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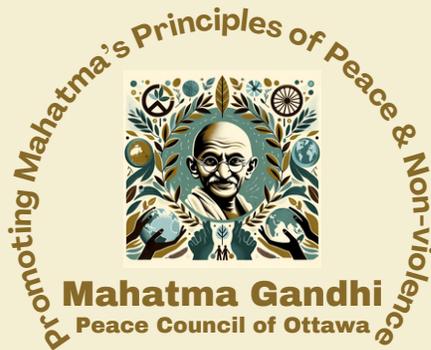
Echoes of Peace, Non-violence, and Harmony

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Our Mission

To educate communities on Gandhi's principles of peace, justice, and harmony across cultures.

**CULTURAL
COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION**

Saturday, August 30, 2025 | 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Shenkman Arts Centre, Ottawa
Free Admission – Register at gandhji.ca/jayanti2025

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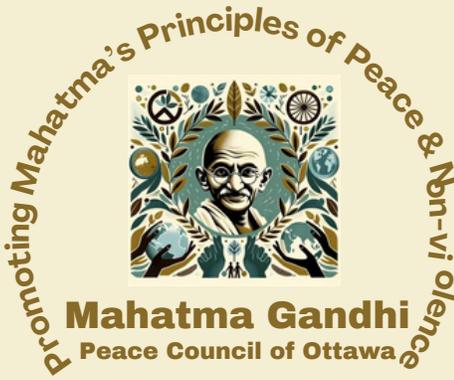
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**An ounce of patience is worth more than a
tonne of preaching.**



OUR MANIFESTO FOR 2025

Initiatives & Activities for Diverse Communities in Ottawa

Lectures/Seminars To Educate Community in Gandhian Principles

Gandhi Memorial Day Lecture 2025 (Jan 2025)

Featuring William van Geest (Ecology Ottawa) on "Why Bother with Local Environmental Action?... on Greening Canada's Capital."

M.K. Gandhi Annual Lecture 2025 (Nov 2025)

Our flagship event (Endowed Lecture) held in collaboration with the College of the Humanities, Carleton University,

"Living Gandhi's Legacy - Talks & Community Dialogue" Series

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- (2025-Feb-15) Fearlessness: Overcoming Personal and Social Challenges
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Virtual Education Initiatives for the Different Segments of Community

Monthly Newsletter (Gandhi's Reflections)

Educating community by sharing Articles/Essays, Videos, and Book Summaries related to Gandhian Principles and Values.

Gandhi's Vows Education

- Gandhi's Vows for Kids (9-13)
- Gandhi's Vows for Youth (14-27)
- Gandhi's Vows for Everyone

Self-paced Workshops

- **Inner Peace Journey:** Discover how to manage stress, build positive relationships, and embrace social responsibility for a fulfilling life.
- **Cultivating Kindness Society:** Building Compassionate Lives, One Thought, One Act, One Community at a Time

Community Celebrations (Cultural Programs) & Service Initiatives

Bhajan Bliss Music Concert (Apr 12)

Pandit Kaivalya Kumar Gurav singing classical Bhajans

Gandhi Jayanti 2025 Celebrations

Garlanding of statue (Oct 2)
Cultural Function (Aug 30)

Community Services

Environmental Stewardship
Community Dialogues
Companion Visits
Storytelling/Culture Exchange

Let your thoughts be free of hatred, your actions be guided by truth, and your heart open to all. That is the path to a peaceful society.



Gandhi Jayanti 2025

CELEBRATION WITH OTTAWA COMMUNITIES



2025 GANDHI JAYANTI (ANNIVERSARY) COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Join us for a vibrant blend of music, drama, dance, and song.
Saturday, August 30, 2025 (3-6 PM)

FREE ENTRY. Registration Required: <https://gandhiji.ca/jayanti2025>

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Sponsorships are open (see Sponsorship Poster)

 **Jeevan Jyoti**
Performing Arts

Artistic Director: Punita Patel
2-3 PM: Check-in and entry into the auditorium
3-5:30 PM: Cultural Program

- Welcome Address
- National Anthem followed by India Anthem
- Vaishnava Janato - Classical Dance
- Tributes to Gandhiji by Dignitaries
- Sri Ram Stuti - Classical Dance
- Value-Based Songs - In English by an Ensemble (Musical Program)
- Musical Program - Bhajan Medley

Intermission

- Classical Dance - Medley
- Life of Gandhi - Dance Drama
- Closing Remarks

5:30 - 7:30: Community dinner (vegetarian)



2025 Gandhi Jayanti (Anniversary) Community Celebration:
Celebrating Truth, Justice, and the Path to Peace.

सत्यमेव जयते !
TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS!

Contact: Punita Patel (613-406-2883) / Anil Agrawal (613-859-8654)
FREE Registration: <https://gandhiji.ca/jayanti2025>

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COMMUNITY DINNER: FOOD VENDORS WILL SELL FOOD ONSITE.

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AN APPEAL TO THE COMMUNITY

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Your contribution helps us continue to educate and inspire our community with Gandhian principles. Together, we can make a lasting impact.



If we could erase the "I's" and "Mine's" from religion, politics, economics, etc., we shall soon be free and bring heaven upon earth.



