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## ON THE OCCASION OF GANDHI JAYANTI

WE OFFER UNIVERSAL MESSAGE FOR ALL CHARGED WITH TRUTH & NON-VIOLENCE

### O GANDHI !

THE MASSES WELL NAMED THEE MAHATMA,  
"GREAT SOUL."

By thy presence, many prisons became temples.  
Silenced, thy voice seemed to grow more powerful and  
to ring around the world. Thy message of victory  
through satyagraha ("holding to truth")  
touched the conscience of mankind.

Through thy reliance on God, not cannons,  
thou didst accomplish a feat unparalleled in history:  
the freeing of a vast nation from foreign rule,  
without hatred or bloodshed.

As thou didst sink, dying to the  
ground—three bullets from a madman's gun in thy frail,  
fast-worn body—thy hands rose effortlessly  
in a sweet **gesture of forgiveness**.  
Innocent artist thou wert all the days of thy life;  
and, at the moment of death,  
thou becamest a supreme artist.  
All the sacrifices of thy selfless life made  
possible that final loving gesture.

Just as the Lord employs love,  
not His miraculous powers, to discipline man,  
so didst thou disdain the ways of force and  
place thy faith in the silent power of righteousness.

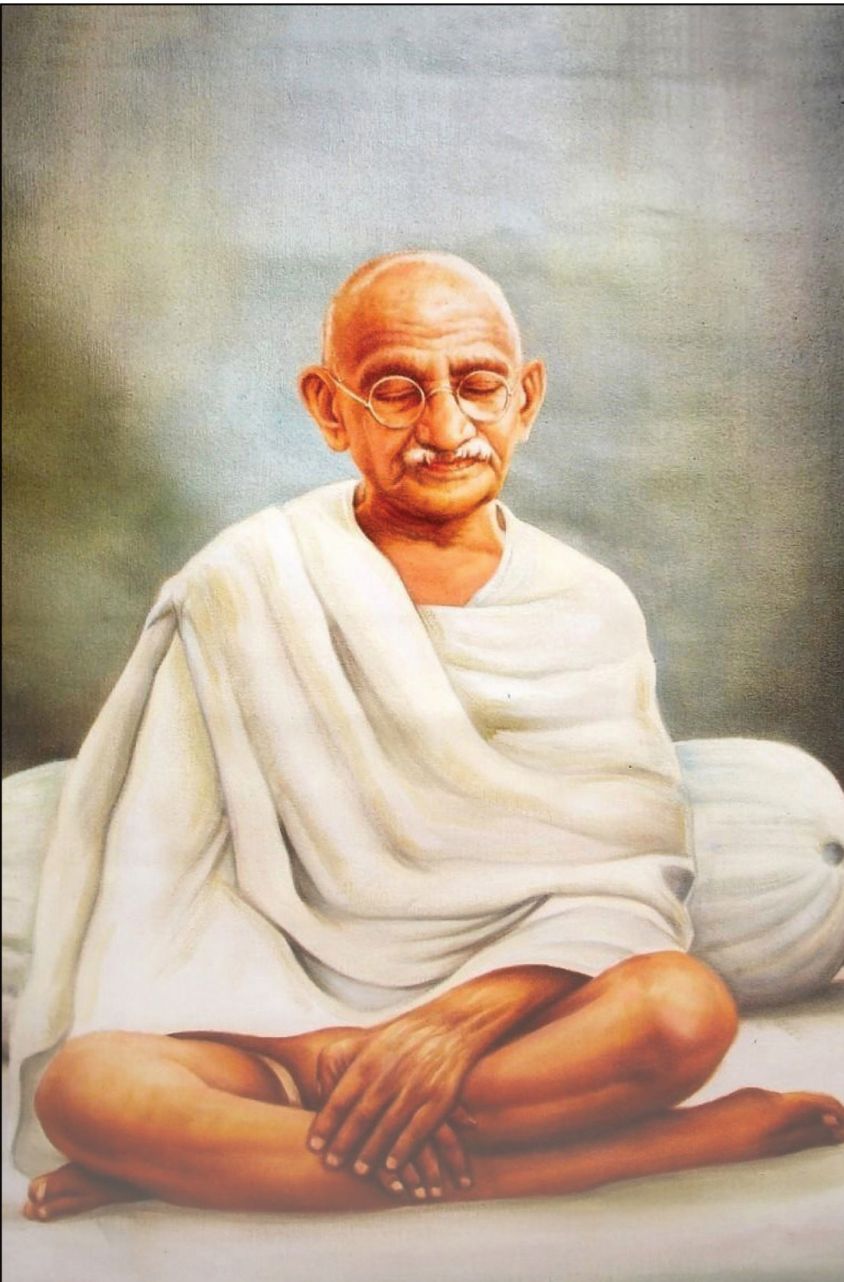
#### O SIMPLE SAINT OF TRUTH,

warriors of the future shall seriously study  
and finally understand thy teaching:  
The essential enemies of man are not his  
brothers—children of Spirit, the One Father;  
but his own ego foes, born of mortal ignorance.

Nations now distracted by political selfishness,  
greed, deceptions, and preparations for wars shall  
someday listen with open hearts to thy prophetic words:

**"Nonviolence has come among men and it will live.  
It is the harbinger of the peace of the world."**

- Paramahansa Yogananda ji



Gandhi, Mohandas K. ("Mahatma"). India's **political saint**, who in 1947 won freedom for India without war. He disciplined millions of Indians in the practices of nonviolent resistance to injustice. Gandhi ji wrote numerous books, including his famous autobiography, *The Story of My Experiments With Truth*. After his death, among thousands of other tributes, one from the Vatican in Rome read: "**Gandhi is mourned as an apostle of Christian virtues.**" Albert Einstein said of the Mahatma:

**"Generations to come, it may be, may scarce believe that such a one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon the earth."**



## WHAT IS A TRUE POLITICIAN ?

The meaning of 'True' pertains to any idea, thought, and concept which supports the Realization that all creations in this cosmos are the Immortal, Omnipotent, Omniscient Consciousness intrinsically comprised of limitless power, peace and knowledge. 'Politician' and 'politics' is derived from the word 'politeness.' Politeness is an agency of humbleness. Perfect politeness is demonstrating a nature and consciousness fully submerged with the knowledge of the science of creation, preservation, and change. True politicians realize they are one with the Creator (Parambrahma). This conscious state is called 'Ahambrahmasmi,' I and God are one.

The aim of each and every persons is to reach a state of Kaivalya, oneness with all creations of the cosmos. Such persons are the fittest to protect and serve all creations. It has been proven that anyone who practices Kriyayoga Meditation with all devotion can achieve this perfect state of Kaivalya.

