



the Gandhi Foundation presents

the festival of nonviolence

Tuesday 25th March - Saturday 12th April 2008



Gandhi planting a tree outside
Kingsley Hall, East End, London,
December 3, 1931

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why a festival of nonviolence?

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The Gandhi Foundation has created “**The Festival of Nonviolence**” to complement The British Library’s travelling exhibition of “**The Life of Gandhi**” while it is in London.

They will open together at The British Library on 25th March. The six panels of the exhibition will be on public view on the following Saturday (29th March) at **Kingsley Hall** in Bromley-by-Bow where Gandhi stayed in 1931. On Saturday 12th April, the Festival ends with a party and the exhibition moves on to Hull, the next stop on its eight city tour of the country.

The Festival and the exhibition mark the 60 years that have passed since the assassination of **Mahatma Gandhi** in 1948 at the hands of a religious-political extremist. The Festival of Nonviolence will also mark the 40 years that have passed since the assassination of another great advocate and practitioner of Nonviolence, **Martin Luther King**, at the hands of a racist extremist.

AND on **6th April**, the desperate plight of the Tibetans, championed by their exiled leader, Nobel Peace Prize Winner and living embodiment of Nonviolence, **His Holiness**

the Dalai Lama, will be highlighted when the Beijing Olympic Torch passes through London and peace makers from across Europe will challenge the extreme violence of the Chinese State.

The principal aim of the Festival is to remind Londoners and our visitors of the depth and power of **Nonviolence** and its pervasive power today in solving the major problems of our city, namely, violence in the street, in the home, at work, at school, between the State and the individual, and towards the environment. Adopting Nonviolence explicitly as a basic law of behaviour is, demonstrably, the most effective means to implementing justice, creating and maintaining communal harmony, achieving authentic race and inter-faith relations and establishing environmental integrity here in our own city.

There are huge numbers of individuals and groups across London who share a deep commitment to Nonviolence. They range from the Faiths, not-for-profit and campaigning groups, most businesses, central and local governments to teachers, the police, journalists, trades unionists, social and community workers, lawyers, managers, artists, academics, counsellors, politicians and many more.



YOU can still make your commitment to Nonviolence explicit now, by emailing **the Festival Office**. We will add the name of your organisation to the list of **Supporting Organisations** on the website and include it in the final Report.

In addition, we can still help you with publicity for any appropriate event you are organising during the 18 days of the Festival.

Email the details and we will add it to the website Programme. We will continue to update the website until **12th April**, the day the Festival ends.

At Birla House, Mumbai,
August 1942

organisations supporting the festival

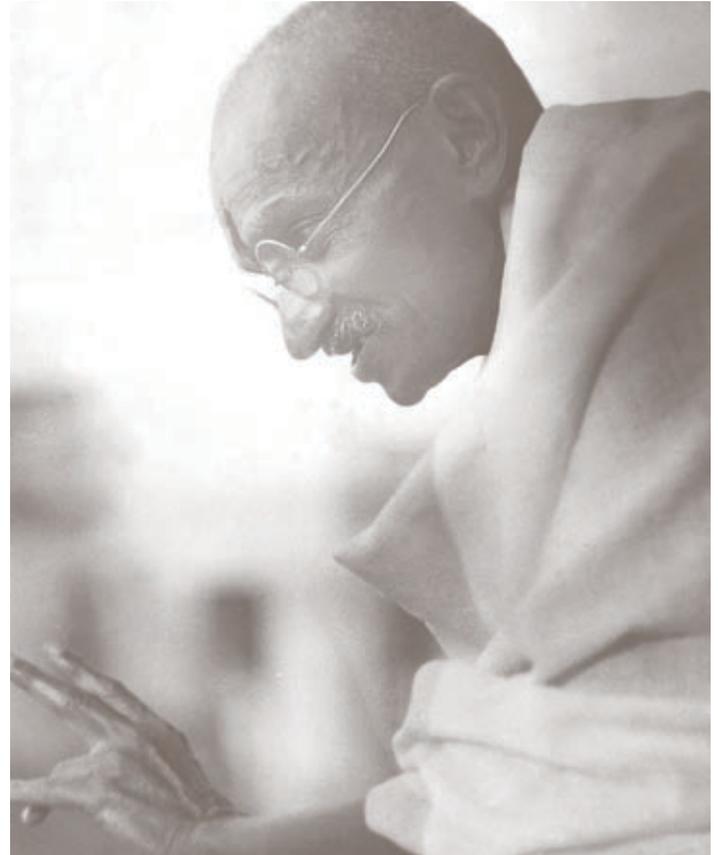
The British Library & The India Office
The Indian High Commission & The Nehru Centre
The TUC & their EU + International Relations Department
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan
St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace
Peace Child International
The Noble Sage Art Gallery
The Conflict Research Society
The Christian Ecology Group
"Yoga and Health" magazine
The Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy
The Schumacher Society
The Environmental Law Association
The Jeevika Trust
The Prem Rawat Foundation
The Blake Society
The Power of Word & Song
The Inter-Faith Network
"Alternatives" at St James Piccadilly
The Bromley-by-Bow Centre
Action for UN Renewal
The Commonwealth Countries League
The Centre for International Peacebuilding
Green Mantle
The Ministry for Peace
The Christian Council for Monetary Justice
The Global Justice Movement