Echoes of Gandhi: Past Lectures Revisited

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- 1) 2024 "Notes from the Climate Struggle" by Bill McKibben (Talk published in Newsletter-Issue # 1)
- 2) 2023 "Impact of Jain Religious Tradition on Gandhi" by J. Humar (Talk published in Newsletter-Issue# 2)
- 3) 2022 "Peace in a Picemeal World" by Jaya Row (Zoom Call) (Talk published in Newsletter-Issue# 3)
- 4) 2021 "Mahatma Gandhi & Islamic Non-violence" - Panel Discussion (Talk published in Newsletter-Issue# 4)
- 5) 2021 "Turning the Tide on Non-violence in Education" by Jill Carr-Harris (Talk published in Newsletter-Issue# 5)
- 6) 2020 "Mahatma Gandhi - Beyond the Civil Rights Movement (Panel) (Talk published in Newsletter-Issue# 6)
- 7) 2019 "Gandhi and Human Rights" by Vinay Lal (Talk published in Newsletter-Issue #7)
- 8) 2019 "Gandhi: His Relevance in the Modern World - Panel Discussion (Talk published in Newsletter-Issue# 8)
- 9) 2019 "Jai Jagat: A 10,000 KM March..." by Jill Carr-Harris Talk published in Newsletter-Issue# 9)
- 10) 2018 "Gandhi and the Human Rights to Peace" by Douglas Roche (Published in this Issue # 10)
- 11) 2018 "Reflections on Gandhi, the Great Law of Peace and Indigenous Resurgence" by Taiiaki Alfred (In Issue # 11)
- 12) 2017 "Samdarshana and Sambhava: Gandhi on the Plurality of Religions" by Dr. Bindu Puri (**In Issue # 12**)
- 13) 2017 "Mahatma Gandhi Today" - Panel Discussion [No video]
- 14) 2016 "A Centre for Peace (A Vision for the Sacred Islands in the Ottawa River)" by Douglas Cardinal (No video)
- 15) 2015 "The Mahatma, the Pope, and the Planet - Gandhian Reflections on the Pope's Recent Letter on Environment" by Dr. Noel Salmond (No video)
- 16) 2014 "Gandhi's Solution to Religious Conflicts" by Dr. Arvind Sharma (In Issue #13)
- 17) 2014 "Non-Violence Conference (A Weapon of the Strong)" - St. Paul University (No video)
- 18) 2013 "Gandhi's Religion and the Politics of Hinduism" by Vinay Lal [[Transcript only](#)]
- 19) 2013 "Gandhi as Social Visionary: The Grassroots Work of Ekta Parishad" by Paul Schwartzentruber [[Transcript](#)]
- 20) 2012 "In Search of Pax Gandhiana" by Dr. Anthony J. Parel [[Video in Issue 14](#)] [[Transcript](#)]
- 21) 2011 "Encountering Gandhi on the Rideau River" by Dr. Noel Salmond [[Video in Issue 15](#)]
- 22) 2010 "Mythic Origins of Non-violence" by Devdutt Pattanaik [[Video in Issue 16](#)]
- 23) 2009 "The Influence of Vaishnavism on Mahatma Gandhi" by Dr. Harsha Dehejia [in #16]**
- 24) 2008 "Gandhi and Women" by Trichur Rukmani
- 25) 2007 "Gandhi, Religion & Non-violence" by Dr. Paul Younger
- 26) 2007 "Gandhi and the Question of the Worship of Images" by Dr. Noel Salmond
- 27) 2006 "Gandhiji's Ideals: Truth and Non-violence, Religion and Non-Violence" by Dr. Trichur Rukmani

***He who is ever brooding over result often loses nerve
in the performance of his duty.***



2009 GANDHI JAYANTI LECTURE

Dr. Harsha Dehejia on "The influence of Vaishnavism on Mahatma Gandhi"



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ChatGPT Summary of the Video: Dr. Harsha Dehejia discusses the significant influence of Vaishnavism on Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy and actions. He emphasizes that while various cultural influences shaped Gandhi, Vaishnavism played a crucial role in his thoughts and approach to social reform. Ultimately, Gandhi's ideals were rooted in the belief that all religions hold some truth, focusing on collective welfare and community action.

Expanded Summary:

In the video titled "The Influence of Vaishnavism on Mahatma Gandhi," Dr. Harsha Dehejia explores the profound impact of Vaishnavism on the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. He begins by expressing his respect for Gandhi and highlights his significant role in shaping modern India and contributing to the global freedom struggle. Dehejia does not attempt to single out Vaishnavism as Gandhi's only influence, acknowledging the complexity of Gandhi's life, which was shaped by various cultural experiences during his time in England and South Africa.

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The more we give up our attachment to the physical frame of the person we love, the purer and more expansive our love grows.



2009 Video: Dr. Harsha Dehejia on "The influence of Vaishnavism on Mahatma Gandhi" (page 2/2)

Expanded Summary (continued):

Dr. Dehejia emphasizes that while Gandhiji was rooted in Hindu and Jain traditions, he viewed religions dynamically rather than as static entities. He quotes Gandhi's belief that all principal religions hold equal truth and that one's understanding of religious texts should evolve, reflecting the needs of society. The concept of Sarvodaya, or welfare of all, emerges as a vital aspect of Gandhi's philosophy, drawing directly from his interpretations of the Bhagavad Gita.

Central to this discussion is Gandhi's reinterpretation of key concepts in the Gita, particularly those related to karma and social action. Gandhi believed that religion should inspire action for the welfare of the people (lokasangraha) and that accurate religious understanding transcends individualism to encompass communal aspirations.

Dr. Dehejia also discusses Gandhiji's interpretation of Narsi Mehta's famous bhajan, which speaks to the collective nature of Vaishnavism and the idea that true devotion resonates with the community's struggles. Here, he connects the plight of Hindus during colonial oppression to the larger narrative of Indian society and emphasizes Gandhi's inclusive vision that blurred the lines between caste and creed.

He argues that Gandhi's approach to Vaishnavism was one of practicality and action rather than mere mystical contemplation, positioning him as a "saint of action." The spinning wheel, a symbol of Gandhiji's movement for self-reliance, exemplifies how his actions aimed to unify people in a common cause against socio-economic injustice.

In conclusion, Dr. Dehejia highlights how Gandhi's eclectic nature and his synthesis of various traditions culminated in a distinct form of spirituality that fought against colonialism and societal inequities. He reflects on Gandhi's last words, "Hey Ram," signaling his deep-rooted connection to Vaishnavism, encapsulating the theme of the video that Gandhi's life was a blend of spiritual pursuit and active engagement for the common good.

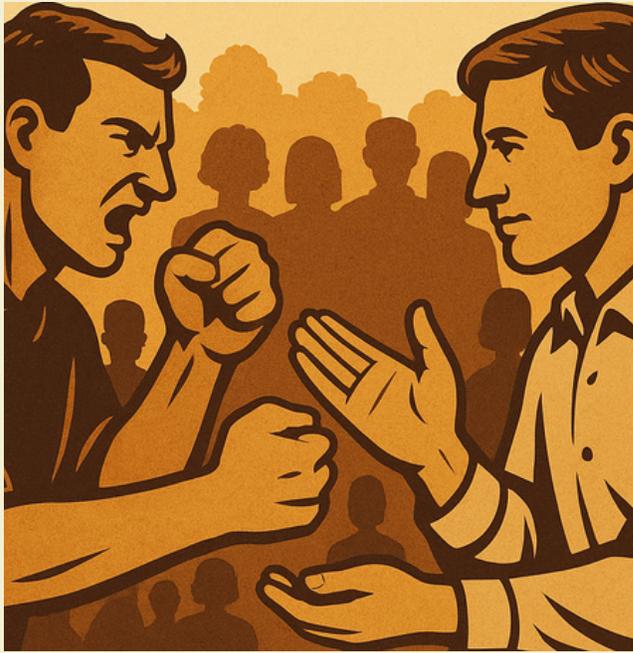
***The moment there is suspicion about a person's motives,
everything he does becomes tainted.***



Gandhi's Legacy Talks: 2025 Calendar

THIS MONTH
JULY 26, 2025

**Power of Equality of Religions
(Faiths): Embracing Diversity: The
Strength of Unity in Faith
by Ardy Verhaegen**



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Video Summary by AI: In his talk, Ardy Verhaegen discusses the concept of equality among religions, highlighting Mahatma Gandhi's belief in the shared values and ethical principles found in various faith traditions. He emphasizes the importance of promoting interfaith harmony and mutual respect, focusing on spiritual growth rather than the superiority of one religion over another. Verhaegen advocates for a global consciousness that recognizes the commonalities among religions, thereby fostering peace rather than conflict.

