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Gandhi-150 @ Techno-Gandhian Centre

The Techno-Gandhian Centre observed 150th Gandhi birth anniversary today in its premises . A simple and elegant function presided over by Sh. A.S. Venkateswaran,, President of Mettur Town Congress, hoisted a flag. Floral tributes offered to Gandhiji's portrait. Mr. R. Balasubramanian, State General Secretary INTUC released a booklet on Techno-Gandhian Philosophy in Tamil while TMP S, Mathivanan , Advocate received the same. Later, Mr. Balamurali Balaji read a pledge on Ahimsa and Peace while all other participants take part. Function ended sweetly with the distribution of food.



Mr. N.Jayaraman, ex. M.C gave a vote of thanks note. Others who attended the function include Mr Ponnusamy teacher, Mr. Manoharan, Mr. SoundarRajan, Ms. Sheela Ramesh, Mr. Prabhakar. S, Mr. Narayanan, Mr. Nagarajan, Mr. Kanniappan, Mr. Kuzghandai Murugesan, Ex. MC among many others.

Moral Sadhana for God-Realization

The Moral aspect of Gandhiji's *Sadhana* concerns the fight with the inner foes, viz. vices and the acquisition of some cardinal virtues. In fact, our attempt at the cultivation of virtues would automatically bring about the elimination of vices. The main virtues which Gandhiji tried to develop are **truth, love, and self-restraint**. These and **selfless service** along with devotion to God which crowns them all, are the basic virtues which he wants all to cultivate.

Gandhiji's truth as a virtue is nothing but the correspondence between thought, word and deed. Prompting of the inner voice or conscience is the true thought. Its accurate expression in speech and action will invest the words and deeds with the sanctity of truth. Gandhiji wants us to realize such truth.

"True love," says Gandhiji, "is boundless like the ocean and swelling within one, spreads itself out and envelops the whole world." Such is the unselfish love which Gandhiji cultivated. "Love is life," he declares, "and hatred is death. The law of love, call it attraction, affinity, cohesion, if you like, governs the world.

Love is the reverse of the coin of which the obverse is truth. Truth ever triumphs over untruth; love conquers hatred. Hatred always tries to kill but love never dies." Non-violence is another name which Gandhiji has given to such a pure love. His love and non-violence are one and the same. They depict the positive and negative

The Techno-Gandhian Philosophy

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aspects of the same attitude of mind. Pure unselfish love is perfectly nonviolent, and perfect non-violence is full of pure love. Thus they are identical.

Self-restraint is the third cardinal virtue which Gandhiji attempted to cultivate and advocate. If truth supports and love unites, Self-restraint gives the necessary strength to the *Sadhaka* and enables him to walk with courage and confidence on the Pathway to God. Self-restraint is the source of all strength, the spring of all power. It is the mother of so many virtues like non-stealing, celibacy, non-taste etc. Voluntary restraint is the privilege of man. Control of palate is the source of perfect health and strength. It will enable him to control all other senses with ease. And he who can conquer the senses can conquer the whole world. Complete control of thought, word and deed alike, will bring a power of the highest potency and purity of the highest type, so very necessary for receiving the grace of the Lord.

Selfless service is the last aspect of his moral *Sadhana*. "The only way to find God," he says, "is to see Him in His creation, and be one with it." "I am striving for the Kingdom of Heaven, which is spiritual deliverance. For me the road to salvation lies through incessant toil in the service of my country and there through of humanity."

Gandhiji tried to reduce himself to a cipher, identify himself with everything that lives and live at peace with friend and foe alike. Thus he did hope to attain salvation through selfless service. He strongly maintained that loving service, offered in a spirit of humility, will bring about proper self-purification, which in the fullness of time, will lead to God realization.



Source: Pathway to God

From Gandhi's Diary after independence



12th September 1947

"Anger breeds revenge and the spirit of revenge is to-day responsible for all the horrible happenings here and elsewhere. What good will it to do the Muslims to avenge the happenings in Delhi or for the Sikhs and the Hindus to avenge cruelties on our co-religionists in the Frontier and West Punjab? If a man or a group of men

go mad, should everyone follow suit? I warn the Hindus and Sikhs that by killing and loot and arson they are destroying their own religions.

I claim to be a student of religion and I know that no religion teaches madness. Islam is no exception. I implore you all to stop your insane actions at once. Let not future generations say that we lost the sweet bread of freedom because we could not digest it. Remember that unless we stop this madness the name of India will be mud in the eyes of the world."