The India League
Commonwork & The Neil Wates Trust
The Royal Commonwealth Society
Peace News, Housman's Bookshop & Peace Resource Project
The Gandhi Tour
Peace Pledge Union
Nonviolent Peaceforce
Forced Migration & Health Program, Columbia University, USA
MediaLens.com
Reprieve
The Burma Campaign
The London International Documentary Festival
St Mary-le-Bow Church
The London International Sufi School
Gandhi's Heirs (USA)
GandhiServe.com (Berlin)
The Hindu Forum of Britain
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Portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, 1935

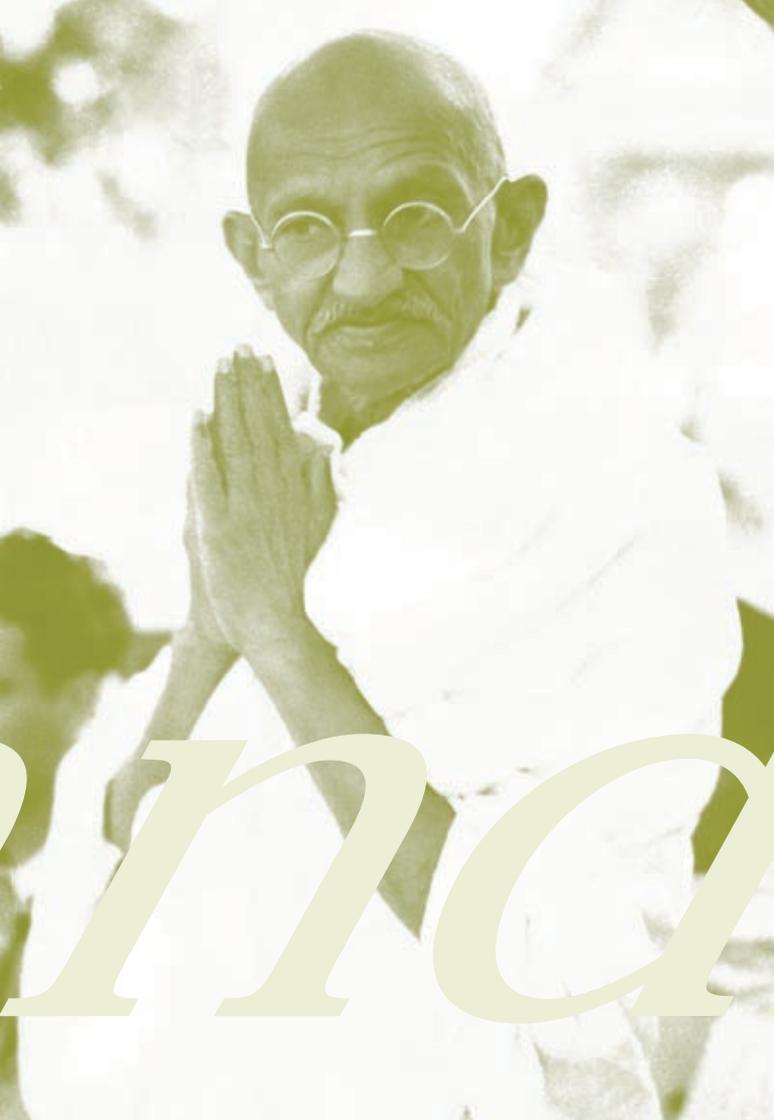


in the wider context...

