

# Gandhian thought and International Peace

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## Abstract

Peace process upheld human race with the entities of peace and non violence. These two entities are inseparable. Peace is the fruit that has attained through non violent techniques after settling dispute. In this article we have discussed a ideas of peace saint or mahatma i.e.; Mahatma Gandhi and his teachings in attaining global peace. The concept of global peace has been hindered by many challenges that includes both manmade and natural. The humanity, forgiveness and non violence as the positive understanding of give and take that is the rational behavior of peace. Over the centuries, world civilization faces conflict from Stone Age to nuclear age. Human race has developed and enlightened his virtue and through this individual realistic behavior Gandhi believes that soul force gives perpetual peace one day.

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## Introduction

History of humanity shows that great men are always suffered with the existing social evils and always tried to struggle and fought against it. Mahatma Gandhi was one among them. The challenges prevailed in society historically have responded by him in a very definite way. The prevailing conditions and aspirations of people has monetize Gandhi in his own way.

The global peace and non violence are the moral actions which raises certain questions like the meaning and hope associated with it. The question over nuclear weapons and other lethal weapons are the global challenges which asserted that is non violence is the only solutions before nuclear weapons ? Is there any peace exists where hunger, poverty, injustice are associated with each other? Does violence is rooted from human nature and does the peace actions through non violence transforms human and humanity? These questions put the remarks with the conditions that where we are progressing today. What is the ultimate goal of humanity for which we prosper it?

India through the mahatma like Gandhi proliferated two great messages before world i.e.; non violence and peace. The Gandhian direct actions through satyagraha on non violent means are the formulation and in practice before Britishers. Gandhian impact on Indian people and throughout world are distinctive. The global community has certain hopes and aspirations regarding his philosophy. The UNO observed 2nd October the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi as 'International day of non violence'.

## Origin of his Philosophy

Gandhi was of very liberal behavior in terms of his theological and philosophical school has been considered. The conceptual and philosophical analysis of Gandhi arrived him towards the understanding of peace. Mahatma Gandhi was very much influenced through Jainism and Buddhism. His theory of non violence and principles of existence were also laid on such religions. These to religious schools influence him and laid the basis of teachings of non violence. The readings of such scriptures make Gandhi tremendously change towards Mahatma. He was beloved scholar of Bhagavad-Gita which makes his commitment towards attachment and selfless action. Christianity led him towards the feeling of love and compassion, although his enemy was related with that. Gandhi was always keen towards the life and its meaning which based on truth and honesty. According to Gandhi "the life which has moral courage and justice for all, at the ultimate cost was the real essence of cultivation of human civilization". With such tools to fight against Britishers Gandhi successfully unite the country that no mass leader done before him.

## Non Violence

Non violence is the unseen and undefined tools which shake the entire British empire from India. From the major national movement that took place from 1920 up to the final achievement non violence become the arms and ammunition for the tortured Indian masses. After knowing its importance Gandhi understood economic profit of such tools and he hurt financial gains and economic assistance of britishers through that. The organized resistance and non cooperation against oppressive British forces became the fruitful tool in the Indian political movement. Non violence also shaped the civil disobedience movement and in later times in quit India movement. At

the same what communism and armed revolution didn't achieved Gandhi achieved the same through his actions of non violence. The service to humanity makes Gandhi a step above to ordinary people when after the independence Nehru was busy in political achievement and unleash his 'tryst with destiny' Gandhi was in action to prevent riots in Bengal through his non violent means. Gandhian non violent action categorized in two aspects :

- (a) Non violence in thought.
- (b) Non violence in action.

Gandhi was not ever been compromised in his former category but makes flexibility in his non violent actions. According to Mahatma Gandhi non violence is not a negative virtue but a positive one. It was not only absent from violence and harmful deeds but a state of love, compassion and well doing. To resist hatred things without any harm given to it is the well being of humanity, as the principle of non violence exist on 'hate the sin but not the sinner'. Gandhi believes that every human being is the part of positive figure and a part of God. Hence every human being is unique and potentially divine in himself. Fundamentally the origin and destiny of every human being are common in nature. Thus the chances of the reformation of evil deeds and facts cannot be ruled out. Gandhi makes attribution that what single man can do makes possible for all other to attain it. Therefore, the suppression of violence through violence is the error in human perfection. Man must attain the virtue of non violence in the service and hospitality of every individual.