Majority who are not experiencing their nature as True politicians can be scientifically educated in the Kriyayoga Science to increase their growth of True politics within themselves. All those persons who are receiving the knowledge of the science of True politics will greatly aid in supporting a True politician. A True politician exactly means a **prophet, a fully Realized Master.**

**BELOW ARE A PART OF THE EDUCATION PRACTICED BY TRUE POLITICAL STUDENTS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

### 1) AHIMSA (NON-VIOLENCE)

Non-violence is called 'Ahimsa.' Anyone listening, thinking, and following the education of True politics, joyfully, leads a person to follow the path of non-violence. The moment the person leaves this path they experience hatred, fear, grief, condemnation, and many abnormalities which brings all kinds of suffering in life. It has been proven if anyone unceasingly practices Kriyayoga Meditation, these persons can understand non-violence. Spreading True knowledge into the world will produce spiritual light and a non-violent environment. We should stop our violence and violation of the True world order by having a practical life of a politician charged as Truly political. Anyone who becomes one with the principal of non-violence realizes a state of 'Yoga.' This is called perfect unification with all creations of the cosmos.

### 2) SATYA (TRUTH)

Following the path of Truth is called the constant search for God, Creator. Prophets of all lands and ages have succeeded in their God quest. Anyone who practice Kriyayoga Meditation experiences Nirvakalpa Samadhi and realizes complete oneness with God which is known as 'Ahambrahmasmi' (I and God are one). How to practice Truth in life? It can easily be done when we decide to have full devotion in practicing Kriyayoga Meditation every

### 3) BRAHMACHARYA

Brahmacharya means following the unceasing principle and philosophy of Brahma. Brahma principle is the complete Knower of the Science of creations. Brahma is constantly creating energies, molecules, plants, animals, and human beings of all qualities; those following duality and Singularity. Anyone who follows

the principle and philosophy of Brahma completely is fully awakened all the time. Following the education of Brahma means practicing the Science of Kaivalya; complete unification with all creations of the cosmos.

### 4) ASTEYA (NON-STEALING)

Asteya means non-stealing. Teaching or writing anything which is not experienced personally is an example of stealing. Each

and every person should have a constant search for Ultimate Truth in all walks of life. Such persons can follow the principle of Asteya.

### 5) APARIGRAHA (NON-POSSESSION)

Aparigraha means a state of consciousness where one does not have a desire of holding anything





anything in advance without need. A devoted Kriyayoga Meditator is always charged with the consciousness of the Creator (God) and has no fear about needs of the future. They believe everything comes automatically as a result of their own spiritual efforts.

#### 7) CONTROL OF PALATE

Control of the palate means control of the sense organ of taste. It has been proven that when a person has control of his or her palate they easily follow the path of Truth and non-violence and can easily charge their mind, reasoning power, and five sense

#### 10) FREEDOM FROM UNTOUCHABILITY

All prophets of all ages and lands successfully demonstrated the practice that all persons of the cosmos are to be treated equally.

practicing Kriyayoga Meditation one can synthesize 24 elders within the nation, head to toes. These 24 elders are described in 'The Holy Science' as Chit, ego, wisdom, mind, 10 indriyas, 5 tanmatras, sky, air, fire, water, and earth.



People on the platform and on train in order to get a glimpse of Mahatma Gandhi who travels to his peace march in Noakhali, November 1946

*All persons of the world should practice Kriyayoga Meditation with all devotion to live life based on these 11 vows. Then they will realize very easily the perfect celebration of independence day. Together we can make a nation free of poverty, violence and in-harmonies. All nations will join together hand in hand to bring the realization that this Earth is a living heaven in this cosmos.*

#### 6) BODY LABOR

Body labor means physical activity. The human ego generally has a tendency to quickly experience weakness of the physiological heart which reminds us that physical labor is essential just as a healthy diet and fresh air is to life. A weak heart is called a symbolic dark heart which gives perception of 'eight meannesses of the heart.' These are the great obstacles in the path of achieving Kaivalya. The state of 'eight meannesses' are hatred, shame, fear, grief, condemnation, race prejudice, pride of pedigree, and a narrow sense of respectability. Body labor is important for those who want to get rid of the 'eight meannesses of the heart.' Devoted practice of Kriyayoga automatically charges one's reasoning power and mind with the right principle of bodily work.

organs and five organs of actions. It has been proven that Kriyayoga practice brings full control of not only the palate but all sense organs, organs of actions, mind, and reasoning power. Without perfect control of the palate humans cannot experience a state of Kaivalya.

#### 8) FEARLESSNESS

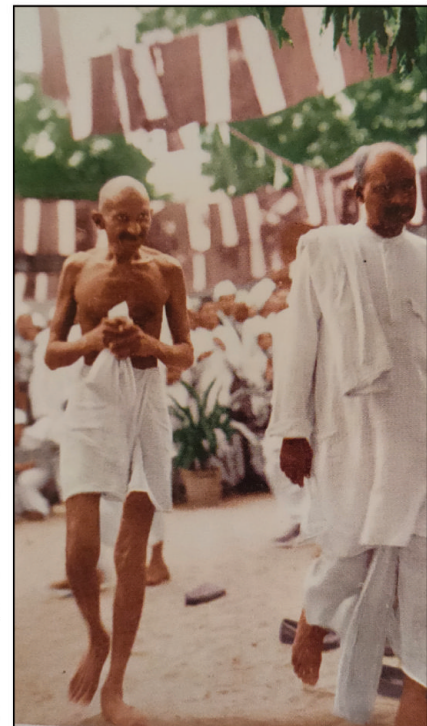
Fearlessness is the highest and most important quality of a human being. Without this quality a person cannot experience his True nature - oneness with Creator, God. Practicing Kriyayoga Meditation brings a state of fearlessness very easily.

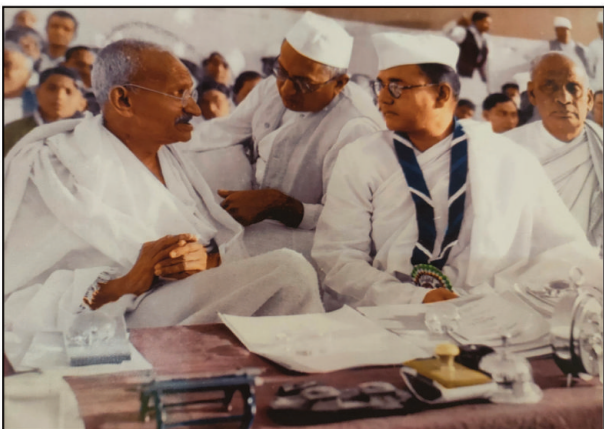
#### 9) EQUAL RESPECT FOR ALL RELIGION

We must strive to come to the realization that there is an essential unity in all religions. There is no difference in teachings of all prophets of all ages and lands.

