



GANDHI

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MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI**

**BIRTH: OCTOBER 2, 1869
DEATH: JANUARY 30, 1948**

“MY LIFE IS MY MESSAGE”



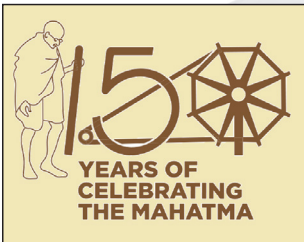
*Volunteers of Shanti Fund
and
Long Island Multi Faith Forum
cordially invite you to*

the 71st Punya Tithi of Mahatma Gandhi

*on Wednesday, January 30, 2019; 6:30 PM
at H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge
100 Veterans Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788*

*The program will consist of inter-faith
presentations, poetry readings,
and bhajans (devotional songs)
followed by dinner.*

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President Ram Nath Kovind launched the logo and the web portal for the commemoration of the 150th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, at Rashtrapati Bhawan in the national capital on September 18, 2018. According to an official release, the two-year long celebrations from October 2, 2018 to October 2, 2020 will be held across the country and all over the globe to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

PROGRAM

Welcome - Arvind Vora

MC – Sangeeta Kulkarni

Vaishnava Jana to... .. By: Volunteers of Gayatri Pariwar

Unitarian Universalists - By: Susan Roscoe and Norman Roscoe

Buddhist - By: Mr. Adisak Chumsaeng, Mr. Supakorn Chaowiwa thanakun, Mr. Pornchai Chaiyasook, Ms. Sabrina Ann Marie Hughes

Christian - By: Rev. Vicky Eastland

Jewish - By: Akiva The Believer

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Brahma Kumaris - By: Dhruva Murarka & Neeti Murarka

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Islam - By: Umar Syed from Selden Mosque

Christian - By: Rev. William Rothe

Sikh - By: Angad Singh Bindra & Arjan Singh Bindra

Christian - By: Rev. Gregory Rannazzisi & Fellow Christians

Gathering of Light - By: Aneela Arshed, Prayasi Bagchi, Annu Brewer, Rev. Evelyn Digsby, Catherine Chapey, Margaret Fraser, Aimee Jones, & Agnes Wolf

Baha'i - By: Sanjida Cabot, Desmond Escobar, Kenya Escobar, Naomi Escobar, Deborah McKeever & Patrick McKeever

Hindu - By: Students of Gayatri Gyan Kendra of Long Island

Thanks - Arvind Vora

Dinner (Curry Club & Bagel Chalet)

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Vaishnav Jan To Tene Kahiye

By: Volunteers of Gayatri Pariwar

Original:

*Vaishnav jan to tene kahiye je, peed paraayi jaane re,
Par-dukkhe upkaar kare toye, man abhimaan na aane re*

*Sakal lok maan sahune vande, nindaa na kare kenī re,
Vaach kaachh man nishchal raakhe, dhan-dhan janani tenī re*

*Sam-drishti ne trishna tyaagi, par-stree jene maat re,
Jivha thaki asatya na bole, par-dhan nav jhaalee haath re*

*Moh-maaya vyaape nahi jene, dridh vairaagya jena man maan re,
Ram naam shoon taali laagi, sakal tirath tena tan maan re*

*Van-lobhi ne kapat-rahit chhe, kaam-krodh nivaarya re,
Bhane Narsaiyyo tenu darshan karta, kul ekoter taarya re.*

English:

Vaishnav (devotees of Vishnu) people are those who feel the pain of others,
Help those who are in misery but never let ego or conceit enter their mind.

Vaishnav respect the entire world and do not censure anyone,
Keep their words, actions and thoughts pure, blessed the mother of such a soul.

Vaishnav see all equally, renounce greed and avarice, view others as one family,
They will never speak falsehood; nor ever would touch the wealth of others.

Vaishnav do not succumb to worldly attachments and detached from worldly pleasures,
They are enticed by the name of God (Shri Ram), All holy sites of pilgrimage are
embodied within them.