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An error does not become truth by reason of multiplied propagation, nor does truth become error because nobody sees it.



Expanded Summary of the Video:

In the video titled "Power of Equality of Religions (Faiths)," Ardy Verhaegen has discusses the principles held by Mahatma Gandhi regarding the equality of religions. He addresses the contemporary issues of intolerance and conflict between religious and cultural groups globally and emphasizes the importance of recognizing common values among different faith traditions.

In his discourse, Verhaegen references the universal principle of the **Golden Rule**, which emphasizes treating others as one wishes to be treated. This principle is echoed across major religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, Christianity, and Zoroastrianism, highlighting the foundational ethical teachings found in these diverse faiths.

Verhaegen draws on the writings of noted scholar Houston Smith, who describes various viewpoints on the relationship between religions, ranging from the notion that one religion is superior to others, to the perspective that all religions are fundamentally alike, and finally, to an acknowledgment of differences without assigning worth. He emphasizes that common ethical values, virtues like humility, charity, and truth, as well as a shared vision for humanity, are present in all major religions. This shared understanding encourages a shift toward a more peaceful coexistence rather than one driven by conflict and dogma.

The speaker illustrates how Gandhi's commitment to Sarv Dharma Samanatva –the principle of equality among religions–can foster interfaith harmony. He recounts Gandhi's view that each religion holds some truth while also possessing some errors, advocating for practitioners to deepen their understanding and practice of their respective faiths rather than attempt conversion.

Verhaegen discusses his spiritual journey and experiences with various religions, including interactions with spiritual leaders and involvement in interfaith initiatives, such as youth engagement projects and dialogues aimed at promoting unity among diverse faith traditions.

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The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems.



Expanded Summary of the Video (continued):

He highlights significant initiatives, such as the Parliament of World Religions and various interfaith youth programs, underscoring the ongoing efforts to cultivate respect and understanding across cultural and religious lines.

The talk culminates in a call to action, encouraging individuals to embody the principles of unity and equality in their daily lives, as Gandhi famously said, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." Verhaegen's perspective fosters a vision of peace through collective and individual action, emphasizing the essential oneness that connects all human beings, regardless of their diverse beliefs.

Peace begins in the pause.

In every moment of conflict, there's a chance to connect.

From reaction to understanding—make non-violence your daily practice.

All religions are true. They are true in their own way, but they are not equally perfect.



Article

*Freedom is not just a flag we raise
— It's a promise we must keep.
Let our celebration honour every voice,
Every truth, every life.
In joy, remember justice.
In pride, practice peace.
This is how a nation truly grows*

Canada Day Through Gandhi's Eyes... Celebrating Freedom, Reflecting on Responsibility

Contributed by Editors

On July 1st, Canadians gather across parks, cities, and small towns to celebrate Canada Day. This national holiday commemorates the birth of a country founded on the principles of peace, order, and good governance. From flag-waving families and fireworks over Parliament Hill, to citizenship ceremonies and community barbecues, the day is marked by both pride and gratitude. But behind the music and red-and-white fanfare, Canada Day is also a moment for quiet reflection—on who we are, where we've come from, and what kind of nation we want to become.

If Mahatma Gandhi were to walk among us on this day—quietly observing children with painted faces, Indigenous drummers opening ceremonies, immigrants taking the oath of citizenship, and veterans standing in reverent silence—he would likely smile gently. But being who Gandhi was, he would also ask us a question: “What story are you telling yourselves today?”

Freedom with a Conscience

For Gandhi, national days were never just about freedom to self-rule—they were about freedom with responsibility. He often reminded his fellow Indians that true independence (Swaraj) was not simply political liberation, but inner self-rule: “It is the freedom to do what is right, not the license to do what we please.”

If Gandhi were present on Canada Day, he would likely admire the civic spirit and diversity reflected in our gatherings. He would see strength in the way people from every continent—Francophones, Anglophones, First Nations, recent immigrants—stand together as Canadians. But he would also urge us not to let celebration become complacency.

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The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy.



Canada Day Through Gandhi's Eyes (continued page 2/3)

In his calm and unwavering tone, Gandhi might say: “Celebrate, yes. But also ask—does everyone feel free in this land? Do your Indigenous brothers and sisters feel at home in this celebration? Are the poor, the isolated, the forgotten, part of your story today?”

Citizenship as a Sacred Duty

Gandhi believed that citizenship was a moral responsibility, not a legal formality. In his mind, a true citizen **served their neighbour**, uplifted the weak, and worked for the common good.

During his time in South Africa, Gandhi organized Indian communities to act as volunteers during a plague outbreak in 1904. They served Black, Indian, and White communities alike. This, for him, was patriotism in action—**helping others not out of obligation, but out of love.**

On Canada Day, many newcomers take the oath of citizenship—a powerful ritual in which they publicly affirm their loyalty and commitment to Canada's values. If Gandhi were to witness this, he would likely applaud their courage and dignity. But he would also ask: *“Now that you have received your rights, how will you serve this land? What will you give back?”*

He might offer a metaphor: **“A tree does not boast of its roots, nor does it stand tall for itself—it stands to shelter others. So must your citizenship be.”**

A Celebration Rooted in Truth

Despite his profound spirituality, Gandhi was not afraid to confront harsh truths. He suspended major national protests in India when violence erupted, because he believed that justice achieved through harm was no justice at all.

In that spirit, he would challenge Canadians not to ignore the painful chapters of their past. He would visit the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and quietly sit with the survivors of residential schools. He would listen, not to speak, but to learn.

Then he would gently suggest: *“True national pride grows stronger when rooted in truth. Your healing begins where your honesty begins.”*

Gandhi might even suggest labeling Canada Day celebrations as **“Day of Reflection and Renewal”**—not to erase joy, but to deepen its foundation.