#### 11) SWADESHI

In the molecular sense Swadeshi means particles manufactured in the home. The Real home of each and every person is the cosmos, not their personal home. Each and every place of the cosmos is called a place for all persons of the world. Then the question arises how to start a life style based on the principle of Swadeshi? According to the teaching of Lord Krishna, Yogeshwar, nearest of near 'desh', 'rastra' or nation is our own existence, head to toes. Now we have to manufacture and charge these particles within our bodily structure, head to toes. Our physical body is our tool to meditate and realize our Immortal nature. Yogavatar Lahiri Mahasaya has demonstrated that by





**HE SAVED INDIA**

After the tragic events of Jallianwalla Bagh the Indian people were stunned and paralysed for the time being. All the attempts for achieving liberty had been ruthlessly crushed by the British and their armed forces. Constitutional agitation, boycott of British goods, armed revolution – all had alike failed to bring freedom. There was not a ray of hope left and the Indian people, though their hearts were burning with indignation, were groping in the dark for a new method and a new weapon of struggle. Just at this psychological moment, Mahatma Gandhi appeared on the scene with his novel method of Non-Co-operation or Satyagraha or Civil Disobedience. It appeared as if he had been sent by Providence to show the path to liberty. Immediately and spontaneously the whole nation rallied round his banner. India was saved.

His services to the cause of India's freedom are unique and unparalleled; no single man could have achieved more in one single life time under similar circumstances.

*Subhas Chandra Bose*

(Subhas Chandra Bose)

**A SUPERIOR SOUL**

A leader of his people, unsupported by any outward authority; a politician whose success rests not upon craft nor mastery of technical devices, but simply on the convincing power of his personality; a victorious fighter who has always scorned the use of force; a man of wisdom and humility, armed with resolve and inflexible consistency, who has devoted all his strength to the uplifting of his people and the betterment of their lot ; a man who has confronted the brutality of Europe with the dignity of the simple human being, and thus at all times risen superior.

Generations to come, it may be, will scarce believe that such a one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth.

*A. Einstein*

(Albert Einstein)



## WITH MAHATMA GANDHI AT WARDHA

excerpts from **AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A YOGI** by  
**PARAMAHANSA YOGANANDA**

*Author of the best-selling spiritual classic **Autobiography of a Yogi**, this beloved world teacher has introduced millions of readers to the perennial wisdom of the East. He is now widely recognized as the **FATHER OF YOGA IN THE WEST.***

Night was still lingering when I rose at five a.m. Village life was already stirring; first a bullock cart by the ashram gates, then a peasant with his huge burden balanced precariously on his head. After breakfast our trio sought out Gandhi for farewell pranams. The saint rises at four o'clock for his morning prayer.

**“Mahatmaji, good-bye!” I knelt to touch his feet. “India is safe in your keeping!”**

Years have rolled by since the Wardha idyll; the earth, oceans, and skies have darkened with a world at war. Alone among great leaders, Gandhi has offered a practical nonviolent alternative to armed might. To redress grievances and remove injustices, the Mahatma has employed nonviolent means which again and again have proved their effectiveness. He states his doctrine in these words:

*I have found that life persists in the midst of destruction. Therefore there must be a higher law than that of destruction. Only under that law would well-ordered society be intelligible and life worth living. If that is the law of life we must work it out in daily existence. Wherever there are wars, wherever we are confronted with an opponent, conquer by love. I have found that the certain law of love has answered in my own life as the law of destruction has never done.*

*In India we have had an ocular demonstration of the operation of this law on the widest scale possible. I don't claim that nonviolence has penetrated the 360,000,000 people in India, but I do claim it has penetrated deeper than any other doctrine in an incredibly short time.*

*It takes a fairly strenuous course of training to attain a mental state of nonviolence. It is a disciplined life, like the life of a soldier. The perfect state is reached only when the mind, body, and speech are in proper coordination. Every problem would lend itself to solution if we determined to make the law of truth and nonviolence the law of life.*

The grim march of world political events points inexorably to the truth that without spiritual vision, the people perish. Science, if not religion, has awakened in humanity a dim sense of the insecurity and even insubstantiality of all material things. Where indeed may man go now, if not to his Source and Origin, the Spirit within him?

Consulting history, one may reasonably state that man's problems have not been solved by the use of brute force. World War I produced an earth-chilling snowball of dread karma that swelled into World War II. Only the warmth of brotherhood can melt the present colossal snowball of sanguinary karma that may otherwise grow into World War III. Unholy twentieth-century trinity! Use of jungle logic instead of human reason in settling disputes will restore the earth to a jungle. If not brothers in life, then brothers in violent death. It was not for such ignominy that God lovingly permitted man to discover the release of atomic energies!

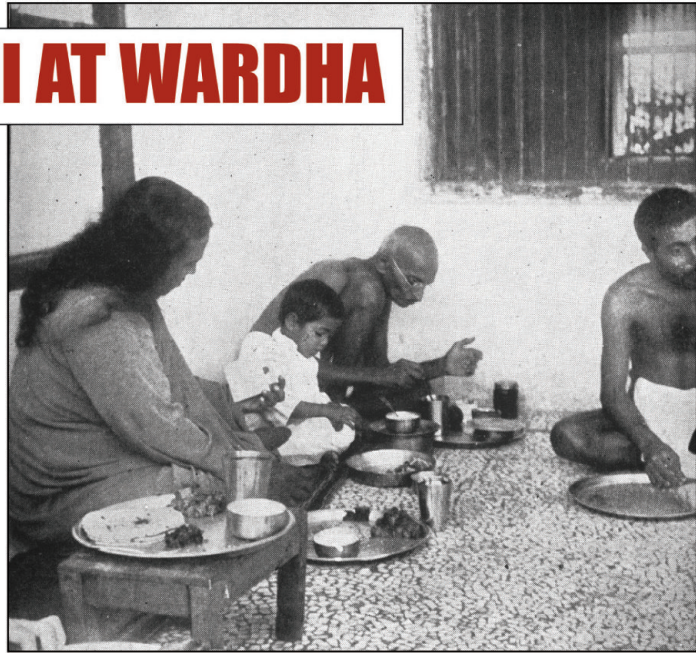
War and crime never pay. The billions of dollars that went up in the smoke of explosive nothingness would have been sufficient to have made a new world, one almost free from disease and completely free from poverty. Not an earth of fear, chaos, famine, pestilence, the danse macabre, but one broad land of peace, prosperity, and widening knowledge.

