

M. K. GANDHI'S PHILOSOPHY – AN OUTLOOK

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ABSTRACT

Mahatma Gandhi has interpreted various concepts of metaphysics, political and social philosophy together with moral and religious philosophy. Although Gandhi has not given any new doctrine his interpretations on various concepts of philosophy like truth, God, non-violence, satyagraha etc. are enough to call him a philosopher and Gandhism as a philosophy. Metaphysical concept of Gandhiji is revealed in his views on truth, God, soul or mind. Truth is not an attribute of God but God is Truth. So Gandhi asserted that "Truth is God". Mahatma Gandhi is a humanist and he believes that man is the best creations of God. God is within man. Gandhi's philosophy of religion gives us a new way of thinking about religion. Gandhi shows his religious tolerance and belief in all religions. Gandhi prescribes certain moral principles for the development of man's ethical personality. For Gandhiji, Satyagraha is the truth- force or soul-force. Gandhi used the word 'Swaraj' for political freedom. This paper is a humble attempt to highlight Gandhi's contributions towards philosophy from purely philosophical and logical point of view.

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