In June 2007, The UN General Assembly designated Gandhi's birthday (2nd October) as The International Day of Nonviolence. The Statement "invites all Member States, NGO's and individuals to disseminate the message of Nonviolence through education and public awareness" and "requested the Secretary-General to recommend ways and means [to] assist Member States in organizing activities to commemorate the Day." The Festival of Nonviolence will pilot a range of activities that The Secretary-General might recommend to Member States for their own celebrations of Nonviolence.

In March 2008, the Foreign Secretary, David Miliband, announced his four Strategic Priorities for the UK to re-establish its leading role in the world: countering terrorism and proliferation; reducing and preventing conflict; promoting a low carbon, high growth global economy; and developing effective international institutions, especially the UN and EU. The organisers of the Festival think that implementing the principles and practice of Nonviolence would bring success in all four arenas sooner and more effectively than by any other means and would welcome any challenge to this assertion.





Greeting the crowd after performing the inauguration ceremony of the Laxmi Narayan and Buddhist Temple, Delhi, March 19, 1939

Delhi

the festival programme



Kingsley Hall - the heart and home of the festival

“**The Life of Gandhi**” exhibition will be at **Kingsley Hall** for 2 weeks and there will be events there on **Saturday 29th**, when it opens, and **Saturday 12th April**, when it closes.

The address is:

Kingsley Hall
Powis Road
Bromley-by-Bow
E3 3HJ

If you would like to book your event into Kingsley Hall, please call **David Baker** on **07739 277298** or email him on gandhilion@genie.co.uk.

Greeting Londoners from the balcony of his residence at Kingsley Hall, September 1931

With friends at Kingsley Hall, London, September 1931



diary of events

DATE	EVENT	ACTIVISTS
25/03	Launch of The British Library's "Life of Gandhi" and The Gandhi Foundation's "Festival of Non-violence"	Party for the High Commissioner for India, Festival Patrons, Supporters & Activists
29/03	"Gandhi" with Ben Kingsley, John Mills, John Gielgud, Trevor Howard, Edward Fox, Saaed jaffrey, Martin Sheen, Geraldine James	Richard Attenborough's 1982 film that won 8 Oscars. Lord Attenborough is Life President of The Gandhi Foundation
29/03	Opening of "Life of Gandhi" to public & replanting Gandhi's tree – with a Golden Indian Bean Tree.	The Indian High Commissioner + The Patrons of the Festival + everybody who wants to come
29/03	Premiere: "The Unblinking Gaze" with Director Joshua Dugdale present. 74 mins	The London International Documentary Festival. 18 months observing HH Dalai Lama
29/03	"Tsagaan Sar" Celebrating the Mongolian New Year	Documentary on a Buddhist ritual. Intro: The Ven. Otgonbaater
29/03	Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia	Indian flute concert
28-29/03	Conference: 'Peace History: People, Politics and Culture'	International Peace Bureau & Movement for Abolition of War
31/03	"My Life, My Words: Remembering Mahatma Gandhi" Plus 2 Sudhir Mishra film tributes to Gandhi	Book launch + 2 film premiere's
01/04	Domestic Violence Dialogue: Mohamed Ballela (Al-Aman); Sue Barridge (Policy Adviser, Church of England) & Farah Zeb (Refuge)	The Greater London Domestic Violence Project & Redbridge Faith Forum
01/04 plus 8th & 15th	Mindfulness in the workplace	Catherine Powell
02/04	The Isaiah Berlin Lecture: "Reason and Identity"	Professor Lord Bhiku Parekh, Patron, The Gandhi Foundation
02/04	"Lage Raho Munnabhai" Director: Rajkumar Hirani with Sanjay Dutt. 144 mins + subtitles	Hit musical comedy film. A Mumbai gangster begins to see Gandhi's spirit and to practice what he calls Gandhigiri (non-violence) to help solve people's problems.
02/04	"Peace Building: can women reach the parts that men can't?"	Chair: John McDonnell MP. Lesley Abdela & Brigadier Roger Mortlock OBE