The nonviolent voice of Gandhi appeals to man's highest conscience. Let nations ally themselves no longer with death, but with life; not with destruction, but with construction; not with hate, but with the creative miracles of love.

“One should forgive, under any injury,” says the Mahabharata. “It hath been said that the continuation of the species is due to man's being forgiving. Forgiveness is holiness; by forgiveness the universe is held together. Forgiveness is the might of the mighty; forgiveness is sacrifice; forgiveness is quiet of mind. Forgiveness and gentleness are the qualities of the Self-possessed. They represent eternal virtue.”

Nonviolence is the natural outgrowth of the law of forgiveness and love. “If loss of life becomes necessary in a righteous battle,” Gandhi proclaims, “one should be prepared, like Jesus, to shed his own, not others', blood. Eventually there will be less blood spilt in the world.”

Epics shall someday be written on



### MAHATMA GANDHI'S HANDWRITING IN

इका स एकाकी में सर्वप्रकार में उन्नति का दमा कु इस संस्था का मेरे मन पर अच्छा पड़ने. इससे की प्रवृत्ति मेरे मन में आ गई।  
गान्धी जी के आशीर्वादों का शक्ति का साक्ष्य।  
गान्धी जी

Mahatma Gandhi visited Yogoda Satsanga Brahmacharya Vidyalaya. He graciously wrote the foregoing lines in the guest book. He said:

**“This institution has deeply impressed my mind. I cherish high hopes that this school will further encourage the use of the spinning wheel.”**

September 17, 1925 [signed] Mohandas Gandhi

the Indian satyagrahis who withstood hate with love, violence with nonviolence, who allowed themselves to be mercilessly slaughtered rather than bear arms. The result on certain historic occasions was that opponents threw down their guns and fled—shamed, shaken to their depths by the sight of men who valued the lives of others above their own.

**“I would wait, if need be for ages,” Gandhi says, “rather than seek the freedom of my country through bloody means.” The Bible warns us: “All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.”** The Mahatma has written:

*I call myself a nationalist, but my nationalism is as broad as the universe. It includes in its sweep all the nations of the earth. My nationalism includes the well-being of the whole world. I do not want my India to rise on the ashes of other nations. I do not want India to exploit a single human being. I want India to be strong in order that she can infect the other nations also with her strength. Not so with a single nation in Europe today; they do not give strength to the others.*

*President Wilson mentioned his beautiful fourteen points, but said: “After all, if this endeavour of ours to arrive at peace fails, we have our armaments to fall back upon.” I want to reverse that position, and I say: “Our armaments have failed already. Let us*

*now be in search of something new; let us try the force of love and God which is truth.” When we have got that, we shall want nothing else.*

By the Mahatma's training of thousands of true satyagrahis (those who have taken the eleven rigorous vows mentioned in the first part of this chapter), who in turn spread the message; by patiently educating the Indian masses to understand the spiritual and eventually material benefits of nonviolence; by arming his people with nonviolent weapons — noncooperation with injustice, the willingness to endure indignities, prison, death itself rather than resort to arms; by enlisting world sympathy through countless examples of heroic martyrdom among satyagrahis, Gandhi has dramatically portrayed the practical nature of nonviolence, its solemn power to settle disputes without war.

Gandhi has already won through nonviolent means a greater number of political concessions for his land than any other leader of a country has ever won except through bullets. Nonviolent methods for eradication of all wrongs and evils have been strikingly applied not only in the political arena but in the delicate and complicated field of Indian social reform. Gandhi and his followers have removed many long-standing feuds

between Hindus and Mohammedans; hundreds of thousands of Moslems look to the Mahatma as their leader. The untouchables have found in him their fearless and triumphant champion. "If there be a rebirth in store for me," Gandhi wrote, "I wish to be born a pariah in the midst of pariahs, because thereby I would be able to render them more effective service."

The Mahatma is indeed a "great soul," but it was illiterate millions who had the discernment to bestow the title. This gentle prophet is honoured in his own land. The lowly peasant has been able to rise to Gandhi's high challenge. The Mahatma wholeheartedly believes in the inherent nobility of man. The inevitable failures have never disillusioned him. "Even if the opponent plays him false twenty times," he writes, "the satyagrahi is ready to trust him the twenty-first time, for an implicit trust in human nature is the very essence of the creed."

"Mahatmaji, you are an exceptional man. You must not expect the world to act as you do." A critic once made this observation.

"It is curious how we delude ourselves, fancying that the body can be improved, but that it is impossible to evoke the hidden powers of the soul," Gandhi replied. "I am engaged in trying to show that if I have any of those powers, I am as frail a mortal as any of us and that I never had anything extraordinary about me nor have I now. I am a simple individual liable to err like any other fellow mortal. I own, however, that I have enough humility to confess my errors and to retrace my steps. I own that I have an immovable faith in God and His goodness, and an unconsumable passion for truth and love. But is that not what every person has latent in him?" He added: "If we may make new discoveries and inventions in the phenomenal world, must we declare our bankruptcy in the spiritual domain? Is it impossible to multiply the exceptions so as to make them the rule? Must man always be brute first and man after, if at all?"

Americans may well remember with pride the successful nonviolence experiment of William Penn, in founding his 17th century colony in Pennsylvania. There were "no forts, no soldiers, no militia, even no arms." Amidst the savage frontier wars and the butcheries that went on between the new settlers and the Red Indians, the Quakers of Pennsylvania alone remained unmolested. "Others were slain, others were massacred; but they were safe. Not a Quaker woman suffered assault, not a Quaker child was slain, not a Quaker man was tortured." When the Quakers were finally forced to give up the government of the state, "war broke out, and some Pennsylvanians were killed. But only three Quakers were killed, three who had so far fallen from their faith as to carry weapons of defence."



*Mahatma Gandhi and Kasturabai with Rabindra Nath Tagore*

#### TRIBUTE LETTER ABOUT

## **GREAT PROPHET MAHATMA GANDHI** **BY HIS WIFE KASTURABAI**

"I thank you for having had the privilege of being your lifelong companion and helpmate. I thank you for the most perfect marriage in the world, based on brahmacharya (self-control) and not on sex. I thank you for having considered me your equal in your life work for India. I thank you for not being one of those husbands who spend their time in gambling, racing, women, wine, and song, tiring of their wives and children as the little boy quickly tires of his childhood toys. How thankful I am that you were not one of those husbands who devote their time to growing rich on the exploitation of the labor of others.

