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## The Necessity of Gandhian Postulates in the Present Education System

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### **Abstract:**

*Gandhian postulates to be adopted in the curriculum of school education to promote world peace. The core values which remain unchanged forever are Satya (Truth), Dharma (righteousness), Shanti (nonviolence) and Prema (love) bring remarkable changes in the physical, personal, intellectual, spiritual emotions of an individual. A progressed man has to undergo birth, growth and transformation. The positive power which is hidden in man makes the common person to grow into a greater personality. The negative by-products of life's battle ie hatred, anger, jealousy, fear, self-pity or even distrust can get completely destructed by love which is the elixir of life. By constant loving attitude, we can overcome the enmity of an opponent. Non-injury in the Creed, word and deed is Ahimsa, a perfect love. One who wears the garment of non-violence takes a seat in the heart of every individual on this planet. Had the world got the chance to follow non-violence, there would have been no wars, no revolution, no bloodshed. Truth is considered the best Dharma to be performed in one's life which cannot be long-hidden. Gandhi paid a lot to acquire truthfulness to be a motto of his life, later the same became the motto of our country, "Satyameva Jayate". By following the invisible universally accepted doctrine which is Dharma with utmost sincerity, he can be visible to everybody and everywhere.*

**Key words:** Transformation, constant love, garment of non-violence, best Dharma, invisible doctrine

### **1.Introduction**

Education is the vital system which has to promote the universal human values. It is a very big question mark, is our present education system helps in providing these core values to the students. We are moving in the fast changing world, we don't have time to think these moral values. As these values get declining now-a-days, it is the need of the hour to build our society based on Gandhian postulates which are so relevant to the present generation.

### **2.General Objectives**

- To make one to leave awestruck at the vast wisdom of Mahatma.
- To make the people understand the significance of the Mahatma's eternal message and his significant relevance to the present day world.
- To make us accept Gandhi is a subject which can never become outdated.

### **3.Specific Objectives**

- To inculcate the moral qualities in the minds of the students.
- To make us know the man's complete living and self-realization on the purposeful pursuit of the intrinsic values of life.
- To induce the spirit of Gandhi's teaching and create the kind of society which Gandhi envisaged.

### **4.Transformation**

A progressed man has to undergo birth, growth and transformation. Transformation is a universal, natural and long process. Onward progress continues until the ultimate is known. Between the Cycle of birth and death, a liberated soul has to transform and transcend till it attains equanimous positions in the events of sorrow and happiness. Life is a God-given opportunity and it needs perennial charge. An individual listens to his inner voice and even a feeble insight into his truth has a transforming power. The potentiality of the seed is the only thing which is responsible for the growth of the tree. Similarly the potentiality of the man defines the positive and negative transformation. The positive power which is hidden in man makes the common person to grow into a greater personality.

U. R. Rao has been keen in analyzing how Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi became Mahatma 'The Great Soul', it is none other than virtual qualities like Truth, honesty, faith in God, equal regard for all religion were budded and cultivated at the very early life of Gandhi. Rao described his early childhood days were uneventful. He was an average student, indulged in immoral activities such as stealing, eating meat, smoking Cigarette, committed mistakes soon he realized his mistakes and corrected himself. He understood that making the same mistakes is committing suicide. Rao pointed out that deceiving and lying to one's parents was worse than eating meat in Secret.

Transformation doesn't happen all of a sudden. It undergoes various complicated stages till the evolving gets completed. A progressive man is said to be the crowning glory of all Creation. A man only has the indomitable will power to modify himself. He is the creator of his own destiny. He can be what he would like to be with a clarity in his thought. Even getting butter from milk undergoes various changes. First milk is converted into curd, then curd into buttermilk, when churning it gives butter.

Now a days youth follows the western culture and like to expose them as fashionable men, by changing their lifestyle, dressing sense, wearing ornaments and wasting their time and money on unnecessary things instead of educating them with English men punctuality and neatness. Rao and Rolland find Gandhi was not an exception. He also spent considerable time and money in following foreign dressing sense, dancing, elocution and western music later he realized that he came to England to study law.

He struggled a lot to follow the simple way of life. He is known for his simplicity which is not so simple a thing as people imagine. He firmly believed that a gentleness is known by the manner of his speech not by the cut of his clothes. Present youth should understand whatever they follow that should suit our culture, Eswaran says it is much better to be truthful to oneself than to try to act like someone else.

Transformation is inevitable in someone's life. When an individual gets a sparkling light of transformation there will be a tremendous change in his creed, word and deed. Life is the best teacher which teaches the lessons in this better way. The powerful mind can make or mar an individual.

In order to transform others, you have first to transform yourself stated Eknath Eswaran. It is not advisable to transform others without having a slight sensation in our heart. But Gandhi wanted to transform his whole personality and never insisted anyone to follow him. The way he lived and transformed himself became a history of the transformers. Once the inner awakening happened, no doubt our soul and mind attained transformation. Such a qualitative leap was happened to Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi to become Mahatma and also his humility and depth of understanding in the simplest of actions had made him so.