ORGANISATION & VENUE	TIME	PRICE	CONTACT
The British Library Conference Centre Euston Road, London NW1	6.30 - 9pm	by invitation only	John Rowley festival.of.non-violence@gmail.com
Kingsley Hall, Powis Rd, E3 3HJ	11am - 12.30pm then 1 - 2.30pm	free	David Baker gandhilion@genie.co.uk
Kingsley Hall, Powis Rd, E3 3HJ	3 - 6pm	free	David Baker gandhilion@genie.co.uk
The Courthouse, 19-21 Great Marlborough St, W1F 7HL	6.15pm	£6.50	0870 811 2559 www.princecharlescinema.com
St. James Church, Picadilly. Organised by the Tibet Foundation 1 St. James's Market, SW1Y 4SB	7pm	donation	events@tibetfoundation.org www.tibet-foundation.org
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Castletown Road, W4	7pm	£15 + concs	www.bhavan.net
Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, SE1	10am - 5pm		www.abolishwar.org.uk
The Nehru Centre, South Audley St, London W1K 1HF t: 020 749 13567	6.30pm	free	nehrucentre@aol.com www.nehrucentre.org.uk
St Ethelburga's, 78 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG t: 020 7496 1610	6.30pm	free	events@stethelburgas.org www.stethelburgas.org
St Ethelburga's, 78 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG t: 020 7496 1610	12.45 - 1.30pm	£18	events@stethelburgas.org www.stethelburgas.org
The British Academy, 10 Carlton House, SW1Y 5AH	5.30 - 7.30pm	tickets only	book: www.britac.ac.uk lectures@britac.ac.uk t: 0207 969 5414
The Nehru Centre, South Audley St, London W1K 1HF t: 020 749 13567	6.30pm	free	nehrucentre@aol.com www.nehrucentre.org.uk
The Ministry for Peace, Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House, Westminster	7 - 9pm	free	diana.basterfield@ministryforpeace.org

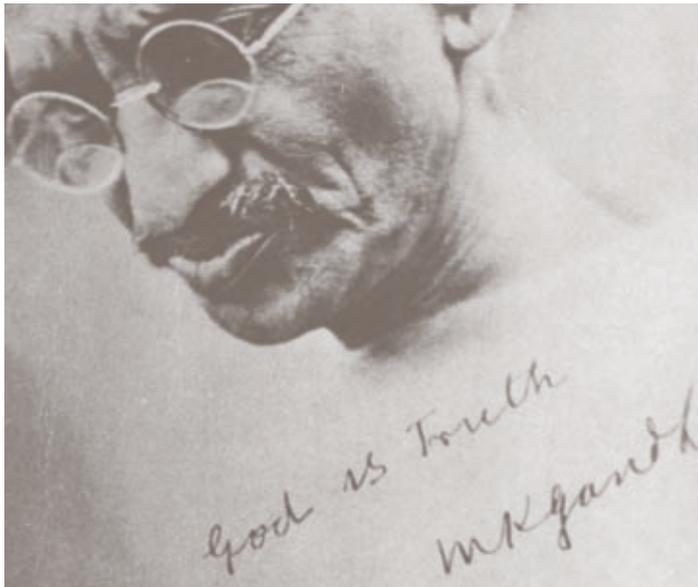
diary of events (cont.)

DATE	EVENT	ACTIVISTS
02-27/04	"SPRING: Women artists from India, Pakistan & Sri Lanka changing the world"	Gogi Saroj Pal Lalliitha Jawahirilal Asma Menon Mobina Zuberi Rekha Rao
03/04	"Nothing But The Salt"	Story-telling by Vayu Naidu
03/04	"Implementing Non-violence in the UK	Chair: Professor Lord Bhiku Parekh with 3 speakers
04/04	The 40 th Anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King "Gandhi and King: their relevance today"	
05/04	Challenging Oppression: What are the practical ways of living a different power?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a training to empower people working for social change. - introducing practical tools and analysis of active non-violence. - providing creative solutions to the challenges of life
06/04	"Tibet Freedom Torch" Protest as Olympic torch passes through London	Day of Action in support of Tibet. Assemble: Argyle Place, Kings Cross
07/04	"An incontestable truth - contraction and convergence"	Muzammal Hussein. London Islamic Network for the Environment
09/04	"Peace is Possible: Putting Prem Rawat in Context"	Film of Prem Rawat + Prof Ron Geaves of Liverpool Hope U & St Ethelburga's
11/04	The London Uyghur Ensemble	Music from Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous region and Kyrgyzstan
12/04	"Nonviolence, Restorative Justice & Mapping Conflict"	Workshop organised by The Conflict Research Society.
12/04	"Transforming conflict through Meditation"	Dave Corbett. WCCM and Greengage Consulting
12/04	"How would a non-violent economics system work?"	The Global Justice Movement
12/04	World Music Bands Two Plays: "Gandhi's Goat" "Hey Ram - The Last Day in the Life of Mahatma Gandhi" World Music continues	by Music4Peace and Friends by Matthew Coombes by Vijay Rama by Music4Peace and Friends