Vaishnav encompass the absence of greed and deceit, They have renounced all types of
lust and anger, The author of this poem (Narsi) would be grateful to meet such a soul,
by whose virtue, liberates their entire lineage

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS' PRESENTATION

By: Norm & Susan Roscoe

In this world there have always been many opinions about faith and salvation. You need not think alike to love alike. There must be knowledge in faith also. Sanctified reason is the lantern of faith. Religious reform can never be all at once, but gradually step by step. If they offer something better, I will gladly learn. The most important spiritual function is conscience, the source of all spiritual joy and happiness. Conscience will not be quieted by anything less than truth and justice. We must accept God's truth in this lifetime. Salvation must be accomplished here on earth. God is indivisible. Egy Az Isten. God is one.

Francis David (arranged by Richard Fewkes)

Providence, Rhode Island

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"TO BE OF USE"

By: Marge Piercy

The people I love the best
jump into work head first
without dallying in the shallows
and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight.
They seem to become natives of that element,
the black sleek heads of seals
bouncing like half-submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,
who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience,
who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,
who do what has to be done, again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge
in the task, who go into the fields to harvest
and work in a row and pass the bags along,
who are not parlor generals and field deserters
but move in a common rhythm
when the food must come in or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud.
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.
But the thing worth doing well done
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.
Greek amphoras for wine or oil,
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in museums
but you know they were made to be used.
The pitcher cries for water to carry
and a person for work that is real.

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BUDDHIST PRESENTATION

**By: Mr. Adisak Chumsaeng, Mr. Supakorn Chaowiwatthanakun,
Mr. Pornchai Chaiyasook, Ms. Sabrina Ann Marie Hughes**

From: Vajira Temple & Thai Sunday School Teachers and Students

Candle of Peace

This is a Thai Dance performance with live Thai music using a candle that is symbolic of bringing the light of peace to the world.

Pacifism and Pacifists

A true pacifist is a true satyagrahi. The latter acts by faith and, therefore, is not concerned about the result, for he knows that it is assured when the action is true.

... Pacifists have to prove their faith by resolutely refusing to do anything with war, whether of defense or offense.

... Pacifists have to live their lives in strict accord with the Sermon on the Mount, and they will find immediately that there is much to give up and much to remodel. The greatest thing that they have to deny themselves is the fruit of imperialism... ..

CHRISTIAN PRESENTATION

By: Rev. Vicky Eastland

Love for Enemies

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because God is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as God is merciful.”

Christian New Testament Gospel of Saint Luke, chapter 6 verses 27-31; 35,36

*In the attitude of silence,
the soul finds the path
in a clearer light, and
what is elusive and deceptive
resolves itself into crystal clearness*

JEWISH PRESENTATION

By: Akiva The Believer

1.

Water Flowing—G!d's Great Love

(Chorus)

There's water flowing under every shoe
Water flowing under me, flowing under you
This water is given from High, High above
This water is G!d's Great Love

Everybody sinks a well deep deep down
Everybody builds a well right here on G!d's Ground
Even though no two wells are ever built the same
Every single well is built in one of
G!d's Names

(Chorus)

Every well looks different; it carries a different name
Every well is built to last; to even outlast fame
Some wells are like beacons; some wells are like guns
But the water that they tap...
That's for everyone

(Chorus)

So if you chance upon a well
That's different or strange
A well that makes you turn away
A well that make you cringe
STOP right there
And stare down at your shoes
There's water flowing under them...
Water just for you

(Chorus)

2.

"Essa Einai"

Essa einai el heharim
Mayayin mayayin yavro ezri
X2
Ezri mayin Adoshem
Osei shamayim v'Aretz
X2

I lift up my eyes unto the mountains
From where will my help come?
My help comes from The Endless One
Creator of Heaven and Earth

אֶשׂא עֵינַי

אֶל-הַהָרִים מְאִין

יבא עֲזָרִי:

עֲזָרִי מֵעַם יְהוָה

עֲשֵׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ:

ZOROASTRIAN PRESENTATION

By: Pervez Patel

Ashem Vohu

Ashem Vohu vahistem asti
ushta asti, ushta ahmai
hyat ashai vahistai ashem.

Translation

In righteousness lies real happiness, for
It is God's finest gift; happiness is his who is righteous
for true righteousness' sake

Yatha Ahu Vairyo

Yatha Ahu Vairyo atha
ratush ashatchit hacha
vangeush dazda manangho
shyaothnanam angheush Mazdai.
Khshathrencha Ahurai a yim
drigubyo dadat vastarem

Translation

Righteousness exalteth the High Priest
and make him as powerful as a king.
Blessed are those who work not for themselves but
for Ahura Mazda for they shall attain divinity.
To give to the poor is to acknowledge
the sovereignty of Ahura Mazda.