#### **5.PREMA (Love)**

Education is the system which promotes the core values that are universal human values. The education is expected to create and sustain value. Some values are under changing along with the socioeconomic environment some remain unchanged forever and they remain universally true. They are Satya (truth), Dharma (righteousness) Shanti (nonviolence) and prema (love) which are considered as human values and they are eternal. They never get changed wherever or whenever. Most societies value these values. These values are respected widely and least controversial. These values bring remarkable changes in the physical, personal, intellectual and spiritual emotions of an individual.

Love is the elixir of life which has no ageing, never dies sustains our life, deeply rooted in our mind and heart. The ultimate goal of our life comes out like a spring, each and every individual on the planet knows very well about it and nobody can devoid of it, is nothing but love. It is like a spoke that joins the circumference to the center. Love only can remove all the negative emotions as byproducts of life battle is hatred, anger, jealousy, fear, self-pity or even distrust.

Rao found that in Gandhi's heart there was no room for hatred or revenge. He often said one can overcome the enmity of an opponent by constant loving attitude towards him. No other way the enemy had to surrender himself to the people who use the weapon such as nonviolence with love. Such a thing happened to Gandhi those who hated attacked him, later realized their mistakes, gave up their hatred, at the end surrendered themselves under the feet of Gandhi.

Only love can make you repose in the self, it makes you quiet and tranquil. In order to remove hatred from our heart, fear and all other ill feelings should learn the art of love and trust. We should have heart to wish the very best for the people whom we hate.

#### **6.Shanti (Non - Violence)**

Ahimsa is a perfect love, forms the basis of the truth, which is also a comprehensive principle. He cares for others well being rather than his own. Rao finds such a kind of perfect love in Gandhi. He cares others welfare more than his own, considers other lives more than his own and also love one who hates him is the farthest limit of Ahimsa. A successful man is one who constantly loves even the hatred, which is also kind of lifelong challenge and a life-long struggle. If he shows patience and understanding even in the opposition, such a person is called a non-violent man. The most courageous man only can show love even to the hatred. Those who can forgive and forget others mistakes, can only become a hero as formulated in Bhagavad Gita.

Ahimsa refers to non-injury in thought, word and deed is said in Hindus, Buddhist and Jain Scriptures. One who wears the garment of non-violence, takes a seat in the heart of every individual in this planet. It needs double faith one should develop faith in God and at the same time develop faith in man. Gandhi took the weapons as non-violence when he claimed for the rights of the people in South Africa and against the very powerful British Empire.

Gandhi was an absolute practioner of non-violence and truth. Gandhi a philosophical anarchist calls Devji. A Satyagrahi is one who is ready to trust him the twenty first time even if the opponent plays him false twenty times. Easwaran states that the hater only falls ill, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

He strongly believed in non-violence. Any change in the society can be brought by non-violence; he insisted everybody should adopt non-violence as our motto. Had the world got the chance of following non-violence, there would have been no wars, no revolutions, no bloodshed. All the people of the universe will have an opportunity of living under one world, which has the strong foundation built on non-violence, the way of love said Gandhi.

### **7.Satya (Truth)**

Truth may not be sacrificed for anything whatsoever. It is ever found in the simplicity of things and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things. Gandhi dedicated his whole life in the pursuit of truth or Satya. He used to achieve them by learning from his own mistakes and conducting experiments as himself. When truth is said, it is no need to remember or register in our mind. Even if you are a minority of me, the truth is the truth.

The basis of things is morality and truth is the substance of all morality. Nobody can hide the truth. The sun, the moon and the truth are the three things which cannot be long hidden. Truth is considered the best Dharma to be performed in one's life. It is very difficult to travel in the path of truth but once a journey is made, it never gets ceased till the doom of life.

### **8.Dharma (Righteousness)**

Dharma is the most righteous path to attain contentment and peace of mind. It stands as fulfillment of one's duties to the world. A man can be known to everybody and everywhere, if he follows the universally accepted doctrine which is Dharma with utmost sincerity. An unselfish Dharma gives a pleasure of fulfillment and contentment in our life. Liberation is possible through one's own duty. On hearing Shrivana's devoted service to his parents made a deep impression in the mind of young Mohandas.

### **9.Conclusion**

Gandhi's simple living and high thinking self-suffering and constant loving make him Mahatma "The Great Soul". Not only he won the hearts of the people of India but also the world. 'To live and let live' is the golden maxim to be adopted by Man. His new, revolutionary thoughts and ideas considered him "The creative Artist". The light he showed is shining still and will shine forever. His ideas of God, truth, love, non-violence, peace, righteousness, politics, education, Satyagraha have permanent validity and are relevant in the fast changing world of Science and Technology. In order to promote world peace, the present younger generation should be empowered with Gandhian postulates.

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