

## Einstein's Words of Wisdom

Albert Einstein was a great admirer of Gandhi and invited him to America in 1931. Upon hearing about Gandhi's assassination, he wrote:

*"Generations to come would scarce believe that such a one as this, ever in flesh and blood, walked upon this earth."*

## Homage From the Generals

Five-star general, Field Marshal and Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers, Douglas MacArthur paid this homage:

*"If civilization is to survive, all men cannot fail to adopt Gandhi's belief that the use of force to resolve conflict is not only wrong, but contains within itself the germ of our own self-destruction."*

General George C. Marshall, statesman, soldier, and Nobel Peace Prize laureate said this:

*"Mahatma Gandhi has become the spokesperson for the conscience of mankind."*

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## The Spinning Wheel

Life Magazine photo-journalist Margaret Bourke White made Gandhi's spinning so popular that Eleanor Roosevelt gave it a hand, while in India. Two years before her death, Mrs. Roosevelt was honored with the Gandhi Peace Award in 1960.



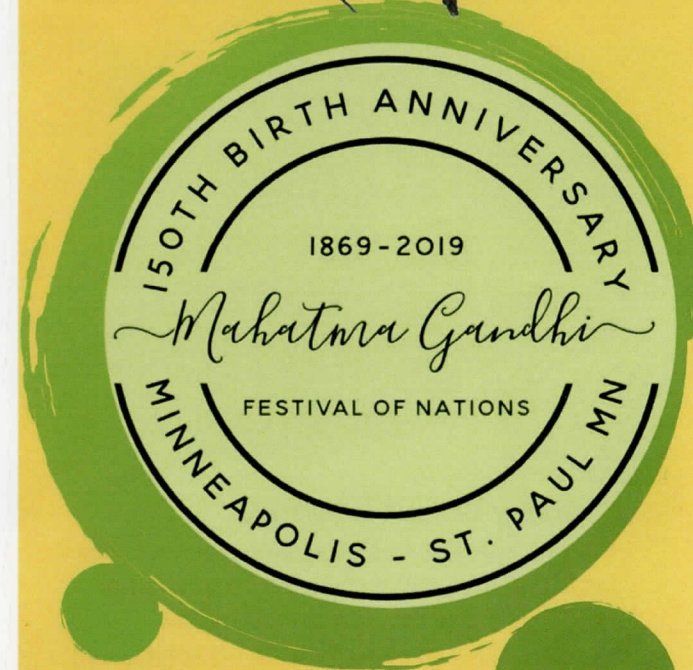
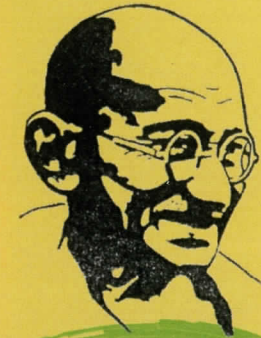
## More Historic US Connections

When Gandhi was thrown off a train in 1893 for being a colored man with a first-class ticket, it was an African-American in Pietermartizburg who arranged for his night's shelter at a hotel!

Lala Lajpat Rai, one of Gandhi's close associates in the *Indian National Congress*, traveled to the US in 1907/1916. His travelogue presented the notion of *color-caste*, the sociological similarities between race in the US and caste in India.

President Herbert Hoover met Gandhi in India, as did NAACP founder Rev. John Haynes.

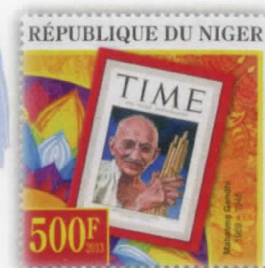
Gandhi was featured on the cover of Time Magazine (yes, for real) in 1930, 1931 and 1947.



Did you know about these connections Mahatma Gandhi had with the USA?

*"My Life is my Message"*

-Gandhi



## Will Rogers' Take

Four years before his death, American humorist, newspaper columnist, and social commentator Will Rogers wrote about Gandhi's role at the 1931 *Second Indian Roundtable Conference* in London:

"All delegates were well dressed in tailor made suits. But a skinny little fellow with nothing but a breechcloth, with a spinning wheel and an old she-goat comes there representing more humanity and with more authority than all the high hats in the world. It's sincerity versus diplomacy!"

## Murrow's Musings

At Gandhi's funeral in 1948, veteran CBS broadcaster and war correspondent Edward R. Murrow said:

"Mahatma Gandhi was not a commander of armies, nor a ruler of vast lands. He could boast no scientific achievement, no artistic gift. Yet men, governments and dignitaries from all over the world have joined hands to pay homage to this little brown man in a loincloth."

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

-Gandhi

## Henry David Thoreau

In 1906, Gandhi read Thoreau's *Walden*, while in South Africa. When he read Thoreau's *Essays on Civil Disobedience*, he concluded that it was the best name to communicate his *Satyagraha* ('Truth Force') to a western audience.

## Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1935, Mahatma Gandhi said:

"It may be through the American Negro that the true message of nonviolence be spread to the rest of the world".

*M.K. Gandhi*  
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## Christianity & Gandhi's Teachings

Rev. King first learned of Gandhi's concept of nonviolence as a seminary student and connected Christianity to his teachings. He was already familiar with peaceful civil disobedience through American writers like Henry David Thoreau. Dr. King later wrote:

"I came to see for the first time that the Christian doctrine of love operating through the Gandhian method of nonviolence was one of the most potent weapons available to oppressed people in their struggle for freedom."

But he didn't find a practical application for how to put it to use until he became involved in the Montgomery bus boycott of 1955-56.