How thankful I am that you put God and country before bribes, that you had the courage of your convictions and a complete and implicit faith in God. How thankful I am for a husband that put God and his country before me. I am grateful to you for your tolerance of me and my shortcomings of youth, when I grumbled and rebelled against the change you made in our mode of living, from so much to so little.

As a young child, I lived in your parents' home; your mother was a great and good woman; she trained me, taught me how to be a brave, courageous wife and how to keep the love and respect of her son, my future husband. As the years passed and you became India's most beloved leader, I had none of the fears that beset the wife who may be cast aside when her husband has climbed the ladder of success, as so often happens in other countries. I knew that death would still find us husband and wife.

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## MAHATMA GANDHI WORLD PEACE MEMORIAL

Dr. V. M. Nawle, a publisher and journalist from Poona, India, an old friend of Paramahansa Yogananda who knew of the spiritual regard between Gandhi and Sri Yogananda, obtained a portion of the Mahatma's ashes just before they were to be spread upon the Ganges, and sent them to the Guru.

Paramahansaji conducted the dedication of the Gandhi World Peace Memorial at the SRF Lake Shrine in Pacific Palisades, California, on August 20, 1950, enshrining the ashes in a centuries-old Chinese sarcophagus near the shores of the lake. On October 24, 1951, Dr. Nawle wrote Paramahansaji:

*"Regarding Gandhi ashes,  
I may say that [they] are scattered and  
thrown in almost all the important  
rivers and seas, and nothing is given  
outside India except the remains which  
I have sent to you after a great ordeal....  
You make India and the whole world shy,  
as you are the first in erecting a  
Gandhi Memorial.*

*You are the only one in the whole world  
who received Gandhi ashes outside India."*

Today the Gandhi World Peace Memorial at the Lake Shrine attracts thousands of visitors a year, silently reminding all of the eternal message of ahimsa, forgiveness, and universal love for which this great soul lived and died.

**EPICS SHALL SOMEDAY BE WRITTEN ON THE INDIAN SATYAGRAHIS** who withstood hate with love, violence with nonviolence, who allowed themselves to be mercilessly slaughtered rather than retaliate. The result on certain historic occasions was that the armed opponents threw down their guns and fled, shamed, shaken to their depths by the sight of men who valued the life of another above their own.

*- Paramahansa Yogananda's Memorial Service for Mahatma Gandhi*



Memorial for Gandhi's ashes at the Self-Realization Fellowship Lake Shrine

## LAST SPEECH OF PARAMHANSA YOGANANDA

Delivered at the Biltmore Hotel on March 7, 1952

I am not here in an advisory capacity. So I will relate a few snatches of my experiences. I remember my meeting with Mahatma Gandhi. The great prophet brought a practical method for peace to the warring modern world. Gandhi, who for the first time applied Christ principles to politics and who won freedom for India, gave an example that should be followed by all nations to solve their troubles.

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You, your Excellency, represent the great spiritual India. I wish that you bring the very best of my India to my America, and take the very best of my America to my India. But that is very difficult task, no doubt, for in this world nations and men are all a little bit crazy, and they don't know it – because people with the same kind of craziness mix together. But when differently crazy people get together and compare notes, they find out their particular craziness.

I am proud that I was born in India. I am proud that we have a great Ambassador representing my spiritual India.

I am very proud today. I often say:

Mortal fires may raze all her homes and golden paddy fields;

Yet to sleep on her ashes and dream immortality,

O India, I will be there!

God made the earth, and man made confining countries

And their fancy-frozen boundaries.

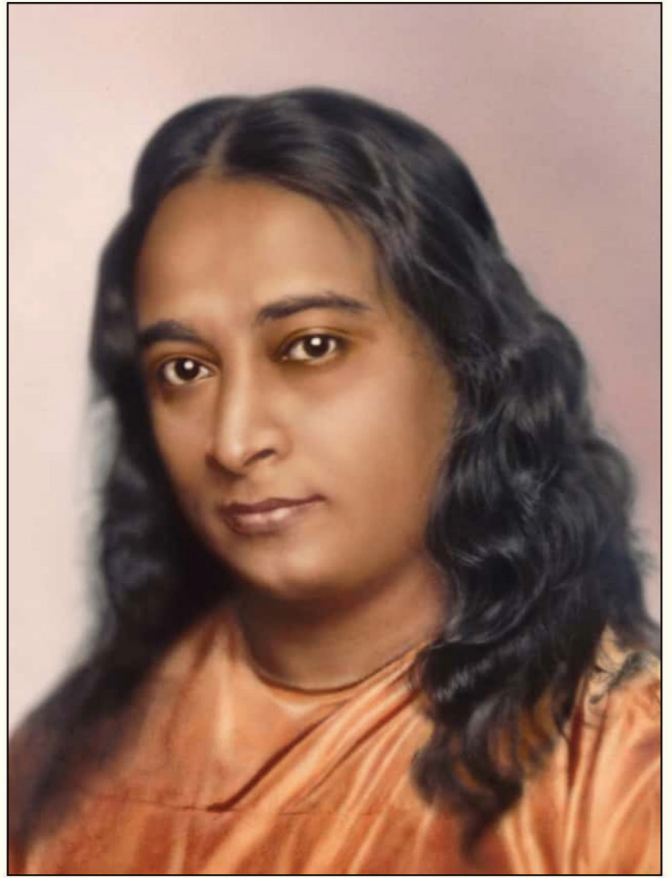
Where Ganges, woods Himalayan caves, and men dream God-

I am hallowed; my body touched that sod.

With these last words, from his poem, “My India,”

Paramhansaji slid to the floor; a beatific smile on his face. He had often said: “I do not wish to die in bed, but with my boots on, speaking of God and India”

Excerpts from *Paramahansa Yogananda In Memoriam*  
(Personal Accounts of the Master's Final Days)



*Autobiography of a Yogi*, Paramahansaji's life story, was published in 1946 and expanded by him in subsequent editions. Recognised from the beginning as a landmark work in the field, the book has been in print continuously since its initial publication more than 72 years ago. Honoured as one of the 100 best spiritual books of the 20th Century, it remains one of the most important, and readable, works on Yoga and Eastern spiritual thought. It has been translated into 50 languages, including 13 Indian languages.



On March 7, 1952, the great guru entered mahasamadhi, a God-illuminated master's conscious exit from the body at the time of physical death. He has just finished giving a short speech at a banquet honouring India's ambassador to the United States, Dr. Binay R. Sen, at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

His passing was marked by an extraordinary phenomenon. A notarized statement signed by the Director of Forest Lawn Memorial-Park testified.