***Our lives begin to end the day we become silent
about things that matter.***



Canada Day Through Gandhi's Eyes (continued page 3/3)

Gandhi's Canada Day Message

If Gandhi were to address Canadians on the evening of July 1st, standing on a simple platform before the fireworks began, Gandhi's words would likely be humble, but profound:

"You have built a beautiful country—vast, generous, and rich in spirit. But do not measure its greatness by wealth or might. Measure it by the kindness of your citizens, the dignity of your poor, and the inclusion of those on the margins.

Your diversity is not a challenge—it is your treasure. Celebrate it not just once a year, but in your daily decisions.

Freedom is not a gift to be preserved in glass—it is a flame that must be kept alive through service, humility, and courage."

He might close with a simple call: "On this day of celebration, find someone who feels invisible—and make them feel seen. That is how nations grow—not in power, but in heart."

Final Reflection: Building the Canada We Wish For

Canada Day is a time to wave flags and sing songs. Yes, but following Gandhi's path, it is also a time to reflect deeply, listen generously, and recommit ourselves to the ideals that make a country worth celebrating.

Let us walk forward with joy—but also with purpose. With gratitude—but also with awareness. And with pride—but also with humility.

Because as Gandhi would remind us, a nation's soul is not revealed in its parades, but in how it treats its most vulnerable, and how it tells its whole story—with courage, compassion, and care.

Canada Day Celebration: *A moment to pause, ponder, and participate more fully in the story of Canada.*

Personal Reflection

What does freedom mean to me—not just politically, but personally?

How do I use my freedom to uplift others in my daily life?

Have I listened to the stories of Indigenous peoples or newcomers in Canada? What have I learned?

Our national independence is no longer in the hands of a few leaders. It has to be won by the people themselves.



ARTICLE

In an era dominated by corporate giants and market-driven innovation, we often overlook the most profound entrepreneurs from history. This article re-examines Gandhi's life through an entrepreneurial lens.

Gandhi: The Original Social Entrepreneur

... Lessons for Purpose-Driven Business in the Modern World

contributed by the Editors

Synopsis: *This article looks at Mahatma Gandhi not merely as a political or spiritual leader, but as a pioneering social entrepreneur. It argues that he applied core entrepreneurial principles—identifying problems, creating innovative solutions (like satyagraha and the khadi movement), building a powerful "brand," and mobilizing resources—to achieve profound social and political change, rather than focusing on personal profit.*

The article highlights his legacy for modern entrepreneurs, stressing the importance of purpose over pure profit, his advocacy for sustainability and localism (through the swadeshi movement), and his radical concept of trusteeship, urging the wealthy to view their resources as a societal trust. Ultimately, Gandhi's life offers a challenging yet inspiring blueprint for businesses seeking to prioritize ethical leadership, stakeholder welfare, and contribute to a more just and sustainable world.

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Our greatest ability as humans is not to change the world, but to change ourselves.



Article: Gandhi: The Original Social Entrepreneur (page 2/4)

In today's world, when we think of "entrepreneur," we often picture tech giants and venture capitalists. But applying this term to Mahatma Gandhi may seem strange at first. After all, he wasn't about making money; he was a political activist, a spiritual leader, and a fighter for freedom. However, if we take a closer look at his life, it's clear that he was a master of entrepreneurial ideas—just not in the traditional sense of building businesses.

Gandhi's work was about creating a new nation and improving society. He was, in many ways, the ultimate social entrepreneur, a revolutionary who identified a major problem—British colonial oppression and economic exploitation—and created innovative, scalable, and self-sustaining solutions to solve it. His legacy offers a profound and challenging blueprint for modern entrepreneurs, particularly in the Western world, who are increasingly seeking to blend profit with purpose.

The Entrepreneur of Non-Violent Resistance

Gandhi's "**start-up**" was the **movement for Indian independence**, and his "**product**" was the revolutionary concept of **satyagraha**, or **non-violent resistance**. He didn't invent the idea of non-violence, but he was an unparalleled innovator in its application. He transformed it from a passive philosophy into an active, strategic tool for political change.

One of his most powerful entrepreneurial acts was the **Salt March of 1930**. The British had a monopoly on salt production, and it was illegal for Indians to collect or sell their own salt. Gandhi saw this seemingly trivial tax as a symbol of colonial oppression. As he famously said, "There are many causes that I am prepared to die for, but no cause that I am prepared to kill for." Instead of resorting to violence, he launched a 240-mile march to the sea, where he and his followers would ceremoniously make their salt. This simple, symbolic act was brilliant—easy for everyone to understand and join in, and it exposed the injustice of British rule to the world. It was a perfect "marketing campaign" that mobilized millions and fundamentally changed the story of the freedom struggle.

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You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is like an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.



Article: Gandhi: The Original Social Entrepreneur (page 3/4)

Another example of his entrepreneurial genius was the khadi movement. The British textile industry had flooded India with cheap, machine-made cloth, which harmed the livelihoods of many Indian weavers. Gandhi's solution was the **charkha**, or spinning wheel. He encouraged every Indian to spin their yarn and weave their cloth, or *khadi*. This was more than just an act of defiance; it was a business model for self-sufficiency. The spinning wheel became a powerful symbol of economic independence and self-reliance, and it provided a tangible, productive activity for millions of unemployed villagers. This decentralized, community-based "enterprise" was a direct counter-economy to the centralized, exploitative model of the British Empire.

Gandhi's Legacy for Modern Entrepreneurs

Gandhi's unconventional approach to leadership and social change gives valuable lessons for today's entrepreneurs. His ideas challenge the common goal of "growth at all costs" and provide a guide for building ethical, sustainable, and impactful businesses.

- **The Power of Purpose and the Call to "Be the Change"**

Gandhi's famous quote, "Be the change you wish to see in the world," is like the perfect mission statement for entrepreneurs focused on purpose. His life showed that a strong mission can drive change. A business can be more than a way to make money; it can help solve serious social and environmental issues. Today's entrepreneurs who create companies focused on sustainability, social justice, or ethical practices are, in a way, following Gandhi's spirit. They demonstrate that a business's real value isn't just in profits but also in its positive effects on the world.

- **Trusteeship and Stakeholder Value**

Gandhi's idea of trusteeship represents one of his most thought-provoking concepts for today's businesses. He believed that wealth should serve a greater purpose and not just benefit the rich. They were to act as "trustees" of the wealth, with a moral duty to use it to uplift the community. As he said, "*The rich man will be left in possession of his wealth, of which he will use what he reasonably requires for his personal needs and will act as a trustee for the remainder, to be used for the society.*"

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To give pleasure to a single heart by a single act is better than a thousand heads bowing in prayer.