An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching

JAIN PRESENTATION

By: Students of Shrimad Rajchandra Divine Touch

*Karina Parekh, Nishi Sheth, Hriti Sanghvi, Rishi Sanghvi, Shradha Sanghvi,
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Arham Shroff, Sonal Lakhani, Darshan Sanghvi, Vinay Shah, Nikhil Sheth,
Hardik Sanghvi, and Nimish Sheth*

NAV KAR MANTRA

Namo Arihantanam: I bow down to Arihanta (the perfect human beings),

Namo Siddhanam: I bow down to Siddha (The fully liberated souls),

Namo Ayriyanam: I bow down to Acharya (The spiritual leaders),

Namo Uvajjhayanam: I bow down to Upadhyaya (spiritual teachers),

Namo Loe Savva-sahunam: I bow down to all monks or sages.

Eso Panch Namokaro: Worshiping all these five

Savva-pavappanasano: Destroy all the sins and obstacles

Manglananch Savvesim: Amongst all that is auspicious,

Padhamam Havei Mangalam: This Navkar Mantra is the foremost.

MAHATMA

A SKIT

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BRAHMA KUMARIS PRESENTATION

By: Dhruv Murarka & Neeti Murarka

Om Shanti

As our pledge towards non-violence, may we disarm ourselves from the deadly weapons of our differences, prejudice, blame, anger and self-indulgence. May we stop the violence we cause to ourselves when we do not listen and honor our conscience, the part of our being that seeks Love and Harmony in relationships.

As our pledge towards peace, may we silence our racing minds just enough to hear the voice of our own yearning for peace and to find it in the space between our own thoughts. May we recognize that the true nature of all souls, including myself, is peace, that we all hail from the same abode, The Home of Peace.

As our pledge to equality, may we have the simple sense to acknowledge that we are all the children of the One Creator, the Sustainer of Truth, the One who sees us through the final victory of truth - Satyameva Jayate. May we raise ourselves to His vision of equality for when we see others as anything less than ourselves, we fall in God's vision of us.

The life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi reminds us of our spiritual power, the power that comes from holding a vision of humanity so high and sustaining that vision with principles even higher. It is the power of a soul that believes in the self and draws from the power of God through renunciation, tapasya and service. It is the power that simply does not see obstacles, that can accomplish anything. It is this power that we can all access, which will lift the mountain of sorrow hovering over the world and bring the golden age of humanity, the Ram Rajya that Mahatma Gandhi dreamed of.

ISLAM PRESENTATION

Adhan Muslim Call to Prayer

By: Mustafa Akkaya

Allah u Akbar, Allah u Akbar

-- **Allah is most Great, Allah is most Great**

Ash-hadu al-la Ilaha ill Allah - Ash-hadu al-la Ilaha ill Allah

-- **I bear witness that there is no divinity but Allah**

Ash-hadu anna Muhammadan Rasulullaah

-- **I bear witness that Muhammad is Allah's Messenger**

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Hayya la-s-saleah - Hayya la-s-saleah