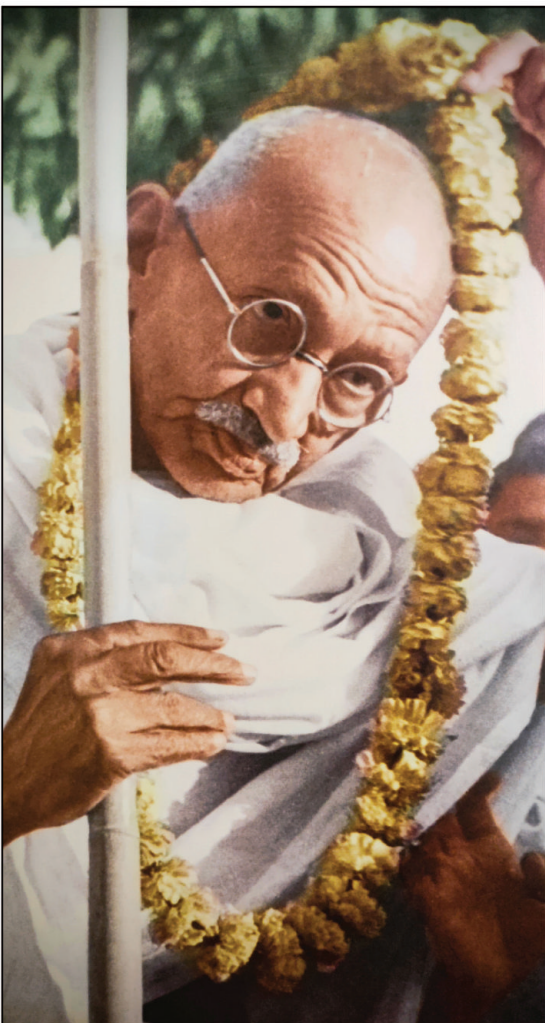
“The absence of any visual signs of decay in the dead body of Paramhansa Yognanda offers the most extraordinary case in our experience...No physical disintegration was visible in his body even twenty days after death... No indication of mold was visible on his skin, and no visible desiccation (drying up) took place in the bodily tissues. This state of perfect preservation of a body is, so far as we know from mortuary annals, an unparalleled one...”

“At the time of receiving Yogananda's body, the Mortuary personnel expected to observe, through the glass lid of the casket, the usual progressive signs of bodily decay. Our astonishment

increased as day followed day without bringing any visible change in the body under observation. Yogananda's body was apparently in a phenomenal state of immutability...No odour of decay emanated from his body at any time...”

“The physical appearance of Yogananda on March 27th just before the bronze cover of the casket was put into postilion, was the same as it had been on March 7th. He looked on March 27th as fresh and as unravaged by decay as he had looked on the night of his death. On March 27th there was no reason to say that his body had suffered any visible physical disintegration at all. For this reason we state again that the case of Paramhansa Yogananda is unique in our experience.”





## A GREAT PROPHET

A great Prophet for the people of the world. A humble leader for the people of the world. A life to inspire future generations of the world. Mahatma Gandhi was the voice for nothing less than world peace on this earth.

His life was the symbol of oneness with not only the prosperous but with the downtrodden masses. He wholeheartedly believed in the inherent nobility of man and had an implicit trust in human nature.

This gentle Prophet exemplified that of a True politician. His goal wasn't to see India rise above other nations nor to see India exploit a single human being. His goal was for India to be the example of strength for the world and to charge the world with the Omnipotent tool of Truth and Non-Violence.

Mahatma Gandhi was a devoted practitioner of the Kriyayoga of Lahiri Mahasaya. He received higher initiation from the fully Realized Master, Paramhansa Yogananda. Lahiri Mahasaya would advise his disciples to solve all problems through Kriyayoga Meditation. 'Clear your mind of dogmatic theological

debris. Attune yourself to the active inner Guidance; the Divine Voice has the answer to every dilemma of life.'

Again and again, I declare to the masses. A time will come when the people of this earth will finally believe that only unshakable devotion in Kriyayoga Meditation will bring about the perfect transformation needed to live and serve like Mahatma Gandhi. Yugas will come and go to see more and more Gandhi-conscious people bless this earth. United by God-consciousness through Kriyayoga Meditation, the future is bright for this land!

As stated by Gandhiji, to attain a mental state of nonviolence requires a great deal of discipline. 'Every problem would lend itself to solution if determined to make the law of truth and nonviolence the law of life.' This state can only be achieved through unwavering devotion to Kriyayoga Meditation. Practice Kriyayoga Meditation more and more and serve hand-in-hand with Mahatma Gandhi.





Each century is charged with the vibration of Truth and Non-Violence. The 19th century is blessed by the incarnation of the great Prophets, Mahatma Gandhi, Yogavatar Lahiri Mahasaya, Gyanavatar Swami Shree Yukteswar, and Paramhansa Yogananda.

Mahatma Gandhi showed the path of Truth and Non-Violence by demonstrating a practical method of peace. The meditation technique practiced by Mahatma Gandhi, which should be followed by all people of the world, is the same which is written in 'The Holy Science' by Swami Shree Yukteswar ji, the closest and exalted disciple of Lahiri Mahasaya.

Mahatma Gandhi practiced Kriyayoga from the beginning of his childhood. He, however, was unaware that he was practicing Kriyayoga. The day and time when he received Kriyayoga initiation from Paramhansa Yogananda, they both realized that Mahatma Gandhi was practicing the Ego-liberating meditation technique from childhood.

The practice of the principle and philosophy of 'The Holy Science' (Kaivalya Darshanam) brings the realization that this practice builds a strong foundation for all around development of human life. The Kriyayoga Meditation is the simplest, easiest, and most effective meditation. It is known as the perfect Pranayama.



Oh, Gandhi !

The prison walls have become a temple  
by Thy Presence!!

And Thou art more dangerously  
eloquent by Thy Silence !!

Thy physical voice is muffled  
'neath the prison vaults, but

Thy silent voice of Spirit is loosened,  
and is beating the drums of  
universal sympathy and attention,  
to rouse the races slumbering in hatred,  
in political selfishness, in greed  
for possessions, in mutual deceptions,  
and in brother making war preparations  
against brother.

Gandhi ! Politically crucified,  
Thou are not only the saviour of a race, of  
India, but also of all the selfish,  
hatred-stricken races of the world.  
And now there comes Thy prison,  
like a Judas, to take Thee away from us,  
but Thy prison shall be Thy best  
message bearer, the greatest preacher of  
Thy truth for all times, and  
Thy supreme slave to build a mansion  
of love for Thy truth and Thee in the heart  
of each race.