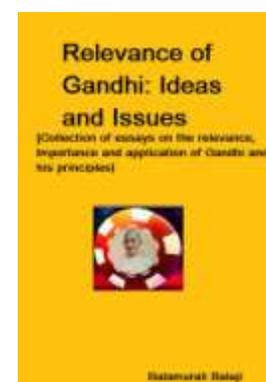
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"I am not going to argue with this objector. I realize the anger that rages in people's hearts to-day. The atmosphere is so surcharged that I think it right to respect even one objector, but by no means does this mean that I give up God or His worship in my heart. Prayer demands a pure atmosphere. One thing that everyone should take to heart from such objections is that those who are anxious to serve must have endless patience and tolerance. One must never seek to impose one's views on others.

The Hindus greet me with Mahatma Gandhiki Jai, but they little know that to-day there can be no victory for me, nor do I wish to live if the Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs cannot live at peace with one another. I am doing my level best to drive home the truth that there is strength in unity and weakness in disunion. Just as a tree that does not bear fruit withers, so also will my body be useless if my service cannot bear the expected fruit. Whilst this is true, it is equally true that one is bound to work without attachment to fruit. Detachment is more fruitful than attachment. I am merely explaining the logic of facts. A body that has outlived its usefulness will perish giving place to a new one. The soul is imperishable and continues to take on new forms for working out its salvation through acts of service."

Source: Selected Writings of Mahatma Gandhi

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July 22 – Sep 07: (ISRO) Indian Space Research Organization's venture into landing on the Moon and to hover around its southern polar surface is a highly commendable contribution in the field of space research. It is a proudest moment to whole of the mankind to explore Moon and its atmosphere with the purpose of gathering more data about existence of 'possible' life on the earth's only natural satellite. The mission Chandrayaan II must be a good learning experience for space scientists despite the crash landing of the lander vehicle at the last moment. Failures in human endeavors in space shall not be a mishap but a miraculous feat of unique experience what the ISRO alone can feel and enjoy. Best of all luck for the scientists in the ISRO to achieve more and more in exploring space.

Let's demolish terrorism and develop humanity!

Written by Balamurali Balaji

Islam is a path of humanity. The term 'Islam' means peace; spreading harmony. Not only in its lingo, Islam preaches peace and harmony in every sermon it contains.

Of late, why Islam being blamed for disruption and terror? Isn't Islam work in sync with other religions, races and people? Why Islam is attached with terror acts more often? Is it not contradicting to call something as "Islamic terror"? Let us learn to find what Islam holds to a peaceful living in this world.

In its essence, Islam is meant for spreading peace and brotherhood, not for spreading hatred and fighting among the people. Islam is akin to glorify humanity, peace and harmony. Peace stands adored in Islam more than any other religion. Whilst learning Islam one would understand how it tops in spreading peace and harmony than any other religion.

Brotherhood

The basic necessity of human kind is to exchange love among one another. The very feeling of brotherhood would bring a bond, closeness amongst us. If we don't have that feeling, in-human tendencies grow among us without minding the despair happening around us. Islam never fails to spread brotherhood in its teachings. It develops brotherhood amongst us with no discrimination of caste and creed. "Oh men, you are created out of one man and one woman. You must know each other so as to be carved up into different sects and branches. Those who fear Allah is the one special to Allah. He knows everything." - Holy Quran

The principle of brotherhood as preached by Islam would uproot terrorism at its core. All men are brothers. There shall be no quarrel, dispute amongst themselves.. And, that's the creed of brotherhood.

Help others

Islam teaches us to help people in despair with a brotherly attitude irrespect of the religion they belong to; Charity is the greatest of all virtues.

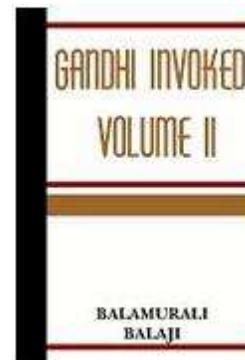
"Charity is a duty of every Muslim," when Mohammad the Prophet directed, his followers reacted, "Oh, messiah of Allah, what will we do if we do not have enough of things to offer?" Nabi responded, "Do some hard labour and earn some thing. Then perform charity!." When his accomplices asked, "What if we could not work and earn?," Nabi told, "The destitute must get help from those who are fulfilled.". The followers did not stop at that. They asked him again, "What if that is not doable?" Mohammad the Prophet replied firmly, "Stay away from evil. Do good things. And, that shall be the charity of the greatest." – Buhari the book, p 1445

The poor and God

We see God face to face in the smiling face of the poor. Islam goes a step further saying, "Helping others is equal to helping God himself. Disposing a man is equally disposing God, the creator." This is a perfect example how Islam preaches humanity. Is there any thing greater than the equality shown by Islam in serving the humanity and serving God.

The spirit of Gandhi invokes you again!

