

A JEW, A HINDU, AND A BAPTIST MINISTER

FROM THE SOUTH WALK INTO A GAY BAR

That The World Might Be Healed

I've seen too much hate to want to hate, myself, and I've seen hate on the faces of too many sheriffs, too many white citizens' councilors, and too many Klansmen of the South to want to hate, myself; and every time I see it, I say to myself, hate is too great a burden to bear. Somehow we must be able to stand up before our most bitter opponents and say: "We shall match your capacity to inflict suffering by our capacity to endure suffering. We will meet your physical force with soul force. Do to us what you will and we will still love you. We cannot in all good conscience obey your unjust laws and abide by the unjust system, because noncooperation with evil is as much a moral obligation as is cooperation with good, and so throw us in jail and we will still love you. Bomb our homes and threaten our children, and, as difficult as it is, we will still love you. Send your hooded perpetrators of violence into our communities at the midnight hour and drag us out on some wayside road and leave us half-dead as you beat us, and we will still love you. Send your propaganda agents around the country, and make it appear that we are not fit, culturally and otherwise, for integration, and we'll still love you. But be assured that we'll wear you down by our capacity to suffer, and one day we will win our freedom. We will not only win freedom for ourselves; we will so appeal to your heart and conscience that we will win you in the process, and our victory will be a double victory.—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

When your country and mine shall get together on the teachings laid down by Christ in this Sermon on the Mount, we shall have solved the problems not only of our countries but those of the whole world.—Mohandas Gandhi

It is ironic, yet inescapably true that the greatest Christian of the modern world was a man who never embraced Christianity.— Dr. Mordecai Johnson

Gandhi was probably the first person in history to lift the love ethic of Jesus above mere interaction between individuals to a powerful and effective social force on a large scale.... It was in this Gandhian emphasis on love and nonviolence that I discovered the method for social reform that I had been seeking.... I came to feel that this was the only morally and practically sound method open to oppressed people in their struggle for freedom.—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

What passes as Christianity is a negation of the Sermon on the Mount... I

That the world might be healed . . . — John 3.17

*All texts quoted from the TNIV unless otherwise noted.

Anthistemi— Anti; Histemi;

Stasis—Violent Rebellion, Armed Revolt, Sharp Dissention. (Septuigent; Used 44 out 71 times primarily for Military Encounters. The moment two armies collide, steel on steel, until one side breaks and flees.)

Mark 15.7—Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection.

Acts 19.40—For we are in danger of being charged with rioting today

Do Not Retaliate Against Violence With Violence; Do Not Strike Back at Evil; **Scholars Version**—“Don’t react violently against one who is evil.”

To even get sture at the Qumran with the left hand carried the penalty of exclusion and ten day’s penance (Dead Sea Scrolls, 1 QS 7)

Cloot—Exodus 22.25-27 & Deuteronomy 24.10-13,17

Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon which cuts without wounding and ennobles the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

am speaking of the Christian belief, of Christianity as it is understood in the west.—Mohandas Gandhi

The name of Jesus at once comes to the lips. It is an instance of brilliant failure. And he has been acclaimed in the west as the prince of passive resisters. I showed years ago in South Africa that the adjective ‘passive’ was a misnomer, at least as applied to Jesus. He was the most active resister known perhaps to history. His was non-violence par excellence.—Mohandas Gandhi

Matthew 5.38-44—You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not retaliate against [resist] an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles . . . You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, LOVE your enemies . . .

Luke 9.20-24—“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.” Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.”

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