Gandhi !

Thy Bible, all the warriors of futurity will  
read and follow, and therein  
learn to combat, not their brothers,  
but the Satan of  
Ignorance and all his army.

Gandhi !

Thy saintliness, and the fragrance  
of the unfading flower of  
Thy determination, will charm the  
menacing fire of cannon, until they sing  
instead the Freedom of India through Peace.

Gandhi !

Thy flute of peace will tune the  
wild beasts of political misunderstandings  
in the race! Just as God did not choose  
to use His miraculous powers to  
discipline man, but chose love instead,  
so Thou hast chosen the path of love,  
not force, that mightiest love to free India.

For Thy love will awaken love,  
will melt gunpowder, selfishness, political  
strife, hatred, wars, fighting airplanes,  
bombs, machine guns and armies into the  
consistency of All-Freeing Love.

Oh, Gandhi !

Thy Love will build the United States of the  
World, and thy seal will be in every heart!

**Sri Paramahansa Yogananda**

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Mahatma Gandhi visited

Yogoda Satsanga Society school in Ranchi.

## THE GREAT MAHATMA GANDHI

Before Jesus came Krishna, Buddha, and others. After Jesus came Swami Shankara, Babaji, Lahiri Mahasaya, Swami Sri Yukteswar Giriji, and many others. Now comes the great Mahatma Gandhi.\* He is not only the saviour of a few devotees and religious followers, but a political saviour of all politic-ridden nations.

All great religious leaders and saints have had large followings in their own particular religious sects. Gandhi has not only influenced millions of religious followers, but also thousands of politicians, and almost all races and countries inhabiting this strife-stricken earthly home.

We hear of scriptural rules, but we see them lived and manifested in few people. Mahatma Gandhi lives and practises scriptural truths in all their details. The words of no other prophet or saviour have had such an effect on a powerful nation as have those of Gandhi on England.

When he first met Lord Irwin, after being imprisoned by him, the Mahatma had not the slightest enmity in his heart. Lord Irwin addressed him: "How are you, dear friend?" and presented him with goat's milk and dates. Newspapermen marvelled and wrote that Mahatma did not show any trace of anger when he met Lord Irwin. In South Africa Gandhi was stabbed by a man. When urged to take legal proceedings against him, Gandhi refused, saying, "I will send him my love." Later, when this would-be assassin heard of Gandhi's attitude, he became his follower.

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# GANDHI: THE PROPHET WHO SWAYS INDIA

The following are excerpts from *The New York Times*. It displays the perception of *The United States of America* about Mahatma Gandhiji. Less than two months later Gandhiji would lead his great non-violent Dandi Salt March on March 12th of 1930.

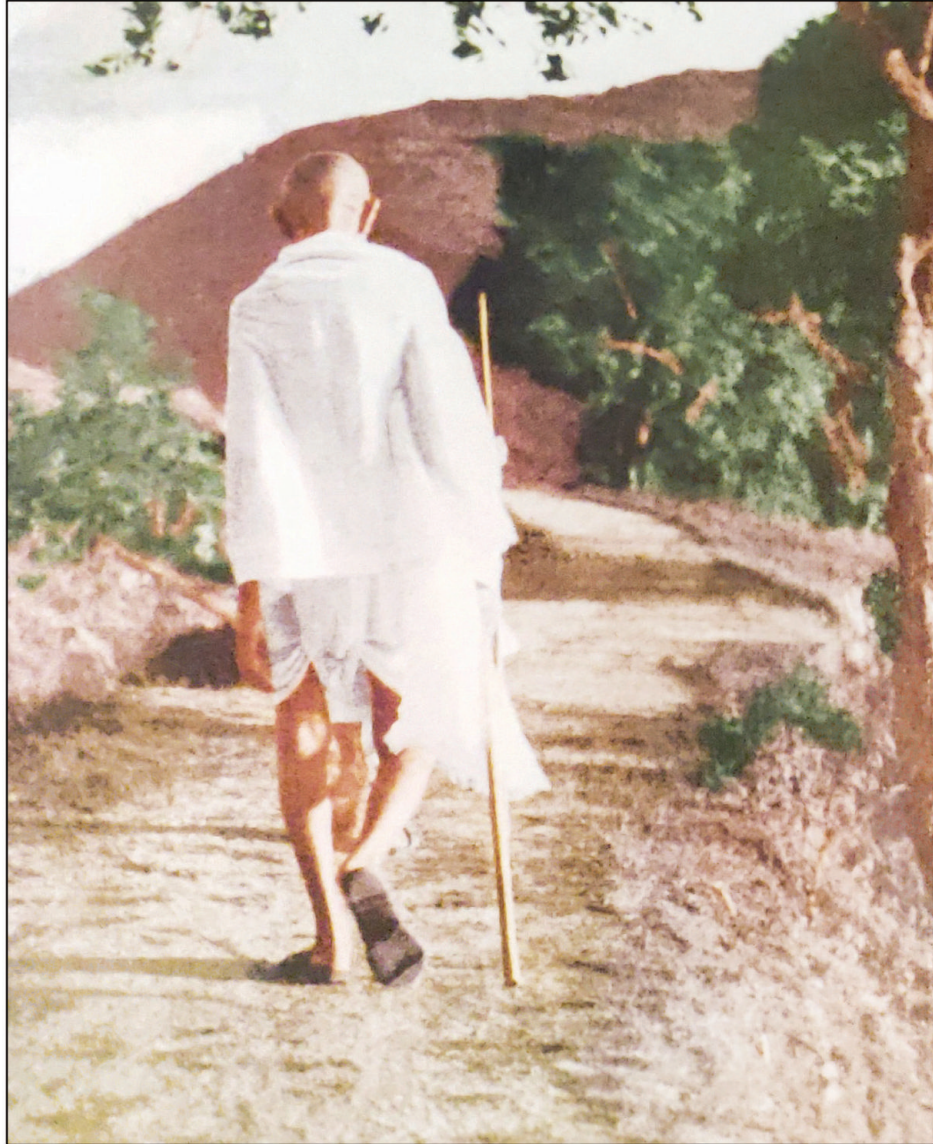
**January 19, 1930**

The West, which dotes on personality, is again reminded that a unique study exists in M. K. Gandhi, a product of that East which has not even invented a word by which to translate "personality" in our popular jargon sense. If picturesqueness be an indication of personality, Gandhi can well supply this. For years Europeans in India tried to frown him out of existence because he wore no clothes. They have discovered that even a naked man in this twentieth century can be a menace to an empire.