Hayya la-l-faleah - Hayya la-l-faleah

-- **Hasten to real success, Hasten to real success,**

--**Hasten to the prayer, Hasten to the prayer**

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar

-- **Allah is most Great, Allah is most Great**

La Ilaha ill Allah

-- **There is no divinity but Allah**

Youth Reciting the Greatest Names of Allah

By: Zehra Ozbay, Sueda Yavas, Haluk Yavas, Alperen Yavas,

Betul Buyukbayraktar, Elif Cam

Ar-Rahman	The All-Merciful	Al-Khaliq	The Creator
Ar-Rahim	The All Beneficent	Al-Bari'	The Maker of Order
Al-Malik	The Absolute Ruler	Al-Musawwir	The Shaper of Beauty
Al-Quddus	The Pure One	Al-Ghaffar	The Forgiving
As-Salam	The Source of Peace	Al-Qahhar	The Subduer
Al-Mu'min	The Inspirer of Faith	Al-Wahhab	The Giver of All
Al-Muhaymin	The Guardian	Ar-Razzaq	The Sustainer
Al- 'Aziz	The Victorious	Al-Fattah	The Opener
Al-Jabbar	The Compeller	Al-'Alim	The Knower of All
Al-Mutakabbir	The Greatest	Al-Qabid	The Constrictor
Al-Basit	The Reliever	Al-Hakam	The Judge
Al-Khafid	The Abaser	Al- 'Adl	The Just
Ar-Rafi'	The Exalter	Al-Latif	The Subtle One
Al-Mudhill	The Humiliator	Al-Khabir	The All-Aware
As-Sami	The Hearer of All	Al-Halim	The Forebearing
Al-Basir	The Seer of All	Al-'Azim	The Magnificent
Al-Mu'izz	The Bestower of Honors		

ISLAM PRESENTATION

By: Zehra Ozbay

“A Song of Peace”

If I could write a magic song that everyone could sing,
I would write of love, of hope and joy, and things that peace could bring.

And when we sang my magic song, all hate and war would cease.
If I could write a magic song, I'd write a song of peace.

One song for all of us. One song could bring us peace.
One song could make a miracle for all of us. A song of peace.
With just one song, one magic song that ev'ryone could sing,
we could sing of love, of hope and joy, and things that peace could bring.

And when we sang our magic song, all hate and war would cease.
With just one song, one magic song, the world could fill with peace.

One song for all of us. One song for all of us.
One song could bring us peace. One song, peace.
One song could make a miracle One song, miracle
for all of us. A song of peace. for all of us. A song of peace.

One song could make a miracle One song, miracle
for all of us. A song of peace. for all of us. A song of peace.

A song of peace

ISLAM PRESENTATION (SELDEN MOSQUE YOUTH)

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CHRISTIAN PRESENTATION

By: Rev. William Rothe

Dear God and Heavenly Father. We come before you in thankfulness, humbleness, reverence and respect. We try to appreciate your loving kindness and the grace that you overshadow us with. We know we are not worthy of your love and yet you love us all. We thank you that your Father heart is great enough for every soul to have a place of refuge.

We come this evening to seek your blessing on our gathering. We come from many various heritages, cultures and religious affiliations yet we seek to be unified in our desires to promote peace and to help our fellowman. In this connection we offer special thanks for a great man, Mahatma Gandhi, who set a wonderful example of how to promote peace and harmony and whose lifelong efforts have had an impact on the entire world.

Please, we petition, add your blessing to us all.
This we ask in Jesus name. Amen

*Religion is more than life.
Remember that his own religion is
the truest to every man
even if it stands low in the scales
of philosophical comparision*

SIKH PRESENTATION

By: Angad Singh Bindra & Arjan Singh Bindra

Koi Bole Ram Ram, Koi Khudaaye, Koi Sevai Gusaiyan, Koi Allahe
*Hindu people calls him Ram, and some others calls Him Khudaa.
Some serve Him as 'Gusain' and muslims calls him 'Allaab'.*

Kaaran Karan Kareem, Kirpaa Dhaar Raheem
*Almighty lord is the Cause of causes.
He showers His Blessings and Clemency upon us.*

Koi Nahavai Teerath, Koi Hajj Jaaye, Koi Karaiy Pooja, Koi Sir Nivaaye
*Some bathe at sacred shrines of pilgrimage such as Gange, and some make the
pilgrimage to Mecca
Some perform pious worship services, and some bow their heads in prayer.*

Koi Padhe Bed, Koi Kateb. Koi Odhai Neel Koi Supaid
*Some read the Vedas (Sacred books of Hindus), and some the Koran (Sacred book
of Islam).
People wears different colors clothes. Some wear blue, and others white.*

Koi Kahe Turq Koi Kahe Hindu. Koi Baachhai Bhist, Koi Surgindu
*Some call themselves Muslim, and some call themselves Hindu.
Some has desires for Bahisht (Jannat, Islamic heaven), and others long for
Surgindu*

Kaho Naanak Jin Hukam Pachhaata. Prabh Sahib Ka Tin Bhed Jaata.
*Says Nanak, one who identifies the God's Will,
knows the secrets of Almighty God.*

