1863		After his birth, his Naming ceremony was performed: He was named as ' Vireshwar '. For short they called him- ' Bileh '. Later he was called by the name ' Narendranath ' or simply ' Naren '.	<i>Life 1: 12</i>
~1865		As a baby, he was very naughty, playful and restless . Often was beyond the control of Mother or two elder sisters. There were two nurses to keep his exuberant energy under control. Sometimes, in order to quiet him, his mother often put his head under the cold-water tap, repeating Shiva's name, which always produced the desired effect.	<i>Life 1: VAB: 12 11</i>
~1866		Had great fancy for Wandering monks and used to be delighted and rushed towards them. Used to tease his sisters; And on chased he would fly to open drain and infuriate them to catch him. Had number of pets: monkey, goat, peacock, pigeon and some guinea-pigs, family cow, etc.	<i>Life 1: 14</i>
~1867		Used to listen to stories of Ramayan and Mahabharata from Mother, Grand-mother and other family elderly ladies. He was very friendly with servants, neighbours and other people. Had fancy of becoming a Sannyasi.	<i>Life 1: 17</i>
~1868		Unknowingly, started doing meditation . He would be completely unaware of the surroundings. Once even a cobra was around him but he was not aware of it. While sleeping he used to have a very special vision of luminous colours around his eyes and which would expand his whole body in flood of white radiance. And after that, he used to sleep.	<i>Life 1: VAB: 19 12</i>
1869	Pathshala at Calcutta	At the age of 6, started going to Primary School . But due to inappropriate company after a few days, he acquired a few bad vocabulary words. Hence, going to pathshala was stoped and instead, a private tutor was appointed to visit his house and teach him, his other cousins and some other boys	<i>Life 1: 20</i>
~1869		Found to have exceptional intelligence. Learnt to read and write well before other students. Found to have superb memory, could recite learned topics word-to-word.	<i>Life 1: 20</i>
~1869	at home	Learnt from an old relative - Narasimha Datta (Father of Ramchandra Datta) many Sanskrit aphorisms, Sanskrit Grammar Mugdhabodha, hymns, passages from Ramayan and Mahabharata. Young Naren memorised a lot from them and could correct others if they made any mistakes while repeating	<i>Life 1: 21</i>

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~1869	neighbour-hood	Started leading other lads and friends, He used to be king of them, they all liked his company and enjoyed playing with him. He was everything for his teammates- A leader, friend, protector etc.	<i>Life 1: 23</i>
~1869	father's office room at home	He tried the Hookahs (Smoking Pipe Equipment) kept in his father's office. The Hookahs were separate for different caste and religion's people. When his father found him and asked he said he was checking whether each cast or religions hookah tastes different. He found that all hookahs are the same.	<i>Life 1: 23</i>
1869	Charhak Fair in town	At 6 years of age- Saved a younger boy from running over by a horse cart in a fair. At the 'Charhak Fair' in his town, they went to buy a Shiva doll image. While returning, the younger boy slightly separated and left behind the road. When Naren noticed this he quickly turned to see him. He found that a carriage is just about to dash the boy. He quickly rushes there and grabs him with his hand pulls him aside. Thus saving him. The people around admire and blessed Naren for his bravery.	<i>Life 1: 24</i>
~1870		When nobody in his family dared, He read aloud the Mahabharata for his dying Grand Uncle on his request so that he could pass his last moment in the spiritual atmosphere. Before dying his uncle said to Naren, "Child, you have a great future before you."	<i>Life 1: 25</i>
~1870		People started to see great qualities in Naren even as a kid. He had fair complexion, well-shaped and graceful physical appearance, bright and large eyes, face like a genius. He started taking delight in meditation, worship and prayers . He started his search for God	<i>Life 1: 25</i>

*Source Abbreviations

We have used abbreviation for the name of the book, in the source column.

Following is a list of all the abbreviations used in the column along with the referred book name and additional details:

<i>CW</i>	Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda Mayavati Memorial Edition	Advaita Ashrama, Eighteenth Reprint, April 2001 CW1 indicates to Volume 1, CW2 indicates to Volume 2, and so on...
<i>Himalay</i>	स्वामी विवेकानंद का हिमालय- भ्रमण तथा कुछ अन्य यात्राएँ (हिन्दी) - स्वामी विदेहात्मानंद	(Swami Vivekananda ka Himalay bhramaN, tatha kuchh anya yatraen, Hindi) Advaita Ashram, Kolkata, First Edition, June 2016
<i>Life</i>	Life of Swami Vivekananda by His Eastern and Western Disciples	Advaita Ashram, Sixth Edition, Jan 1989 Life1 indicates to Volume 1, Life2 indicates to Volume 2.
<i>Maha97</i>	महाराष्ट्रात स्वामी विवेकानंद (मराठी) - स्वामी विदेहात्मानंद	(Maharashtrat Swami Vivekananda) Ramakrishna Math, Nagpur, Maharashtra, First Edition, 1997
<i>ND</i>	Swami Vivekananda In The West: New Discoveries - Marie Louise Burke	Advaita Ashrama, Forth Edition, April 2013 ND1 indicates to Volume 1, ND2 indicates to Volume 2; and so on..
<i>Rajas19</i>	स्वामी विवेकानंद और राजस्थान (हिन्दी) - स्वामी विदेहात्मानंद	(Swami Vivekananda aur Rajasthan, Hindi) Advaita Ashram, Kolkata, First Edition, April 2019
<i>Rajkot19</i>	Swami Vivekananda and Gujarat	Souvenir. 125 Anniversary of Swamiji's Visit to Gujarat. by Sw. Nikhileshwarananda Shri Ramakrishna Ashram,Rajkot, First Edition, June 2019
<i>RVinfo</i>	RamakrishnaVivekananda.info	http://www.ramakrishnavivekananda.info/ . It contains online versions of many literary works on the Holy Trio. Although, Chitramrit is not affiliated with this website, but the owners of the website have kindly allowed us to link to the pages from this website. (Specially for Swamiji's letters and lecture links from his 'Complete Works' series.). Special thanks to the developers of this site.
<i>VAB</i>	Vivekananda A Biography	by Swami Nikhilananda, Advaita Ashrama, First Indian Edition, Nov 1964
<i>vvca</i>	Vivekananda Vedanta Society of British Columbia (Canada)	https://vedantavancouver.ca/arrival-in-vancouver/

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1. In the Source column, the number after the Colon mark (:) indicates the page number of the book, from where we have gathered the respective information.

For example, "**Life1:17**" in the sources column indicates to the 17th page of the book '**Life** of Swami Vivekananda' **Volume 1**

2. In the Date column, the tilde sign (~) indicates that the date is an '**approximate date**'. We have tried our best guess to approximate the date. For example, the date **~1870** indicates that the event has happened either in 1870CE or some time closer to 1870CE. If you have more information about it or have suggestions, please feel free to [let us know](#). We will try to update it ASAP.

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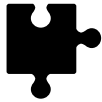
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