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Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (October 2, 1869 - January 30, 1948) was a major political and spiritual leader of India and the Indian independence movement. He was the pioneer and perfecter of Satyagraha - resistance through mass civil disobedience strongly founded upon ahimsa (total non-violence). Gandhi is commonly known and addressed in India and across the world as Mahatma Gandhi (from Sanskrit, Mahatma: Great Soul) and as Bapu (in many Indian languages, Father).

When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible but in the end, they always fall -- think of it, ALWAYS.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The only tyrant I accept in this world is the still voice within.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Must I do all the evil I can before I learn to shun it? Is it not enough to know the evil to shun it? If not, we should be sincere enough to admit that we love evil too well to give it up.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Faith must be enforced by reason. When faith becomes blind it dies.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Non-violence is the article of faith.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Faith is not something to grasp, it is a state to grow into.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I claim to be an average man of less than average ability. I have not the shadow of a doubt that any man or woman can achieve what I have, if he or she would make the same effort and cultivate the same hope and faith.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

God comes to the hungry in the form of food.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Freedom is not worth having if it does not connote freedom to err. It passes my comprehension how human beings, be they ever so experienced and able, can delight in depriving other human beings of that precious right.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The moment the slave resolves that he will no longer be a slave. His fetters fall... freedom and slavery are mental states.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The good man is the friend of all living things.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

It is easy enough to be friendly to one's friends. But to befriend the one who regards himself as your enemy is the quintessence of true religion. The other is mere business.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The mantram becomes one's staff of life and carries one through every ordeal. Each repetition has a new meaning, carrying you nearer and nearer to God.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Non-cooperation with evil is as much a duty as is cooperation with good.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Hatred can be overcome only by love.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

To believe what has not occurred in history will not occur at all, is to argue disbelief in the dignity of man.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

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

- Gandhi, Mahatma

As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world -- that is the myth of the atomic age -- as in being able to remake ourselves.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

If I had no sense of humor, I would long ago have committed suicide.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Purity of mind and idleness are incompatible.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Indolence is a delightful but distressing state; we must be doing something to be happy.

Action is no less necessary than thought to the instinctive tendencies of the human frame.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I have also seen children successfully surmounting the effects of an evil inheritance. That is due to purity being an inherent attribute of the soul.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

An unjust law is itself a species of violence. Arrest for its breach is more so.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

There is more to life than simply increasing its speed.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Anger and intolerance are the twin enemies of correct understanding.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

A coward is incapable of exhibiting love; it is the prerogative of the brave.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

My life is an indivisible whole, and all my attitudes run into one another; and they all have their rise in my insatiable love for mankind.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Whenever you are confronted with an opponent. Conquer him with love.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Where there is love there is life.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I first learned the concepts of non-violence in my marriage.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Increase of material comforts, it may be generally laid down, does not in any way whatsoever conduce to moral growth.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Non-violence is not a garment to be put on and off at will. Its seat is in the heart, and it must be inseparable part of our very being.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Monotony is the law of nature. Look at the monotonous manner in which the sun rises.

The monotony of necessary occupation is exhilarating and life giving.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Patience means self-suffering.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Mental violence has no potency and injures only the person whose thoughts are violent. It is otherwise with mental non-violence. It has potency which the world does not yet know.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

A policy is a temporary creed liable to be changed, but while it holds good it has got to be pursued with apostolic zeal.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

If you don't ask, you don't get.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

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

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Poverty is the worst form of violence.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I have learned through bitter experience the one supreme lesson to conserve my anger, and as heat conserved is transmitted into energy, even so our anger controlled can be transmitted into a power that can move the world.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Prayer is a confession of one's own unworthiness and weakness.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Prayer is not an old woman's idle amusement. Properly understood and applied, it is the most potent instrument of action.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Let everyone try and find that as a result of daily prayer he adds something new to his life,

something with which nothing can be compared.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

What is a man if he is not a thief who openly charges as much as he can for the goods he sells?

- Gandhi, Mahatma

It is the quality of our work which will please God and not the quantity.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Rationalists are admirable beings, rationalism is a hideous monster when it claims for itself omnipotence. Attribution of omnipotence to reason is as bad a piece of idolatry as is worship of stock and stone believing it to be God. I plead not for the suppression of reason, but for a due recognition of that in us which sanctifies reason.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

All business depends upon men fulfilling their responsibilities.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

There are limits to self-indulgence, none to restraint.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Rights that do not flow from duty well performed are not worth having.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The mice which helplessly find themselves between the cats teeth acquire no merit from their enforced sacrifice.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment, full effort is full victory.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The history of the world is full of men who rose to leadership, by sheer force of self-confidence, bravery and tenacity.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Not to have control over the senses is like sailing in a rudderless ship, bound to break to pieces on coming in contact with the very first rock.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

They cannot take away our self-respect if we do not give it to them.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Consciously or unconsciously, every one of us does render some service or other. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and will make, not only our own happiness, but that of the world at large.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

In a gentle way, you can shake the world.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Interdependence is and ought to be as much the ideal of man as self-sufficiency. Man is a social being.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Ahimsa is the attribute of the soul, and therefore, to be practiced by everybody in all affairs of life. If it cannot be practiced in all departments, it has no practical value.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Whatever you do may seem insignificant, but it is most important that you do it.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

A man is the sum of his actions, of what he has done, of what he can do, Nothing else.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

A No uttered from deepest conviction is better and greater than a Yes merely uttered to please, or what is worse, to avoid trouble.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Capital as such is not evil; it is its wrong use that is evil. Capital in some form or other will always be needed.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Truth never damages a cause that is just.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Be the change you want to see in the world.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

We must become the change we want to see.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Those who know how to think need no teachers.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I claim that in losing the spinning wheel we lost our left lung. We are, therefore, suffering from galloping consumption. The restoration of the wheel arrests the progress of the fell disease.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Intolerance betrays want of faith in one's cause.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Honest differences are often a healthy sign of progress.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Non-violence and truth are inseparable and presuppose one another.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The pursuit of truth does not permit violence on one's opponent.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

There is no god higher than truth.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Whenever you have truth it must be given with love, or the message and the messenger

will be rejected.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Unity to be real must stand the severest strain without breaking.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

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

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I have nothing new to teach the world. Truth and Non-violence are as old as the hills. All I have done is to try experiments in both on as vast a scale as I could.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

A vow is fixed and unalterable determination to do a thing, when such a determination is related to something noble which can only uplift the man who makes the resolve.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Your capacity to keep your vow will depend on the purity of your life.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Personally, I hold that a man, who deliberately and intelligently takes a pledge and then breaks it, forfeits his manhood.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Morality is contraband in war.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

It is open to a war resister to judge between the combatants and wish success to the one who has justice on his side. By so judging he is more likely to bring peace between the two than by remaining a mere spectator.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

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

- Gandhi, Mahatma

It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

There is nothing that wastes the body like worry, and one who has any faith in God should be ashamed to worry about anything whatsoever.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Adaptability is not imitation. It means power of resistance and assimilation.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

If Christians would really live according to the teachings of Christ, as found in the Bible, all of India would be Christian today.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

To believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonest.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The control of the palate is a valuable aid for the control of the mind.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

You can chain me, you can torture me, you can even destroy this body, but you will never imprison my mind.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Fear has its use but cowardice has none.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Cowards can never be moral.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Culture of the mind must be subservient to the heart.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

No culture can live if it attempts to be exclusive.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Nothing is impossible for pure love.

- Gandhi, Mahatma





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