ORGANISATION & VENUE	TIME	PRICE	CONTACT
The Noble Sage Art Gallery, 2A Fortis Green, London N2 9EL		free	0208 883 7303 reception@thenoblesage.com
The Nehru Centre, South Audley St, London W1K 1HF t: 020 749 13567	6.30pm	free	www.nehrucentre.org.uk
The House of Lords, Westminster	4 - 6pm	free	contact John Rowley first on festival.of.nonviolence@gmail.com
St Ethelburga's, 78 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG t: 020 7496 1610			events@stethelburgas.org www.stethelburgas.org
Friends House Drayton Room, Euston Road, London	10am - 4pm	£15 £10 concs	Denise – denised@quaker.org.uk tel: 020 7663 1064 Steve – stevev@quaker.org.uk tel: 020 7663 1061
The Tibet Society, 139 Fonthil Road, London N4 3HF t: 020 7272 1414	2.15pm	free	www.tibetsociety.com t: 020 7272 1414
St Ethelburga's, 78 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG t: 020 7496 1610	6.30pm	free	events@stethelburgas.org www.stethelburgas.org
St Ethelburga's, 78 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG t: 020 7496 1610	7 for 7.30pm	free	events@stethelburgas.org www.stethelburgas.org
St Ethelburga's, 78 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG t: 020 7496 1610			events@stethelburgas.org
Faraday House, 48 -51 Old Gloucester St WC1N3AE	2 - 4.30pm	£10 with concs	www.syracuse-u.ac/map contact g.j.burt@open.ac.uk
St Ethelburga's, 78 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG t: 020 7496 1610	10am - 5pm	£40 with lunch	events@stethelburgas.org
Kingsley Hall, Powis Rd, E3 3HJ	2 - 4pm	free	www.globaljusticemovement.net
Kingsley Hall, Powis Rd, E3 3HJ NB: All this will be broadcast live on the Internet	2pm 7pm 8.15pm 9 - 11pm	donation	David Baker gandhilion.genie.co.uk John Rowley festival.of.nonviolence@gmail.com

dedication

“The Festival of Nonviolence” is dedicated to **Martin Luther King, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Aung San Suu Kyi, Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu**, all of whom recognise **Mahatma Gandhi** as their Teacher and inspiration. All these people and many others have suffered imprisonment, state violence and even death as a result of their advocacy and practice of Nonviolence. Why?



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1. **“The Life of Gandhi”** exhibition is already booked to travel to Hull, Kent, Sheffield, Leicester, Birmingham, Glasgow, Cardiff, Southampton until January 2009. Contact the Library on www.bl.uk for further details.
2. **Gandhi’s statue in Parliament Square.** The Mayor has said that he intends to do this. Please write to him encouraging him to do so soon.
3. **A thought:** “Nonviolence has been marginalized by the elite because it is one of the rare truly revolutionary ideas, an idea that seeks to change completely the nature of society, a threat to the established order. And so it has always been treated as something profoundly dangerous” from “The History of a dangerous Idea”, Mark Kurlansky, 2006.

Portrait, 1931. Written in Gandhi’s hand:
“God is Truth - M.K. Gandhi”

Gandhi and the scope of nonviolence

“Nonviolence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man.”

“Nonviolence is a dormant state. In the waking state, it is love.”

“I believe that Nonviolence is infinitely superior to violence, forgiveness is more courageous than punishment. Strength does not come from physical capacity but from indomitable will.”

“Woman has been suppressed under custom and law for which men are responsible.”

“Be the change you wish to see.”

“I hate privilege and monopoly. Whatever cannot be shared with the masses is taboo to me.”

“It has always been a mystery to me how men can feel themselves honoured by the humiliation of their fellow beings.”

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

“Nonviolence presupposes the ability to strike. It is a conscious, deliberate restraint upon one’s desire for vengeance. But vengeance is any day superior to passive and helpless submission.”

“War with its glorification of brute force is essentially a degrading thing. It demoralises those who are trained for it. It brutalises men of naturally gentle character. It outrages every beautiful canon of morality. Its path

of glory is foul with the passion of lust and red with the blood of murder.”