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This idea is a forerunner to the modern **stakeholder theory**, which argues that a company should serve the interests of all its stakeholders—employees, customers, suppliers, and the wider community—not just its shareholders. By adopting this mindset, businesses can contribute to a fairer, more equitable world.

- **Sustainability and the Rejection of Endless Consumption**

Gandhi was highly critical of the Western model of industrialization, particularly its constant emphasis on increasing consumer wants. He famously stated, "Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed." His swadeshi movement, which advocated for local self-sufficiency, can be seen as a forerunner to modern sustainable business practices and the "buy local" movement. Gandhi promoted an economy where both production and consumption are localized, which helps reduce environmental impact and strengthen communities. For today's entrepreneurs, this serves as a potent reminder that true innovation can come from creating more with less and building resilient, decentralized systems instead of contributing to a global, extractive economy.

Conclusion: A Legacy Beyond the Bottom Line

Calling Gandhi an entrepreneur might seem like a stretch, but ignoring his lessons for modern business would be a significant oversight. He teaches us that the most successful ventures often address the world's most pressing problems. True wealth, he suggests, is measured by impact rather than just profit. Additionally, he shows that a powerful vision, combined with unwavering ethical principles, can bring about meaningful change.

Gandhi's legacy is not defined by quarterly earnings reports or initial public offerings (IPOs) but by enduring values: prioritizing purpose over profit, simplicity over excess, and justice over exploitation. For modern entrepreneurs, especially in the Western world, Gandhi's life serves as both a radical challenge and an inspiring blueprint. It prompts us to reflect on the true purpose of our work, how we can create not just companies, but a more just and sustainable world, and ultimately, whether we are willing to be the change we want to see.

Lead with a purpose that transcends profit, build with the unshakable truth of your convictions, and let your enterprise be a powerful, peaceful force for global change.

Each one has to find his peace from within. And peace to be real must be unaffected by outside circumstances.



Video

What If Mahatma Gandhi Was An Entrepreneur Today? Which 7 Business Ideas He Would Focus On?



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Brief AI Summary:

This video explores what kind of businesses Mahatma Gandhi might create if he were an entrepreneur today, based on his principles of truth, non-violence, and service. It presents seven ideas: empowering local artisans and farmers, promoting sustainable eco-friendly products, nurturing health and wellness, providing accessible education, offering peaceful conflict resolution services, reviving handloom and khadi to support local industries, and developing renewable energy solutions. These ventures emphasize sustainability, social impact, and harmony with the environment, showing that profitability and ethical values can go hand in hand.

Expanded Video Summary:

The video titled "What If Mahatma Gandhi Was An Entrepreneur Today? Which 7 Business Ideas He Would Focus On?" from the Business Strategist channel explores the concept of how Mahatma Gandhi's timeless principles of truth, non-violence, and service could translate into entrepreneurial ventures in the 21st century. It presents seven business ideas inspired by Gandhi's philosophies that could create sustainable value and positively impact society and the environment.

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Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.



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Here is a detailed summary of the seven business ideas discussed:

1. Empowering Local Artisans and Farmers

Gandhi would focus on supporting local craftsmen and farmers by connecting them to broader markets. This initiative would preserve traditional, environmentally friendly farming methods and crafts, provide fair income to workers, and reduce the environmental footprint by promoting local production and consumption instead of long global supply chains.

2. Promoting Sustainable and Eco-Friendly Living

A business offering sustainable products made from recycled or biodegradable materials would align with Gandhi's respect for nature. This could include organic, ethically sourced clothing and reusable household goods, encouraging a culture of environmentally friendly consumption.

3. Nurturing Health and Wellness

Emphasizing the idea that health is true wealth, Gandhi might create ventures focused on healthy living, such as organic food stores, herbal supplements, or wellness centers offering yoga and meditation, promoting holistic well-being.

4. Education and Empowerment

Recognizing education as a pillar of society, Gandhi would likely support an online learning platform to provide high-quality education to people in remote areas. This platform could cover life skills, environmental awareness, and vocational training, empowering individuals through knowledge.

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I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent.



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5. Peaceful Conflict Resolution Services

In line with Gandhi's principle of non-violence (ahimsa), a business offering mediation and conflict resolution services for individuals, communities, and businesses would foster peace and harmony in an increasingly complex world.

6. Reviving Handloom and Khadi, Promoting the Swadeshi Movement

Gandhi would promote the use of handloom and khadi products to preserve traditional manufacturing methods, reduce environmental impact, and provide employment to local weavers, supporting economic self-reliance and cultural heritage.

7. Renewable Energy Solutions

Addressing the environmental crisis, Gandhi would focus on providing affordable and accessible renewable energy sources like solar and wind power. This would reduce dependence on fossil fuels and contribute to a healthier planet.

The video highlights that Gandhi's view on entrepreneurship centers on **service** to others, **sustainability**, and **ethical business practices**. It emphasizes that **profitability can coexist** with **social responsibility**, **empowerment of local communities**, and **environmental care**.

Additionally, Gandhi's principles of non-violence and peace would guide business approaches, promoting harmony and ethical conflict resolution. Overall, the video portrays Gandhi's entrepreneurial spirit as one that integrates moral values, social justice, and environmental stewardship into the core of business.

If I were a Christian, I would pray not that a Hindu be converted to Christianity, but that he become a better Hindu, a better Muslim, a better Sikh...



Book Summary

Beyond Indentureship, Indo-Trinidadian Entrepreneurs

by Hemraj Ramdath

Source: <https://www.amazon.ca/Beyond-Indentureship-Indo-Trinidadian-Entrepreneurs/dp/9768319143/>

Book Summary:

In "Beyond Indentureship, Indo-Trinidadian Entrepreneurs," Hemraj Ramdath shares the journey of Indo-Trinidadians as they became business owners. He starts from their origins as indentured laborers and follows their progress to becoming successful entrepreneurs. The book talks about the challenges they faced and how these shaped their strong spirit for business.

Key Themes:

- **Historical Background:** Ramdath describes how Indo-Trinidadians arrived in Trinidad as indentured workers in the 19th century. He discusses the harsh conditions they dealt with, including discrimination and limited chances for success.
- **Strength and Creativity:** The book illustrates how Indo-Trinidadians have overcome difficulties. They often find innovative ways to succeed in different industries, turning traditional practices into profitable businesses.

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*If we are to reach real peace in this world, we shall have to begin
with the children.*



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- **Cultural Values and Community Support:** Ramdath looks at the cultural values that help Indo-Trinidadian entrepreneurs. Strong family ties, community support, and a focus on education are important in assisting them to start new businesses.

