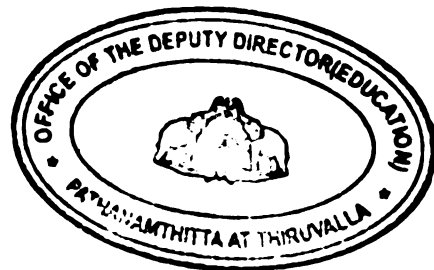


How far Gandhism influence the younger generation

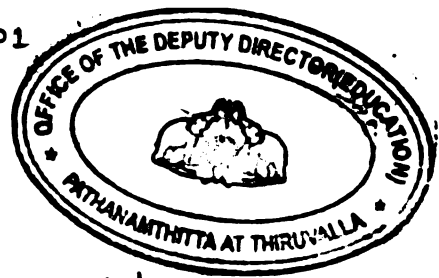
Mahatma Gandhi, our 'father of nation' was a man of impeccable wisdom and unmatched personality, who practiced what he preached. Gandhism comprises of Gandhian ideologies, his method of service, valuable jewels of overflowing thoughts from life, etc., Gandhism shook the foundation of British ^{in India}. It was a cataclysmic current to the Britishers. Therefore, his ideologies and thoughts have the power to capture the minds of the younger generation. In ~~such~~ ^{this} era of violence, terror, etc., Gandhism is obviously a 'sweet meringue' for their lives. "The ignited minds of youth is the most powerful weapon on the earth, above the earth and under the earth," says Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Gandhism has the power to ignite and elaborate their mental abilities and thoughts.

Gandhiji, who was born on 1869, October 2nd, in Porbandar, Kathiawad, had a good childhood. He became a barrister. His truthfulness is praised, by the whole world. Nowadays, younger generation ~~are~~ fond of copying answer papers, bullying, doing malpractices in exams, etc. In such a problem, the deed of Gandhi during his childhood is to be remembered. "When Mr. Giles came for inspection, he gave five words to the class including Gandhi. Everyone except Gandhi wrote them correctly. His teacher prompted him to copy but he didn't." This is a valuable story that conveys



the message of importance of truthfulness. Youth, who are fond of ~~lie~~ saying lies, doing untruthful things etc., should understand the ~~revelty~~ ^{value} in truth. Also, each and everyone ~~in~~ the younger generation should grasp this message in order to be truthful in their whole life. From this particular piece of incident younger generation could understand how ~~jocular~~ ^{joyful} and pleasant truth is.

Young minds are often not so reactive against injustice. A sizeable chunk of the younger generation are afraid to react against wrong. ~~En~~ Pietermaritzburg incident in Gandhiji's life shows the spirit of 'fire' to react against injustice. ~~when~~ The incident is that when Gandhiji, ^{was} travelling to Durban, he was thrown out of the train by a white passenger who had dissatisfaction to share his seat with a coolie. This ^{insult} injustice of colour prejudice ~~exasperated~~ ^{enraged} Gandhiji and brought out the politician out of Gandhiji. He reacted against the unfair systems of Britishness in South Africa and tasted victory. Gandhian ideologies in Gandhism, teaches the young minds to react against what is wrong. But it should be completely based on ahimsa or non-violence. "The duty of youth is to challenge corruption" - says Kust Cebain