“If every disagreement were to displease, since no two people agree exactly on all points, life would be a bundle of unpleasant sensations & so a perfect nuisance. On the contrary, frank criticism pleases me.”

“The mind is a restless bird: the more it gets, the more it wants & still remains unsatisfied.”

“I shall bring about economic equality through non-violence, converting people to my point of view by harnessing the forces of love against hatred.”

“The more I work at this law of love in action, the more I feel delight in life, the delight in the scheme of the universe. It gives me peace and a meaning of the mysteries of nature that I have no power to describe.”

“I give you a talisman. Whenever you are in doubt apply the face of the poorest and weakest man you have seen then ask yourself whether the next step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him. In other words will it lead to freedom [swaraj] for the hungry and the spiritually starving millions. Then you will find your doubts and your self melting away.”

“Truth resides in every human heart, and one has to search for it there, and to be guided by truth as one sees it. But no one has the right to coerce others to act according to their own view of truth.”

“First they ignore you. Then they laugh at you. Then they fight you. Then you win.”

bibliography

“An Autobiography or the Story of my Experiments with Truth”

by Mohandas K Gandhi. Two volumes 1926 and 1927. Penguin, 2008. £8.99. Gandhi's famous autobiography

“The Life of Mahatma Gandhi”

by Louis Fischer. 1950. Harper Collins, 1997 £9.99

Still the most popular biography.

“The Conquest of Violence”

by Joan Bondurant. Princeton University Press, 1958.

A classic study of Gandhian nonviolent action – Satyagraha.

“Gandhi's Truth: On the origins of Militant Nonviolence”

by Erik Erikson. Norton, 1969. Psychological analysis by an eminent psychoanalyst.

“In Search of Gandhi”

by Lord Attenborough. The Bodley Head, 1982 £15.00

His 23 year quest to make his film “Gandhi”.

“Gandhi: Prisoner of Hope”

by Judith Brown. Yale University Press, 1989 £20.00

An excellent modern biography by Professor Brown.

“Gandhi the Man”

by Eknath Easwaran. Nilgiri Press, 1997 £9.99

An excellent primer on Gandhi with many photographs.

“Hind Swaraj and other writings”

by Anthony Parel. Cambridge University Press, 1997 £13.95

The best commentary yet on one of Gandhi's key articles.

“Gandhi and the Contemporary World”

by Antony Copley and George Paxton [Eds]. The Gandhi Foundation, 1997 £5.00

A large collection of essays on the relevance of Gandhi today.

“Gandhi: A Very Short Introduction”

by Professor Lord Bhikhu Parekh. Oxford University Press, 2001 £6.99

An instant classic, this is a clear analysis of Gandhi's thought.

“Gandhi in His time and Ours: The Global Legacy of his Ideas”

by David Hardiman. Hurst, 2003

Gandhi and people who have been influenced by him.

“All Men are Brothers: autobiographical reflections”

by Mohandas Gandhi. Krishna Kripalani [Ed]. Continuum, 2005.

Another excellent anthology compiled for UNESCO.

“Waging Nonviolent Struggle”

by Gene Sharp. Poster Sargent, 2005 £17.95

Century of collective nonviolent action by pre-eminent historian.

“Nonviolence: The History of a Dangerous Idea”

by Mark Kurlansky. Intro by HH Dalai Lama. Jonathan Cape, 2006 £12.99

An American journalist's vivid description of the power of Nonviolence.

“People Power and Protest Since 1945: A Bibliography of Nonviolent Action”

compiled by A Carter, H Clark, M Randle. Housmans Bookshop, 2006 £7.50.

Excellent collection of articles and other writings about Nonviolent practice.

“Mahatma Gandhi: Images and Ideas for Nonviolence”

by Vijay Rana. NRIfm, 2007 £15.00

Photographs and image with apt quotations and commentary.

“Violence and Social Justice”

by Vittorio Bufacchi. Palgrave, 2008 £45.00

Redefines the concept of violence in order to reconnect it with political philosophy.

Presenting a birthday present to Nandini, niece of Gandhi's secretary Pyarelal Nayer, at Sevagram Ashram, August 1944



the Gandhi foundation

The purpose of the Foundation is to promote knowledge about the life and teaching of Gandhi and to relate his teachings to some of the major problems of our time: violence, social injustice, poverty, oppression, racial discrimination, destruction of the environment, the arms race and war itself.

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