Representative Story:

One inspiring story in the book is about Kishore Singh, a young Indo-Trinidadian raised in a simple home. His family had a farming background, but struggled due to changing markets. Inspired by his parents' dedication, Kishore wanted to help improve their business.

He chose to shift from traditional farming to organic methods. Kishore researched modern techniques and attended workshops to learn more. At first, his family and community doubted his ideas. However, he didn't give up. He made changes that improved their crop yields and quality.

In time, Kishore succeeded in selling his organic produce at local markets. His thriving business encouraged other farmers in the community to try sustainable practices. Kishore's story highlights the themes of strength, creativity, and community support that Ramdath emphasizes throughout the book.

Conclusion:

Overall, "Beyond Indentureship, Indo-Trinidadian Entrepreneurs" examines the critical role of Indo-Trinidadians in business. Through their history and personal stories like Kishore Singh's, Ramdath showcases their contributions to Trinidad and Tobago's economy. The book celebrates their entrepreneurial spirit and achievements.

Gandhi's Reflections: Embracing Resilience and Justice in Indo-Trinidadian Entrepreneurship

If Mahatma Gandhi were to read "Beyond Indentureship, Indo-Trinidadian Entrepreneurs" by Hemraj Ramdath, he might express the following thoughts:

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If I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning.



Appreciation for Resilience and Innovation

Gandhi would commend the resilience and innovative spirit of the Indo-Trinidadian community. He often emphasized the importance of self-reliance and empowerment. He might say, "The stories of these entrepreneurs reflect the strength of the human spirit. Their ability to adapt and thrive in the face of adversity is truly inspiring."

Recognition of Cultural Values

Gandhi valued cultural heritage and community support. He might appreciate how the book highlights the strong family ties and communal networks that have helped Indo-Trinidadians succeed. He could comment, "It is heartening to see how cultural values can foster entrepreneurship and uplift entire communities."

Advocacy for Social Justice

Given his commitment to social justice, Gandhi might also address the discrimination and challenges faced by Indo-Trinidadians. He could express concern about the barriers they encountered and advocate for equality and fair opportunities. He might say, "While celebrating their achievements, we must also acknowledge the injustices they faced and work towards a society where all individuals can thrive."

Encouragement for Sustainable Practices

Gandhi was a proponent of sustainable living and environmental stewardship. He might resonate with the stories of entrepreneurs like Kishore Singh, who embraced organic farming. He could state, "The shift towards sustainable practices is a vital step not only for personal success but for the health of our planet."

Conclusion

Overall, Gandhi would likely view the book as a celebration of resilience, cultural pride, and the potential for positive change within communities. He might encourage readers to learn from these stories and strive for a more just and equitable society.



ARTICLE

Before change takes root in action, it begins in dialogue. This story explores how Gandhi turned simple conversations into powerful stories that shaped a united people.

Gandhi's Way of Conversation, Where Stories Begin...

How Gandhi Turned Everyday Conversations into Stories That United People

Contributed by Editors

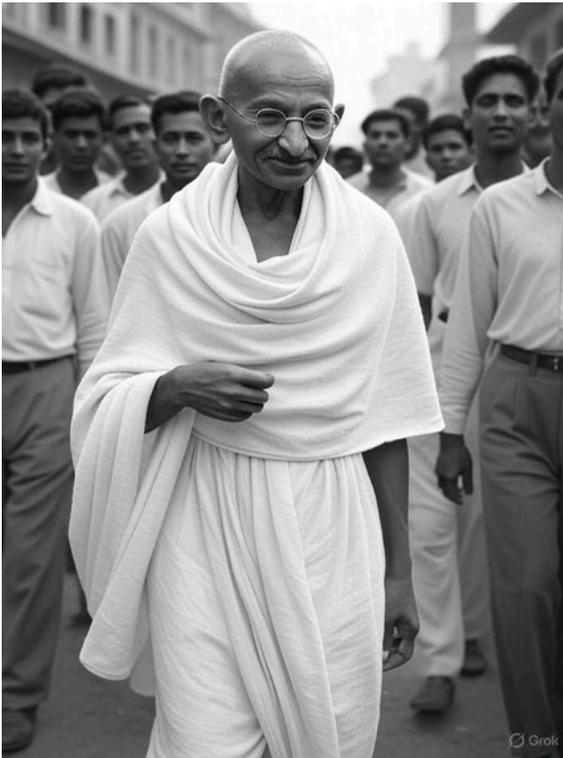
Synopsis:

This article explores how Mahatma Gandhi used conversation as a powerful tool for promoting healing, unity, and social change. Instead of resorting to confrontation, Gandhi prioritized deep listening, gentle speaking, and trust-building through meaningful dialogue. From the turmoil of Partition to his quiet discussions with colonial leaders and everyday citizens, Gandhi transformed simple conversations into compelling narratives that reshaped communities and inspired collective action. The article encourages readers to consider the importance of listening and urges us to revive dialogue in our families, workplaces, and neighborhoods—because this is where genuine stories and real change begin.



Article: Gandhi's Way of Conversation, Where Stories Begin (Page 2/6)

It was August 1947. The sun had finally risen on an independent India, but it cast its light over a nation that was divided, bruised, and bleeding. While jubilant crowds waved the tricolor flag in Delhi, a very different scene unfolded in the alleys of Kolkata. Hindu and Muslim neighbors, who had once been as close as family, turned on each other with knives and torches. Partition had not only redrawn borders; it had also torn apart the social fabric that had been woven over generations. Governments were overwhelmed, armed forces enforced curfews, and leaders delivered speeches, but none of it was enough.



And then came Gandhi. He arrived amid the chaos, not with soldiers, but with silence. Not with orders, but with questions. Not with fury, but with presence. He walked from street to street, sitting in mosques and temples. He gathered people in courtyards and knocked on doors not to lecture but to listen. He asked, "What are you feeling? What happened here? Can we speak—not to accuse, but to understand?"

As people began to speak, something shifted. The air changed. Suspicion softened, and fear gave way to grief, which then transformed into humanity.

Through these intimate, heart-wrenching conversations, Gandhi helped communities write a new story—not of revenge, but of reconciliation. This was Gandhi's genius: he didn't impose peace; he invited it. He didn't shout over conflict; he listened through it.



In his eyes, the most potent weapon against division was not a law or a slogan, but a sincere, honest, and compassionate conversation. That's where the real stories began—not in headlines or history books, but in face-to-face dialogue among people with wounds, doubts, and hopes.

