

THE GITA AND SATYAGRAHA

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- Sometimes language cannot express the exact thoughts of someone. For Gandhi non-violence is beyond a philosophical principle, it is the breath of life. The practice of non-violence requires fearlessness and courage of the highest order and we know the path of non-violence is not an easy one as one has to suffer a lot of pain. Gandhi fails sometimes consciously or unconsciously. But he is firm at his decision to follow non-violence at any cost. The freedom which is won through war, bloodshed or violence can be considered as true freedom. Non-violence and truth can bring the real freedom to our nation.
- Though ahimsa is against any physical torture but it never means cowardice. The way of Ahimsa is so brave that one must ready himself to face death. Facing evil having a sword in hand is brave but without having any weapon and without raising a finger to the evils is braver. If someone surrenders his rice bag, his wife just for fear of being beaten is a coward, in those cases he could have fought but did not. He is not able to be neither a husband nor a father nor a brother.
- This kind of cowardice is available in both Hindus and Mussulmans. The important thing is that the cowards of both communities must be taught to be brave. Because there is no place for cowards in a society where people loves freedom. So both have to be brave and wise as Swaraj is not for cowards. If someone cannot protect himself and his closed one by non-violence, he can fight with violence against the oppressors. He who can do neither violence nor non-violence does not deserve to be the head of a family.
- So Gandhi knows only the way of Ahimsa. He has immense faith on God that he hopes one day God will show him the path which will be helpful for people. Apart from that he beliefs that one day Hindu and Mussulmans will be friends. The future cannot be seen by anyone, it lies in the hands of God.
- Permanent peace can be attained if the powerful leaders renounce their imperialistic attitude. If the great nations cease their desire to material possessions, peace can be attained. But though people consider Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace, they don't follow the message delivered by Jesus. Gandhi believes if only one nation perform the supreme act of renunciation, there will be lasting peace on earth.
- Gita is a small part of Mahabharata. It has shown the futility of war by a hollow victory with only seven people alive and millions dead. The Mahabharata depicts that the fight between good and evil is an eternal struggle. The leaders' country is dominated by Christianity, they have to learn the knowledge of the law of or ahimsa which is known non-violence in English.