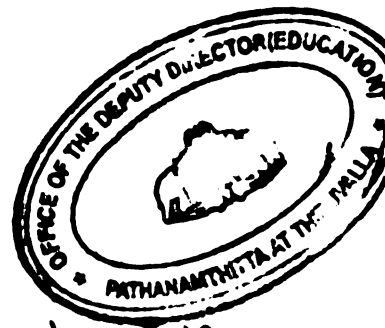
The provoking injustice in this world prompts the younger generation to react vigorously. But reaction of Gandhiji against injustice was strictly based on the principle of non-violence. "He adopted the method of satyagraha to react against unscrupulous and ruling practices and governing of British." ~~_____~~ Gandhiji was in fond of truth and peace. He read many religious texts including the Bible, Mahabharata, Bhagavat Gita, Quran, etc. He understood ^{that} all religions focused on the basic principles of truth. "From ^{the prevention} Disfranchising Bill to Quit India Movement", he used the strong tool of ahimsa, Satyagraha". Gandhiji never resorted to violence. He withdrew the 'Non-cooperation movement' due to the spreading of terror and violence. Gandhism conveys the younger generation to ^{use the nonviolent tool of Satyagraha} ~~be~~ ~~traumatized~~ against injustice, instead of harsh reaction and traumatic revenge that cause catastrophic and disastrous series of events and huge loss in all manner.

In the Boer war and Zulu Rebellion, Gandhiji arranged Ambulance corps for comforting and helping the wounded. Even though it was for gaining the support of British, it teaches the young minds to be helpful and caring.



✓ Younger generation are now losing their mental equilibrium due to drugs, ^{an} exposure to mobile phones, absurd usage of technology, usage of alcohol and tobacco products, violence around their surroundings etc. In South Africa, Gandhiji adopted ashram for the Natal Indians and himself. As a result, he started Phoenix settlement and Tolstoy farm. Each and everyone in the Tolstoy farm and Phoenix settlement had to lead an upright and moral life, they were to be vegetarians and brahmacharis (those who were detached from worldly desires and 'kama' (pleasure)). The concept of ashram living is feasible and applicable to younger generation too. Such kind of life leads them to an ^{worthy} upright, moral and fulfilled life. Simple life, in normal dress code without any posh is an applicable 'crystal' for the youth, ^{adopted from Gandhiji.}

✓ Gandhiji was deeply influenced by the religions Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Islam, Christianity, Jainism etc. He strongly believes that there is a supernatural all-knowing power, that controls the universe. That is truth "Ekam sat vipra bahudha vadanti" (truth is same, although its manifestations are many). Young minds often neglect their

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Intellectual developments. They do not give enough consideration or importance in praying and meditating. Gandhism evokes the sense of spiritualism, that is everlasting and delicious in young minds. Gandhism compels them to be religious. Gandhiji was born and brought up in an orthodox Hindu family of Vysya Vama. His mother was deeply religious and ^{his} father was in contact of many religious people. ~~So,~~ ~~the~~ His mother had a great affliction to Jainism too. Religious thoughts influenced Gandhiji. Belief in one true force, moulded Gandhiji. Therefore youth should find out the truth named God and dedicate themselves to that power. That is indeed a joyous and everlasting experience.

Younger generation should be urged to love the wisdom. Philosophy means "love of wisdom." The wise actions of youth moulds a perfect nation. Gandhiji loved philosophy and he was attracted to western philosophers like Henry David Thoreau, Leo Tolstoy, and John Ruskin. He was influenced by their books "On the duty of Civil Disobedience,



"The Kingdom of God is within you", "Unto this last". Gandhiji showed great love to philosophy ~~while he was~~ from a very early age. Gandhiji was also fond of reading books. Youth ~~can~~ will find interesting facts of wisdom if they are introduced to philosophy. Gandhism shows the importance of philosophy.

✓ The influence of Gandhism to the younger generation is beneficial to them in all ways. The message of Gandhism is like a jubilant or rapturous beam of light, in this shattering young generation. Gandhiji is not a superhuman, but a man who drank deep from the ocean of wisdom and truth, a successful personality who practiced the principle of ahimsa. Young minds will surely find victory in their lives if they absorb the essence of Gandhian thoughts, deeds, life, principles, actions etc. The simple, brave, truthful, spiritual, calm, elegant, life of Gandhi is a ^{great} lesson to the younger generation. If younger generation open their hearts to accept Gandhism ~~it~~ would change their life ^{by} bringing merit, beauty, peace, truth, valuable jewels of life etc.