### **Gandhian way of Global peace**

Gandhi was a person who has purity in their soul. He wanted a purity of means to achieve end. He was a peace loving man and wanted enduring and lasting peace which was never being achieved according to him through violence, repression and war. Violence emerges from hatred, enmity, anger, and selfishness. Peace which could attain through violence may not called as lasting peace. Violence which ultimately engulfed with war are in favor of destruction of human life and property. Love, goodwill, harmony, cooperation and selflessness are the origins of non violent programs which ensured enduring peace. According to Gandhi the fullness of peace couldn't be achieved until it links with social equality, human rights and economic justice. Hungry man do not want any theory or doctrine, he needs bread. The changing condition of society and masses ensures the unending peace or positive peace. Peace is the state of mind and heart. The individual reformation and equal social order makes the requirement for achieving global peace and security.

### **Gandhi on World politics**

Gandhian influence over world politics was not recognize the clear impact the years after the he passes away. But his ideas and philosophical tools is very clear today. The powerful nations of the world today are slightly tilted towards his ideas of disarmament, control over nuclear weapon, science and technological innovation in favors of human kind and education and spiritual upliftment. The charm of peace drifted them towards Gandhian tool as they are stood on the wake of global and regional tensions which were being any time became the tool for escalation of conflict and war. Today world has become more tightly gripping hands over harmony instead of conflict. Gandhi was among first in history who insisted harmony and peace in place of conflict and non violence and soul force in place of violence and armament.

### **Internationalism**

Gandhi insist that moral values of individual and its not violent core clearly reflects human activity multidimensional. Human act in social, political, national and international sphere makes regeneration of his own. Gandhi wanted some international organizations which makes a symbol of cooperation and non violence at international level. He was against the use of force for setting disputes among nations and rather to that privileged that nations destiny depends on organize a quality which uses mediation, negotiation and arbitration as a core values of settling disputes. The international federation of nation states formulates such policies which makes nations to come closer to each other. The soldiers of non violence program will bear no arms, and must be trained for resolving disputes among the states. Gandhi knows that such world order must take a time to evolve but the goodness of human beings prompt them to hope for the best. He said that human being is always in a search for good and higher pursuit for perfection. So the time come when violence became a mean ant thing and non violence paved the way for the nation's state to make world federation in which all the nation's must be participated and treated on equal basis.

### **War begins in mind**

The peace consists of inner and outer. It is not a human factor that causes war. The reality of international relations is that to share the fortunes and misfortunes, happiness and misery, pleasure and sorrow which transcends national boundary. The evil actions generates from mind and to remove it one must suppress it from its source. The reformation from within is the ultimate and absolute way for perpetual peace. If human mind which evolve war progresses peace then there would be no violence exists. The solid peace according to Mahatma Gandhi contains moral transformations of human heart and mind. According to Gandhi ", Economic equality is the

master key of the non violent world order. Peace exists in fraternity rather than in fear. He wanted a new world order which must be free from exploitation and committed towards non violence.

### Humanity of war

In entire history of humanity never in a constant fear of insecurity and threat of nuclear war, but after the destruction made on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the humanity was not even in a barbarous stage but it makes possible to extinguish it totally from the entire earth. In such a situation of existence our differences on the issues of race and religion, class and color, ideology of nation are meaningless and irrelevant. We have to be on a track of practical and realistic way by which the conclusion of human beings does not mark through on its own destruction.

### Conclusion

The age of nuclear weapon let us having a two option i.e.; to live together or to die together. The ancient notion that nothing welds people more rapidly than a common disaster. World armed with nuclear weapons have nothing to left to along using non violent techniques. It has rather become only single solution in between the age of weapons of mass destruction. Man is very creative and judgmental. It has a capacity to find ways to restore the violence and war. Man is not grateful to what exactly he is. But what he should do in future according to the times need that poses its potential. Human kind is very unique either from potentially or from psychologically. The nature of human being is differ in one civilization from another. The importance of peace has viewed in context of violent and terror acts happening among the groups and nations. Every time when peace has been ignored a plot of violence has been seeded. Therefore, the terror actions and violence becomes the superior power and peaceful missions became futile. Gandhi always transverse global peace at micro and individual levels so that every entity of the society performs his duty in attaining peace on height.

The present scenario is that contemporary human civilization needs peace and very much against the war and any kind of violence. The contemporary problems which were never being solved by previous generations are being done so easily by the capability of the present generation. The new world vision, the changing societies, the value system and creation of more dialogue between individual and nation-states save mankind from any kind of violence and war.

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