**Compiled by 5th Guru - Shri Guru Arjan Dev Ji Maharaj.
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*God, as Truth, has been for me a treasure beyond price.
May He be so to every one of us*

CHRISTIAN PRESENTATIONS

*By: Rev. Gregory Rannazzisi of
St. Gerard Majella R.C. Parish, Port Jefferson
& Fellow Christians*

Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Be the change you want to see in the world

GATHERING OF LIGHT PRESENTATION

Interspiritual Intercession Adapted from Mirabai Starr

*By: Aneela Arshed, Prayasi Bagchi, Annu Brewer, Rev. Evelyn Digsby,
Catherine Chapey, Margaret Fraser, Aimee Jones, Agnes Wolf*

As we come together this evening, we wish to acknowledge the Energy and Principle that binds us all, as we honor the memory of one who embodied it.
So we call upon the Beloved One, the Living Light, Spirit of All That Is, to say we give thanks.
Thank you for welcoming us to this sacred event.

We come from everywhere, and with open hearts, we find you wherever we are:
inside the holy houses of each of the world's faiths, and out in the wild places of the earth;
shoulder to shoulder in the mosque, bending to press our hearts to the ground in surrender;
in the haunting Hebrew melodies of our ancestors
as we call on the Shekinah to infuse us with her indwelling feminine spirit;
in the communion bread and wine, which we take in remembrance of the Prince of Peace.
In the gurdwaras repeating the Sat Nam with Waheguru,
Or the auspicious Jain resounding of Namokar Mantra
We hear your voice joining with ours when we chant the Divine Names
in Sanskrit and Tibetan, Tiwa and Maya and Maori.
Trusting in our eternal connection as our beloved Gandhiji's last breath
declared his connection to you with Rama.

We meet you high on alpine trails, where we stop to rest among fragrant wild herbs,
beside a stream rushing with melted snow.
We feel you holding us when we float in the arms of the ocean
and she sways us with her breath.
We kiss you when we are making love;
we mourn you when an elder release her final exhalation;
we soothe you when we rock a tired child in our arms.

We look for you in the pulsating emptiness,
search for your true form in the heart of formlessness,
unexpectedly recognize you when we give up and turn away.
For You are always with us in our diversity and doubt.

You shine through the ecstatic stanzas of the poets and mystics,
each one singing your praises in a different language.
You well up in our aching hearts when we cry out for the pain of the world.
You are the call to justice, and the answering response of mercy.
You are in the wounding of the earth and you are the only hope for mending her.

Oh Great Spirit, Father-Mother God, True Self and No-Self,
Invisible animating energy of Life: We gather tonight with all our brothers and sisters to claim our
place at your table and find ourselves home at last. Here may we eat and be filled, drink and
become unbridled, lay down our burdens and take refuge, drop into your sacred silence and
remember. And let us awaken this remembrance deep within all who attend this sacred ceremony
Awakening our community, That we all may truly be of service in this broken and beautiful world.

And so we say, Aloha, Om Shanti, Shalom, Salaam, Peace, Pax, Sat Sri Akal, Jai Jinendra, Blessed
Be, He Ping, Amahoro, Aquene, Namaste, Pace, Ashe, Aho!

BAHA'I PRESENTATION

*By: Dr. Sanjida Cabot, Desmond Escobar, Kenya Escobar,
Naomi Escobar, Deborah McKeever & Patrick McKeever*

Glory be to Thee, O God, for Thy manifestation of love to mankind! O Thou Who art our Life and Light, guide Thy servants in Thy way, and make us rich in Thee and free from all save Thee. O God, teach us Thy Oneness and give us a realization of Thy Unity, that we may see no one save Thee. Thou art the Merciful and the Giver of bounty! O God, create in the hearts of Thy beloved the fire of Thy love, that it may consume the thought of everything save Thee. Reveal to us, O God, Thine exalted eternity - that Thou hast ever been and wilt ever be, and that there is no God save Thee. Verily, in Thee will we find comfort and strength.

Bahá'u'lláh

O Divine Providence!

This assemblage is composed of Thy friends who are attracted to Thy beauty and are set ablaze by the fire of Thy love.

