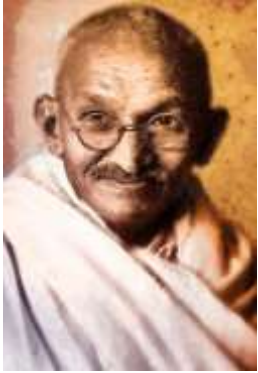


## Gandhi speaks on Christ and Christmas

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Because Gandhi came to the message of Jesus unfettered by the traditions and doctrines that are commonly understood as "Christianity" his heart was free to respond deeply to the good news that Jesus' advent brought to humankind. Gandhi understood Jesus' gospel of

the kingdom with greater clarity than most of us who call ourselves Christian. We'll let Gandhi speak:

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### Not a New Religion but a New Life

They have appeared to me to be so inconsistent with the life and teaching of Jesus.

Jesus preached not a new religion but a new life.

He called men to repentance. It was he who said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven".

I am sure that if He were living here now among men, He would bless the lives of many who perhaps have never even heard His name, if only their lives embodied the virtues of which He was a living example on earth; the virtues of loving one's neighbour as oneself and of doing good and charitable works among one's fellow men.

### Peace on Earth?

For though we (sing), "All glory to God on High and on the earth be peace," there seems to be today neither glory to God nor peace on earth. As long as it remains a hunger still unsatisfied, as long as Christ is not yet born, we have to look forward to Him. When real peace is established, we will not need demonstrations, but it will be echoed in our life, not

only in individual life, but in corporate life. Then we shall say Christ is born. That to me is the real meaning of the verse we (sing). Then we will not think of a particular day in the year as that of the birth of the Christ, but as **an ever-recurring event** which can be enacted in every life...

### Happy Christmas

When therefore one wishes "A Happy Christmas" without the meaning behind it, it becomes nothing more than an empty formula. And unless one wishes for peace for all life, one cannot wish for peace for oneself. It is a self-evident axiom, like the axioms of Euclid, that one cannot have peace unless there is in one an intense longing for peace all around. And so, as the miraculous birth is an eternal event, so is the Cross an eternal event in this stormy life. Therefore, we dare not think of birth without death on the cross. Living Christ means a living Cross, without it life is a living death.

**Jesus lived and died in vain if he did not teach us to regulate the whole of life by the eternal Law of Love.**

It is my firm opinion that (the West) today represents not the spirit of God or Christianity but the spirit of Satan. And Satan's successes are the greatest when he appears with the name of God on his lips. (The West) is today only nominally Christian.

It is really worshipping Mammon.\*

\* The force that makes people try to become as rich as possible and the belief that this is the most important thing in life. (Cambridge English Dictionary)

'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom.' Thus really spoke Jesus Christ. Here you have an eternal rule of life stated in the noblest words the English language is capable of producing.



But the disciples nodded in unbelief as we do to this day. His so-called followers measure their moral progress by their material possessions.

### I Rebel against Orthodox Christianity

As I am convinced that it has distorted the message of Jesus. He was an Asiatic whose message was delivered through many media, and when it had the backing of a Roman Emperor it became an imperialist faith as it remains to this day. Christ died on the Cross with a crown of thorns on his head defying the might of a whole empire. The message of Jesus, as I understand it, is contained in his Sermon on the Mount unadulterated and taken as a whole. This teaching was non-retaliation, or non-resistance to evil. The virtues of mercy, non-violence, love and truth in **any man can be truly tested only when they are pitted against ruthlessness, violence, hate and untruth.**

With His dying breath on his Cross he is reported to have said: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."



### Gandhi's Wish

How I wish America (*not only America but each individual*) could lead the way by devoting the season to a real moral stocktaking and emphasizing consecration to the service of mankind for which Jesus lived and died on the Cross.

(End of Gandhi's compilation)

**Swami Vivekananda** (The most famous Hindu missionary)



teaches in the Gnanadeepam: "All of us should worship the Lord Jesus Christ as our God who took the form of a human being. We must have a close relationship with Him to reach Moksha (*Salvation*). Because He is the only God who is above all gods." (sudar 7, pg.270). "He forgave those who crucified Him. He bore all our sins. He gives peace to all." (sudar 2, pg.372).

## The Ultimate Question

Jesus gave his life; will you give him your heart? Why not give your life back to God who gave it to you in the first place and live forever?

He said, "I stand knocking at the door of your heart, (he cannot barge in) if you open the door I will come in and we will dine together." (Rev.3:20) Your frustrating questions of 'Why this?' and 'Why that?' will be answered.

**You will never be hungry or thirsty anymore for inner peace and complete understanding.**

## Make a get-away

Find a quiet place, then open your heart and talk to him as you would to your best friend. "And the peace of God which passes all understanding shall keep your heart and mind through Jesus." (Phil.4:7)



All it takes is a decision and pray.  
Don't worry you are not losing your mind.  
This will help to get started:

*"Dear Jesus, I give my life back to you. Do with it what you think is best. Please cleanse and heal me from the negative powers that try to control me. I am so sorry for my wretched selfishness. Please forgive me. Thank you for peace and eternal life. By the way, I mean it."*



This decision determines our future, when we cross over from here into 'forever land'.

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# Have a Love-filled and Happy Christmas



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When the Creator of the Universe sent us his Son, the first people he invited were not the pastors or evangelists but shepherds. If you know the eastern cultures you realize that they are on the bottom of the 'totem pole'. They live, sleep and smell like their animals as they have very little opportunity for bathing and laundry - a pretty unkempt, uneducated and smelly lot.

Not exactly the kind of people that you want around your new-born. Yet, the Father sent his top brass, his top angels, to invite them as the first and most honoured guests to the celebration of the birth of his Son, even before the wise men of the east.

What a lesson to treat every single, last and despised person with the highest respect.

**Have a Wonderful Season.**