

# gandhi - in his own words

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Mohandas Gandhi, considered the "father of India," has been called a prophet and a priest, compared to a messiah, and sometimes considered greater even than Christ or Mohammed!

What did he really believe?

During a prayer speech on June 16, 1947: "**If we had the atom bomb, we would have used it against the British.**" ~ Gandhi's "The Last Phase," Vol. II, p. 326

"Among the many misdeeds of the British rule in India, history will look upon the act of depriving a whole nation of arms, as the blackest." ~ Gandhi's "Autobiography," Part V, Chapter XXVII

To the British during WWII: "This manslaughter must be stopped. You are losing; if you persist, it will only result in greater bloodshed. Hitler is not a bad man." ~ G.D. Birla's "In the Shadow of the Mahatma," p. 276

"Hitler killed five million Jews. It is the greatest crime of our time. But the Jews should have offered themselves to the butcher's knife. They should have thrown themselves into the sea from cliffs." As to whether the Jews should have committed "collective suicide" by offering themselves to Hitler: "Yes, that would have been heroism." ~ George Orwell's "Reflections on Gandhi," Partisan Review, Jan. 1949

Concerning South Africa's White League fears of mass Asiatic immigration: "We believe as much in the purity of race as we think they do, only we believe that they would best serve these interests, which are as dear to us as to them, by advocating the purity of all races, and not one alone. We believe also that the white race of South Africa should be the predominating race." ~ The Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi, Government of India, Vol. I, p. 105