Turn these souls into heavenly angels, resuscitate them through the breath of Thy Holy Spirit, grant them eloquent tongues and resolute hearts, bestow upon them heavenly power and merciful susceptibilities, cause them to become the promulgators of the oneness of mankind and the cause of love and concord in the world of humanity, so the perilous darkness of ignorant prejudice may vanish through the light of the Sun of Truth, this dreary world may become illumined, this material realm may absorb the rays of the world of spirit, these different colors may merge into one color and the melody of praise may rise to the kingdom of Thy sanctity.

Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent and Almighty!
'Abdu'l-Baha'

O God, guide me, protect me, make of me a shining lamp and a brilliant star. Thou art the Mighty and the Powerful.

'Abdu'l-Baha'

- Today there is no greater glory for man than that of service in the cause of the Most Great Peace.
- There is not one soul whose conscience does not testify that in this day there is no more important matter in the world than that of universal peace.
- The diversity in the human family should be the cause of love and harmony, as it is in music where many different notes blend together in the making of a perfect chord.
- The gift of God to this enlightened age is the knowledge of the oneness of mankind and of the fundamental oneness of religion. War shall cease between nations, and by the will of God the Most Great Peace shall come; the world will be seen as a new world, and all men will live as brothers.
- Be thou a summoner to love, and be thou kind to all the human race. Love thou the children of men and share in their sorrows. Be thou of those who foster peace. Offer thy friendship, be worthy of trust. Be thou a balm to every sore, be thou a medicine for every ill. Bind thou the souls together.
- O my God! O my God!

Unite the hearts of Thy servants, and reveal to them Thy great purpose. May they follow Thy commandments and abide in Thy law. Help them, O God, in their endeavor, and grant them strength to serve Thee. O God! Leave them not to themselves, but guide their steps by the light of Thy knowledge and cheer their hearts by Thy love. Verily, Thou art their Helper and their Lord.

~From the Baha'i Writings

HINDU PRESENTATION

*By: Sinchana Rao, Chandani Patel, Aditya Patel,
Prina Patel, Ranya Parekh, and Mahiya Parekh
Students of Gaytri Gyan Kendra of Long Island*

ॐ भूर्भुवः स्वः
तत्सवितुर्वरेण्यं
भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि
धियो यो नः प्रचोदयात्

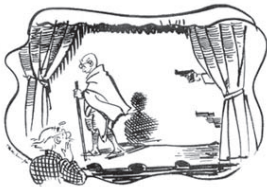
Om bhūr-bhuvah svah
tat-savitur-vareṇyam,
bhargo devas`ya dhīmahī
dhi`yo `yo naḥpracho-ḍa`yāt

Meaning: God is the eternal source of life-force; Supreme embodiment of unalloyed bliss and Almighty destroyer of all worries and vices. Meditate upon the preeminent radiance of His pious inspiring power that will enlighten our intellect and motivate it towards the righteous path of elevation.

(Rigveda 3|62|10; Yajurveda 36| 3; Samaveda 1462)

Unity to be real, must stand the severest strain without beaking

Gandhiji shot dead - The Hindu* (January 31, 1948)



Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, was shot at 5:12 p.m. today and he died fifteen minutes later. Gandhiji left his room in Birla House [New Delhi] for the prayer meeting a few minutes after the conclusion of his talk with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He passed through the garden leaning on the shoulders of Abha Gandhi and Manu Gandhi, grand daughter-in-law and grand niece, respectively.

As he walked up the four steps leading to the prayer mandap, a young man, aged about 35, came before Gandhiji and, bending his body forward at a distance of less than two yards, offered pranam. Gandhiji returned the salute, when the young man remarked “You are late to-day for the prayer.” Gandhiji smiled and replied, “Yes, I am”; but just at that moment, the young man pulled out his revolver and rang out three shots from point-blank range, the bullets piercing the frail body of the great leader just below the heart and stomach. Immediately, Gandhiji collapsed; but Abha Gandhi and Manu Gandhi stuck to their place by his side and held him firmly. But that was the last of the Nation’s Father. It was then 5:12 p.m.

The last act Gandhiji did was to lift both his hands as a sign of prayer in the direction of the large gathering which had assembled for the prayer. Thereafter, he was speechless and the loss of blood, at his age and so soon after his fast, made death inevitable. He was beyond medical aid from the start when shock had had its effect. Lord Mountbatten and Cabinet Ministers, including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and others soon arrived. The Ministers present held consultations among themselves as to the future course of action.

