

THE GITA AND SATYAGRAHA

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FEARLESSNESS

- Fearlessness is considered on the top of the list of Divine Attributes in the 16th chapter of Gita. According to Gandhi the position assigned to this divine quality fearlessness is reasonable. The way to find truth is not an easy task, not for coward. So a person who is fearless can proceed to find out truth. Fearlessness is the weapon for brave people and sword, rifles etc are weapons for cowards.
- Fearlessness suggests freedom from all physical or mental fear such as fear of diseases, bodily injury and death, losing loved one, fear of dispossession, losing reputation etc. It is considered that if someone does not have fear of death, he is brave which is incorrect. Most of people do not have the courage to encounter the harsh reality of life, they do many illegal works to keep their prestige high or they can't bear the pain of separation to their loved ones. Many of them change their way to ignore the unpleasant treatment of people.
- The story of Harishchandra teaches a moral or spiritual lesson. From him one can learn that if someone is on the quest of Truth, he should be ready to sacrifice all and he must conquer all his external fears.
- One who can realize the Supreme or God, he will be free from delusions, he can get perfect fearlessness. With determined and constant effort and self confidence, one can progress towards this goal. Unlike external fear one must be afraid of internal foes such as animal passion, anger etc. He will be able to get over the internal fears once he can detach himself from the attachment for the body.
- We have to give up the attachment for wealth, family and body. We have to keep in mind that everything in the world belongs to God even we also. We should follow the noble precept "Enjoy the things of the earth by renouncing them."
- According to Upanishad we should act like trustee rather than proprietors and to give up attachment for things. We have to be like a servant, humble by nature which will bring immense peace and we will be able to see God.