Gandhi's Conversations Were Stories in the Making

For Gandhi, conversation was not merely a form of communication; it was a sacred act of seeking truth. Each dialogue—whether with a colonial official or a village sweeper—represented an opportunity to listen, reflect, and co-create meaning. He believed that every individual possessed a piece of the truth. By listening attentively and speaking gently, one could begin to piece together those fragments into a fuller understanding of justice, peace, and community.

In his ashrams, Gandhi hosted evening gatherings that were open to everyone—farmers, students, women, workers, and skeptics alike. These were not speeches; they were participatory conversations. When someone once asked Gandhi what one could do to serve the nation, he offered a simple yet profound response: "Start by listening to the women in your village." This answer was not just rhetorical; it was revolutionary. The young woman who posed the question went on to become a dedicated educator in her community.

Turning Conflict into Conversation: Overcoming Obstacles

In 1931, Gandhi traveled to London for the Second Round Table Conference. His arrival caused quite a stir; he was the leader of a national movement, dressed in hand-spun cloth and walking barefoot through the halls of the Empire. During his time there, he met with Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, debated with Members of Parliament, and engaged with ordinary Britons on the streets. When a journalist asked if he truly believed India could achieve freedom through peaceful dialogue, Gandhi replied, "Yes—because truth needs no violence."

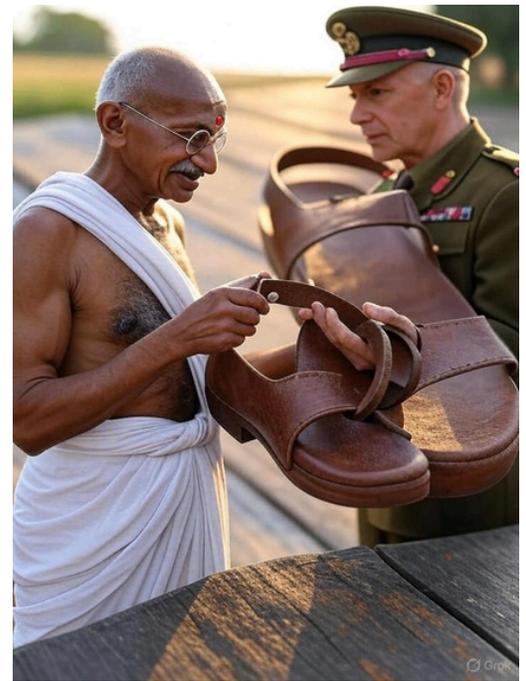


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Although no agreement was reached at the conference, Gandhi's calm and reasoned conversations began to reshape the British public's and politicians' perception of India's struggle. Instead of confronting with anger, he chose to engage through storytelling, sincerity, and an unwavering belief in moral dialogue. This approach wasn't always straightforward; many were skeptical or resistant to his methods. Nevertheless, he persevered, demonstrating that patience and presence could gradually erode even the most deeply entrenched prejudices.

Sandals and Silence: A Story Without Words

Years earlier in South Africa, Gandhi had a strained relationship with General Jan Smuts, a prominent figure in the colonial government. Gandhi protested Smuts' discriminatory policies by using petitions, engaging in resistance, and promoting dialogue. After serving time in prison, Gandhi presented Smuts with a pair of handmade sandals. Smuts wore them for years and remarked, "I feel I should bow to him every time I wear them." This gesture was more than a simple gift—it represented a conversation without words, symbolizing humility, forgiveness, and transformation.



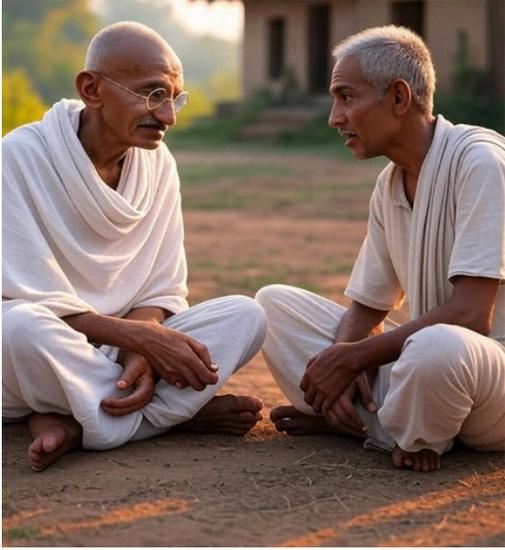
This story continues to resonate today. Even in the face of deep-seated opposition, Gandhi sought opportunities for connection and understanding.

Listening as a Revolutionary Act

Gandhi's true power came not from his words, but from his presence. He listened patiently, without interruption and without rushing to judgment. He viewed listening as a form of service—perhaps the most profound expression of love in times of division.

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Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to cope with it through peaceful means.



He often quoted the ancient Sanskrit teaching: "*Satyam bruyat, priyam bruyat*"—which means, "*Speak the truth, but speak it kindly.*" He encouraged people not only to speak but also to listen for what lies beneath the anger and confusion. In that shared space, the stories that unite us are waiting to be discovered.

Conclusion: Let Every Conversation Be the Start of a New Story

Gandhi taught us that change starts not with grand gestures, but with small, human moments—instances where two people sit across from each other and engage in honest conversation. He believed that every person has a story to tell, and by listening with empathy and speaking with honesty, we become part of something larger: a collective narrative of dignity, truth, and transformation.

Gandhi's conversations were never transactional; they were sacred encounters. Whether he was dialoguing with a colonial governor or a villager with calloused hands, he approached each person with the same presence, curiosity, and respect. From these countless one-on-one exchanges, something extraordinary happened: people began to see themselves differently—not just as victims or adversaries, but as participants in a shared story—one of resilience, forgiveness, and nonviolence.

He didn't wait for the conditions to be perfect. He didn't require microphones or stages. Wherever there was conflict, confusion, or even silence, Gandhi stepped in with a conversation. In those quiet interactions, he wove the fabric of community back together, thread by thread.

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***The energy conserved through complete Brahmacharya is unparalleled.
It becomes a tremendous force—capable of changing the world.***



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Today, we find ourselves in a time not unlike Gandhi's—a period marked by polarization, fractured trust, and growing fear. We, too, are searching for unity, peace, and meaning. Perhaps, like Gandhi, we don't need new ideologies or louder opinions. What we may need is to reclaim the art of conversation.

What can we learn from Gandhi's approach?

- **Listen as though every story matters—because it does.** This applies not only to voices that agree with you but especially to those that challenge you. Resist the urge to interrupt or to formulate your rebuttal while someone else is speaking.
- **Speak not to win, but to connect.** Truth becomes stronger, not weaker, when it is expressed with kindness. Avoid common pitfalls such as lecturing, dominating the conversation, making assumptions, or engaging solely to debate.
- **Approach each conversation with curiosity, not certainty.** Ask questions, create space, and allow new stories to emerge.
- **Value the small exchanges.** The most lasting change often begins with the most unlikely encounters.
- **Be present. Gandhi never multitasked during a conversation.** He believed that being present is a form of healing. Put away distractions and give the other person your full attention.