The Final Moments

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who had returned from Amritsar that afternoon, did not have an opportunity to meet Gandhiji. Pandit Nehru came out to address the huge gathering of nearly two lakhs [200,000] which had surrounded Birla House, but broke down with grief more than once when he spoke. The leaders, including Pandit Nehru, who were present, were dazed and perplexed, while tears overflowed down the cheeks of countless women and men both inside and outside Birla House. The grief-struck crowd, which went on swelling in numbers, were making their way into the main building to have a last glimpse of the departed leader. Glass windows were broken. But the crowd restrained itself and leaders soon made arrangements to let the crowd see Mahatma Gandhi.

Assassin beaten by crowd

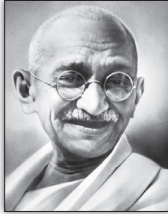
The assassin, soon after he fired the shots, was seized by the people who had come to attend the prayer. His revolver — a six-chambered one — and some cash were recovered. It appears he was beaten by the crowd and was slightly injured. The police have taken him into custody and investigation is proceeding. It is learnt that the name of the assassin is Nathuram Vinayak Godse (aged 36), a Mahratta. He described himself as the Editor of a daily paper called Hindu Rashtra published in Laxmipet, Poona.

He wore khaki pants and tunic. There is no truth in the report that he attempted to commit suicide by putting a bullet into himself.

**The Hindu is an English-language influential daily newspaper published in Chennai (Madras, India) since 1878. Currently, its daily circulation is around one and a half million.*

**Leaders, irrespective of nationality, race, religion and profession
have been victims of gun violence.**

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
(Hindu/India)



10/2/1869 to 1/30/1948
Assassinated by:
Nathuram Godse (Hindu/India)

John Fitzgerald Kennedy
(Christian/President of USA)



5/29/1917 to 11/22/1963
Assassinated by:
Lee Harvey Oswald (Communist/USA)

Martin Luther King, Jr.
(Christian/Civil Rights Leader/USA)



1/15/1929 to 4/4/1968
Assassinated by:
James Earl Ray (Christian/USA)

John Lennon
(Agnostic/Pacifism/UK/Beatles)

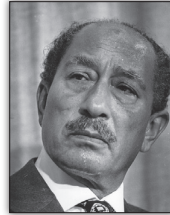


10/9/1940 to 12/8/1980
Assassinated by:
Mark David Chapman (Christian/USA)



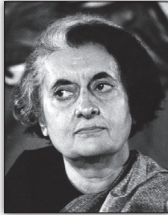
"Non-Violence" (also known as "The Knotted Gun") is a pro-peace sculpture by Swedish artist Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd, designed in late 1980 and inspired by the shooting death of his pal, John Lennon. It was given to the UN by the government of Luxembourg in 1988.

Anwar Al Sadat
(Muslim/3rd President of Egypt)



12/25/1918 to 10/6/1981
Assassinated by:
Khalid Islambouli (Muslim/Egypt)

Indira Gandhi
(Born to Hindu Parents/3rd Prime Minister of India)



11/19/1917 to 10/31/1984
Assassinated by:
Satwant Singh (Sikh Bodyguard/India)
Beant Singh (Sikh Bodyguard/India)

Yitzhak Rabin
(Jewish/5th Prime Minister of Israel)



3/1/1922 to 11/4/1995
Assassinated by:
Yigal Amir (Jewish/Israel)

Benazir Bhutto
(Muslim/Prime Minister of Pakistan)



6/21/1953 to 12/27/2007
Assassinated by:
Mustafa Abu alYazid (Muslim)
and/or Baitullah Mehsud (Muslim)

"Peace is a byproduct of nonviolence; refrain from mental, verbal and physical violence." –Jain Saying

"In Punjab we have 55,000 soldiers and large scale rioting on our hands. In Bengal our forces consist of one man and there is not rioting. As a serving officer, as well as an administrator, may I be allowed to pay my tribute to the One Man Boundary Force."