Gandhi is picturesque -- so picturesque that an average Westerner must see him many times before he can convince himself that he exists. A gnome of a man, with emaciated, crooked limbs, lower legs that fold up like the legs of a folding chair, elbows sharp as pointed sticks, a hairy breast with protruding ribs, a mouth which has left only three or four doubtfully secure teeth covered by long, sensitive lips, a long tongue which almost gestures when he speaks, huge ears, high cheek bones, sparse hair, a furrowed brow that moves eloquently over his peaked forehead, and piles in billows above his eyes when he concludes his sentences; dark, deep eyes with snapping lights there is a picture of his body. A picture of his soul would be just as original and paradoxical.

Let us begin with his voice, for the voice of a man is half-way between his body and his soul. Gandhi's voice is high-pitched, smooth and musical, rolling out the vowels of the English language with full Oxford flavor, or shaping the consonants of his native Gujarati with knife-like precision. He may speak hurriedly at times. I doubt it. But I have seen men after listening to his clipped sentences, depart as bullets shot out of guns. The most fascinating thing about him is his great crooked smile, his tinkling laugh. He has an unfailing sense of humor, and one's impulse is to say anything for the privilege of hearing that laugh once again.

There is never any time to be lost however, when one interviews Mahatma Gandhi. He sees every



one, but he does not see any one long. They may continue to sit in his presence, or even loll over his pallet, but he no longer sees them. With the self-preserving instinct of all Indian great men, he requires to be left in absolute solitude for a certain period each day.

Gandhi first shocked Christianity and particularly the British Empire by insisting that the doctrine of love of Jesus Christ was an argument which could be used in politics. Gandhi embarrassed the empire so much that he won freedom for his people in South Africa. Incidentally he won the respect and affection of his enemy, General Jan Smuts. He has not stopped embarrassing people since, and his paramount power in India today is due to the extreme embarrassment into which he has thrown all communities, and their necessity of leaning upon him, greatly as they may dislike him, in their embarrassment....

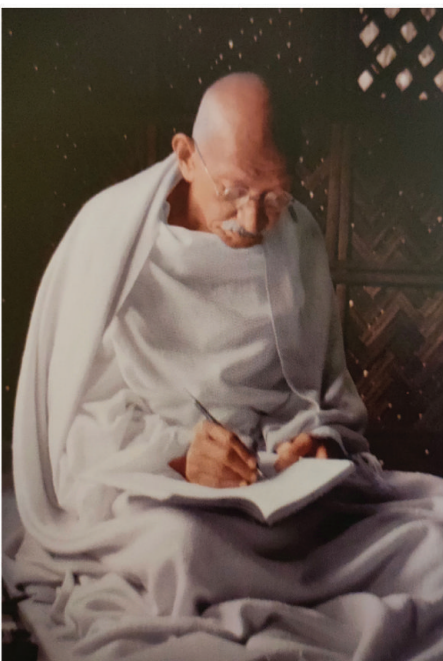
Should the time come for him to lay down his life he could do so as easily and willingly as he went to jail, knowing that his dying would embarrass the enemies of his cause as greatly as his lifework, and knowing that the impatient India which must first repudiate him will eventually make his principle its ideal and him its messiah. "Pity you Westerners who have to get everything done in a life time; I can wait 40 or 400 years," he once said to me...

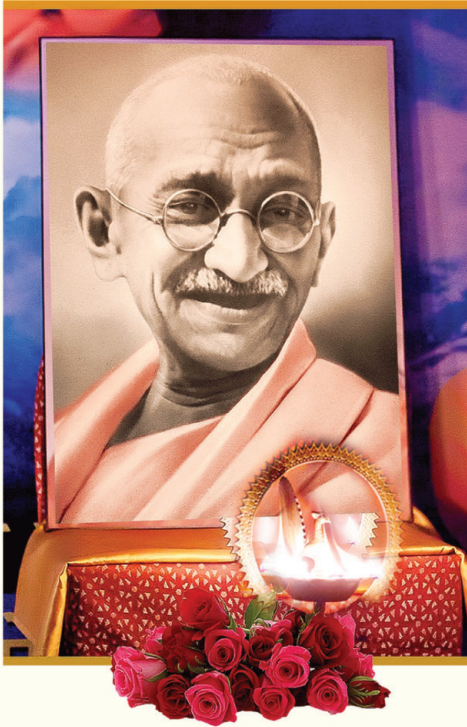
*Humblest of men, happiest not when called Mahatma (Noble Soul) or religious guru or political chief, but during his daily play hour with village children who call him "Daddy," Gandhi yet possesses self-confidence that in the man who does not feel himself agent of a "divine cause" would seem arrogance. Listen to a frail man in a loin cloth casually flinging his challenge to the world's mightiest empire: "We have given the British their last and greatest opportunity."*

What is his secret?

I think my wife discovered it for me. She said: "In his presence I felt a new capability and power in myself rather than a consciousness of his power. I felt equal, confident, good for anything -- an assurance I had never known before, as if some consciousness within me had newly awakened."

A man who can do this to people can mold his age.





## “ YOU KNOW MY FAITH RAMANAMA.

If I die due to lingering illness,  
 nay even by as much as boil or pimple,  
 it will be your duty to proclaim to the world,  
 even at the risk of making people angry at you,  
 that I was not the man of God that I claimed to be.  
 If you do that, my spirit will have peace.

Note down this also that if someone  
 were to **end my life by putting a bullet** through me,  
 as someone tried to do with a bomb the other day, and  
 I met this bullet without a groan, and  
**breathed my last taking God's name**, than alone  
 would I have made good my claim.”

- Excerpt from The End of an Epoch by Manubahen Gandhi

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“ Even if I am killed,  
 I will not give up repeating the names of  
**RAMA AND RAHIM**,  
 which mean to me the **SAME GOD**.  
 With these names on my lips,  
**I will die cheerfully.** ”

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“Mahatma Gandhi came and stood at the door of India's destitute millions, clad as one of themselves, speaking to them in their own language...who else has so unreservedly accepted the vast masses of the Indian people as his flesh and blood...Truth awakened Truth.”

- Rabindranath Tagore

Gandhi was probably the first person in history to lift the love ethic of Jesus above mere interaction between individuals to a powerful and effective social force on a large scale. If humanity is to progress, Gandhi is inescapable. He lived, thought, and acted, inspired by the vision of humanity evolving toward a world of peace and harmony.

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

Gandhiji's death is truly a loss to mankind which sorely needs the living light of those ideals of love and tolerance for which he strove and died. India, indeed the world, will not see the like of him again, perhaps, for centuries. Mahatma Gandhi will go down in history on par with Buddha and Jesus Christ.

- Lord Mountbatten