In every community, school, workplace, and home, there are countless untold stories waiting to be shared. Tensions are ready to be transformed, and bridges are waiting to be built—not through slogans, but through genuine, sustained dialogue.

The next time you find yourself sitting across from someone, especially someone different from you, take a moment to pause, breathe, and start with a question. Let that moment mark the beginning of a new story. As Gandhi taught us, peace isn't forged in the halls of power; it arises from humble conversations between people who care enough to listen. That's where stories begin, where change starts, and where we must begin again.

Gandhi viewed nonviolence not as passive surrender but as an active, disciplined, and courageous strategy for confronting injustice.



Video

Video: How Conversations Can Create History | Swami Brahmaviharidas | TEDxTampa



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Brief AI Summary:

In the TEDxTampa talk, Swami Brahmaviharidas explores the profound impact of everyday conversations on history, emphasizing that they can shape lives just as powerfully as politics or money. He shares personal anecdotes that illustrate how genuine dialogue has led to significant achievements, such as the creation of a historic temple in Abu Dhabi, which promotes unity across different cultures and religions. The speaker highlights the importance of self-belief and giving to foster connections and positive change.

Expanded Video Summary:

In this compelling TEDx talk, Swami Brahmaviharidas delves into the profound impact that conversations can have on our lives and the world at large. Beginning with traditional prayers for peace, he sets a reflective tone, emphasizing the significance of dialogue amidst diverse audiences. He introduces the idea that while we often associate world affairs with power structures and politics, it is the simple, everyday conversations that truly shape our experiences and history.

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The soul is the same in all living creatures, although the body of each is different.



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Swami shares a personal narrative about his unique experience as a Hindu monk, with a particular focus on the meaning behind the color of his robes. He recounts a moment in a striking setting—the royal majalis in Abu Dhabi—where he was the first Hindu monk to enter. This led to a thought-provoking query about why his robes were orange, which turned into a profound discussion about life, death, and the call to do good while we can.

He speaks about the power of dialogue in building trust and understanding. This was exemplified by the creation of the BAPS Hindu Temple in Abu Dhabi—a groundbreaking example of interfaith cooperation and cultural harmony. Through a series of candid conversations, Swami illustrates how the inception of the temple went beyond mere architectural achievement; it represented a historic moment for unity among religions in a region where the culture had previously been divided.

Central to his talk is the theme of self-belief. Swami reflects on a powerful anecdote from his life in the desert, where a spiritual leader prayed for unity and harmony, encouraging belief in possibilities that seemed impossible. He urges the audience to disregard naysayers and choose to listen to the voices of hope and possibility, illustrating this concept through stories of history and personal experiences.

Swami Brahmaviharidas also shares a pivotal encounter with Nelson Mandela at the Gandhi Ashram. In a 2-minute conversation, Mandela conveyed the importance of releasing past traumas to embrace freedom and create a brighter future entirely. This serves as a reminder that our history should inform us, but it shouldn't confine our potential for progress.



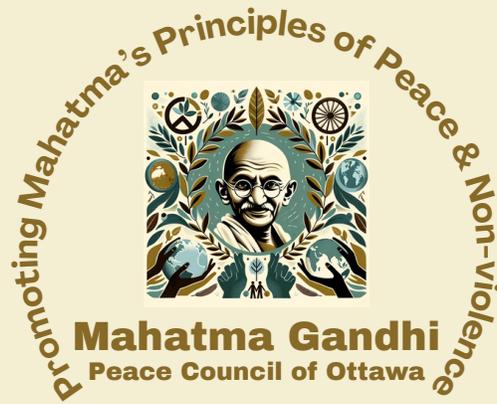
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The talk transitions into discussions around generosity and giving, illustrated by an anecdote about the ruler of Abu Dhabi who attributed the credit for the temple's land donation to his father. This moment emphasizes humility and the idea that wealth should be used to serve others rather than to elevate oneself. Swami advocates for giving as a fundamental principle in life—that we grow not just by accumulating, but by selflessly contributing to the well-being of others.

One of the most touching points of the talk centers around a young Ukrainian boy who, after enduring hardships due to war, simply wishes to be kind when he grows up. This statement resonates deeply, underscoring the speaker's call for all of us to foster kindness within ourselves and our communities, highlighting that professions and achievements are significant, but nurturing compassion is equally vital.

In conclusion, Swami Brahmaviharidas urges the audience to recognize that each of us can cultivate change through our conversations and everyday actions. His message is clear: let's commit to kindness, to believing in the possible, and to engaging in meaningful dialogues that can reshape our lives and the world, one conversation at a time. He wraps up by reminding us of the urgency and importance of making goodness and kindness infectious, signifying that while monumental achievements like building temples may not be attainable for everyone, nurturing relationships and a better version of ourselves is a legacy we can all create and leave behind.

Man becomes great exactly in the degree in which he works for the welfare of his fellow-men.



The Enduring Teachings of Mahatma Gandhi

Gandhi's 11 Vows:

- 1. Nonviolence (Ahimsa):** Commitment to non-violence and harmlessness towards all living beings.
- 2. Truth (Satya):** Pursuit of truth, both in thought and action.
- 3. Non-stealing (Asteya):** Refraining from taking anything not freely given.
- 4. Chastity (Brahmacharya):** Practicing self-discipline and control over desires.
- 5. Non-possession (Aparigraha):** Embracing simplicity and minimizing possessions to only what is necessary.
- 6. Body-labor (Sharirashrama):** Valuing physical labor as a means to sustain oneself.
- 7. Diet (Aswada):** Advocating for a simple and healthy diet, mindful of the impact on the body and environment.
- 8. Fearlessness (Abhaya):** Cultivating courage to stand by one's convictions and truth.
- 9. Equal respect for all religions (Sarva Dharma Samanatva):** Promoting religious tolerance and understanding.
- 10. Economic strategy (Swadeshi):** Prioritizing local economies and self-sufficiency.
- 11. Untouchability (Asprishyatanivaran):** Opposing caste discrimination and advocating for equality and respect for all individuals, regardless of their social status.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

This simple statement reflects Gandhi's belief in personal responsibility, action, and the power of individual transformation as a catalyst for societal change. It urges everyone to embody the values they wish to see in society, emphasizing that real change starts with oneself.



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It's easy to stand in the crowd but it takes courage to stand alone.