Lord Louis Mountbatten, the last Viceroy of India

PEACE

Arabic	Salaam
Chinese (Mandarin)	Heping
Dutch	Vriede
English	Peace
French	Paix
German	Friede
Greek	Eirene
Gujarati	Shanti
Hebrew	Shalom
Hindi	Shanti
Irish	Siochain
Italian	Pace
Latin	Pax
Marathi	Shanti
Punjabi	Shanti
Russian	Mir
Sanskrit	Shanti
Spanish	Paz
Syriac	Shaina
Thai	Shanti
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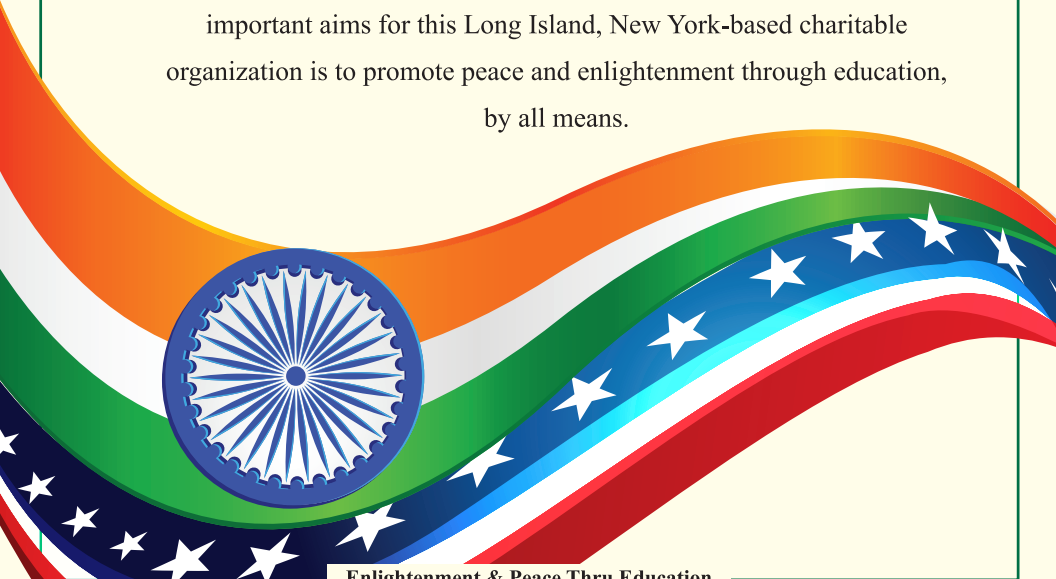


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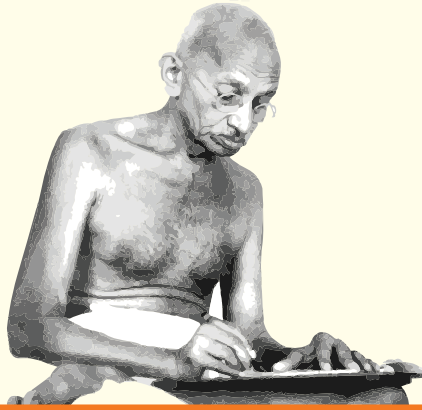
Meaning of ॐ and SHANTI

ॐ is not a letter since it is not in the alphabet. It cannot be described as a word in the traditional sense since it may not be found in most dictionaries. For lack of proper definition, people have described it as a “symbol” but without naming, a symbol cannot be pronounceable. Even though one may try hard, it can neither be phonetically spelled out nor written out. Among the many meanings, the one on which most would agree, is that ॐ means "universe." Respectable philosophers have written and lectured a lot on ॐ and one needs a teacher to master the pronunciation of ॐ.

SHANTI in Sanskrit language means “peace.” Indisputably, both the “universe” and “peace” existed long before mankind got diversity by dividing and sub-dividing itself in countless ways. One of the most important aims for this Long Island, New York-based charitable organization is to promote peace and enlightenment through education, by all means.



SEVEN SOCIAL SINS



Politics without Principles
Wealth without Work
Pleasure without Conscience
Knowledge without Character
Commerce without Morality
Science without Humanity
Worship without Sacrifice

(Young India October 22, 1925)

Young India, was an English language weekly paper or journal published by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi from 1919 to 1932. Mr. Gandhi wrote various quotations in this journal that inspired many. He used Young India to spread this unique ideology and thoughts regarding the use of nonviolence in organizing movements. He urged readers to consider, organize, and plan for eventual independence of India through the nonviolence means.