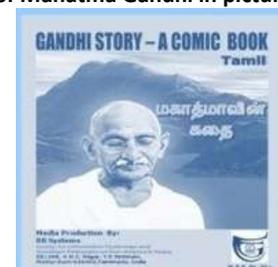
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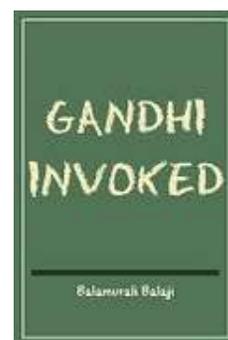
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Mercy

One shall be compassionate amongst we humans in order to get bestowed with God's mercy. It is yet another preaching by Islam to prove humanity is part of the religion. The messenger of Allah, *Sal* said, "Allah don't shower with his mercy to those who don't show mercy to people."

War and Humanity

War is a plot that distances itself from humanity, the world believes. It kills everyone with no prejudice - adults, children, men and women and all. Destruction is the civilization of today's war hunger nations. No country is an exception in this regard. We see rulers justifying the killings of people during the wars.

Only Islam sees even battlefield as a field of humanity. It forbids women, aged people and the innocent who has no connection with war from being killed in the war. It proclaims it as a sin. In this practical world, Islam alone sees something a sin which has not been construed even as a small crime. It depicts how human lives highly valued by Islam.

Now, let us find out answers for those disturbing questions stated in the beginning of this article. Are we really blaming Islam, the religion or its followers who defected their own religion? Do those mis-followers really understand the preachings of Islam? No, they are not. They believe themselves as protectors and saviors of Islam, not listening to Islam. Do they ever realize that Islam is humanity, not violence? How do they get arms and weapons in their possession to execute violence and terror? Isn't because of some crooked politician, military men, or a foe-countryman? Aren't these fellows divert the followers of Islam to the path of violence and war?

Muslims shall have to take a vow not to fall prey to such elements that arm them with weapons to kill their own brothers and sisters. They shall have to take a vow not to disturb peace and harmony in their own region in the name of religion. They shall have to take a vow to keep Islam serene and sacred by keeping aside their social, political and economical differences with others.

Like any other religion, Islam too has its own uniqueness and practices. It is the uniqueness of every religion that bears the existence of the religion itself.

Isn't the world realize that the cohort of "Islamic terror" has generated "Hindu terror", "Church riots", "Buddhist violence" etc./? Even as the world attaches terror and violence with religion, every religion has not lose its lust of love, peace and harmony. A few of the crooked, barbaric, ill-bred people cannot change the definition of Islam or any other religion. Religion is far apart from all the violence meted out by politically motivated people. And, Islam has every right to stay as Islam in spite of all unjust, false allegations in the name of "Islamic terror".

Gandhi's economics versus Modinomics

Compiled by Balamurali Balaji

Gandhi: Economics that hurt the moral wellbeing of an individual or a nation are immoral and therefore sinful. Thus, the economics that permit one country to prey upon another are immoral. It is sinful to buy and use articles made by sweated labour. (YI, 13 Oct. 1921)

Chinese goods and imported goods are on the rise. Modi's government doesn't seem to stop the policies that hurt the moral being of our lives. While GST is tapping the taxes in large volume from consumers and manufactures, those people who tend to find ways to evade taxes, try to evade GST as well.

Gandhi: The economics that disregard moral and sentimental considerations are like wax works that being life-like still lack the life of the living flesh. At every crucial moment these new-fangled economic laws have broken down in practice. And nations or individuals who accept them as guiding maxims must perish. (YI, 27 Oct. 1921)

This government tries to bring up the falling economy by means of new-fangled economic laws like merging of banks and banning of currency notes which turn out to be nothing but digging its own grave. Production surged into new low, GDP down to 5%. Rupee value in downward trend, unprecedented rate of unemployment etc.,

Gandhi: The extension of the law of non-violence in the domain of economics means nothing less than the introduction of moral values as a factor to be considered in regulating international commerce. (YI, 26 Dec. 1924)

International commerce has been condensed into multi-billion dollar projects and tie-ups that showcase the detrimental needs of the society and nothing less than the luxurious, westernization that degrades Indian lifestyle. Indian companies are being shutdown as economy stands over multi-national franchising and foreign exchanges.

Gandhi: The study of Indian economics is the study of the spinning wheel. (The Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi, XXV-561)

Today's economy is study and practice of Digital India. Computers and mobiles have become the central theme behind all businesses including the selling of pakodas and samosas. Our economists are running behind the absconding Neerav Modis and Mallyas studying the consequences of costs they incurred to the banks.

Gandhi: Religion to be true must satisfy what may be termed humanitarian economics, that is, where the income and the expenditure balance each other. (Mahatma Volume 2-268)

Today's religion is the brutality of cow rakshakas and balancing the politics of vengeance by killing innocent Hindus and Muslims in equal numbers. Tit for tat is the only mantra for balancing the human economics.

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