

THE GITA AND SATYAGRAHA

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- The concept of ahimsa is difficult to be understood. For Gandhi Ahimsa means the freedom of the spirit from the flesh. It is difficult to achieve but not impossible. It is attainable through slow and painful stages. Gandhi was a believer of Ahimsa but at first people did not believe in Ahimsa. But they were motivated by anger so people were not assisting the Government. So Gandhi did his duty to make them understand about the doctrine of ahimsa and they understood Gandhi.
- Gandhi's only weapon was non-violence and truth. He cannot be used for violence and unlawful activities. Gandhi does not support Russia's Bolshevism as it is opposed to non-violence and God. He does not believe in short cut way or violent way to get success. He never compromises with violence even if it done for noble purposes. Gandhi preaches non-violence only for the purpose of India's freedom. He is not able to preach the universal non- violence as it is a great task.
- Non-violence does not mean resignation from fighting against evils or immoral activities. In fact non-violence is a very active and real fight against wickedness. Unlike non-violence, the nature of violence is to increase evils. So he considers non-violence which is a moral opposition to immoralities. Non-violence seeks the resistance of the soul, not resistance of the physic.
- Gandhi's propositions of non-violence are as reliable as Euclid's definition. A geometrician cannot think to draw a line without Euclid's definition as he is the Father of Geometry. Like that nobody can proceed towards Satyagraha without knowing the fundamental propositions of non-violence.
- Gandhi opposes of those men who take shelter under non-violence just because they are unable to defend their wives, children even their own honour for their cowardice. A coward man cannot pursue non-violence as the path of non-violence is not an easy one so only brave people can follow this.
- Non-violence always resists one's desire to strike or to injure the oppressor. Vengeance is superior to passive submission and forgiveness is higher than vengeance. The power of Sun is incomparable to anything. The Sun does not harm the little children who throw dust at him, but they get harm from their own act. It means the Sun forgives the children. The act of injuring others will come back to you, so forgiveness is better and higher to vengeance.
- Non-resistance is a restraint voluntarily undertaken for the good of society. It is an intensely active, purifying, inward force. The spirit of non-resistance can be acquired by conscious exercise. Non-resistance teach us to appreciate our hidden forces, it is the great force which can express our soul highest. It does not need everyone to possess non-resistance, if a single man possess it he can lead millions of soldiers. The monkeys of one Rama were sufficient to control the fully armed soldiers of the ten-headed Ravana.

