

# The Principles of Non-violence

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The principal of Non-violence is based on the belief that man's supreme happiness consisted in the realization of his oneness with the rest of the creation . The principal application of non-violence in life is satyagraha or soul force. The practical application of non-violence is not new; only its importance is stressed in relation non-violence. True democracy means village industries, primary education through crafts, removal of untouchability, communal harmony, prohibition and non-violent organization of labour . Gandhi remained firm on this principal because he was sure that in human relationship truth could not be realized by any other means . Non-violence means humanistic attitude towards life . Gandhi said, "Non-violence means is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind . It is the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by ingenuity of man . Destruction is not the law of the humans . Man lives freely by his readiness to die, If it need be at the hands of his brother, never by killing him. Every murder or other injury, no matter for what cause committed or inflicted on another is a crime against humanity. "

Gandhi's religion was the religion of humanity based on the conviction that every man has in him the spark of love . He was never tired of saying that truth and non-violence could lead to the establishment of a world without hatred, wars and all kind of conflicts . The path of non-violence advocated by Gandhi rises above all artificial barriers of caste, religion and nationality and yet raises the dignity of man in spheres of life .

The spiritual discipline which Gandhi suggested can be adopted by all individuals, all communities and all nations the world over . Gandhi had a wider aim in preaching his philosophy of love. He frankly said "My mission is not merely brotherhood of India humanity, my mission is not merely freedom of India . But through realization on freedom of India

hope to realize and carry on the mission of the brotherhood of man . Gandhi also claimed no status but that of a servant of India and in serving India he tried to serve humanity at large .

Through Gandhi was a true nationalist, but he was also a true internationalist . Gandhi advised non-violent nations to organize themselves into a world federational league . He laid down principles for ideal international organization, such as non-violence freedom from colonialism, equal representation of all nations, general disarmament and a small international police force to keep order in the absence of universal belief in non-violence .

Gandhi truly belonged to all time and all mankind . His life as a whole was a teaching to the successive generations . Gandhi followed his character as simplicity, the quest for truth, gentleness shall continue to be cherished by mankind for ever .

Dr. Rajendra Prasad has compared the life of Gandhi with the river Ganges which serves all who seek to make use of her . " If we want peace and happiness and to live as human beings we must follow the path chalked out by Gandhiji for in it lies our own good and that of the world." Gandhi used all his energy for the uplift of humanity . Gandhi belonged not to India but the whole world . The Gandhian method of non-violence is the best theme for a peaceful society over the world .