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Welcome 2005 Gandhian Conference on Nonviolence Participants and Presenters!!

There is violence in our world, violence in our country, violence in our cities, violence at our schools and violence at our work. But today and tomorrow in Memphis amongst us there is Nonviolence.

There is nonviolence in our thoughts, speech and action. Nonviolence is a philosophy, an attitude, a tool, and a way of life. Nonviolence is the means Truth is the goal.

For example, I can be enraged at my colleague for snubbing me in a conversation. But just as my anger begins to explode I recall the philosophy of nonviolence, "to avoid harm to others." I recall nonviolence is an attitude and a tool to seek understanding first and not to retaliate. I separate the action and the individual. I respect the individual and criticize the action. Nonviolence helps me find an amicable resolution for all.

We applaud your commitment to nonviolence. We share the same commitment. Our hope is to elevate nonviolence to a new forum of discussion and action. We wish to grow the philosophy of nonviolence beyond academics and activists to main stream America and to the world.

What will it take to do this? – Here is a start:

We must define nonviolence in its simplest form. The booklet on nonviolence, "Nonviolence: What It means and how to use it" is an example.

We must teach teachers and educators about nonviolence, so that they in turn can teach our youths and colleagues. This conference is a beginning.

We must continue to pass the message of nonviolence through this and future conferences. Here is where each of your efforts comes in. We need to encourage every professor of political science, religion and philosophy as well as our pastors, rabbis, and priests to be aware of next year's 2006 Gandhian Conference on Nonviolence and to make an attempt to participate.

We have kept the cost of the conference at a minimum and greatly appreciate our contributors, especially the Assisi Foundation and the Indian and Jain community in Memphis.

Thank you and enjoy the conference. See you at next year's conference on Oct 13-14 2005.

Manoj Jain MD

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Chair 2005 Gandhian Conference on Nonviolence

***Gandhian Nonviolence: Personal Transformation,  
Political Revolution, and Social Justice***

**CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE**

**Friday, October 14, 2005  
Christian Brothers University  
650 South Parkway East**

9:00 am	Registration
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Opening Plenary, Arun Gandhi
2:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions and Workshop 1
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions and Workshop 2
5:15 pm - 6:15 pm	Plenary Speaker, Luther Ivory
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Reception

**Saturday, October 15, 2005  
Rhodes College  
2000 North Parkway**

7:30 am	Registration Open
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Plenary Speaker, Mark Juergensmeyer
10:30 am - 11:45 am	Concurrent Sessions and Workshops 1
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions and Workshops 2
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Closing Plenary, Ken Butigan

**6:30 -7:00 pm  
Reception –Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church  
Banquet Dinner with Keynote Speaker (Ticket Required)  
Kathy Kelly  
Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church  
70 North Bellevue Blvd.  
Memphis, TN 38114**

**Christian Brothers University**  
**Friday October 14, 2005**

**Registration: Christian Brothers University Theater 9:00 am**  
**Welcome: Manoj Jain, Chair, Gandhian Conference on Nonviolence 1:00 pm**  
**Opening Plenary: Christian Brothers University Theater 1:10-2:00 pm**

*“Nonviolence In The Twenty-First Century”*  
**Arun Gandhi**

**Concurrent Sessions, Panel Discussions, and Workshops 2:15-3:30 pm**

**Session A: Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Gail Presbey St. Joseph – Room 10

*“Gandhi, the Dalai Lama, and Peace Building: Interventions, Policies and Research Methods”* Relying in part on Gandhian principles and strategies, this symposium will discuss some important intervention, policy, and research skills to meet the diverse needs of communities and individuals in conflict-torn areas and/or regions.

**Lawrence H. Gerstein, Ph.D.**

Professor, Ball State University  
Department of Counseling Psychology  
President, International Tibet Independence

**Jui Shanker, M.A.**

Doctoral Candidate, Ball State University  
Department of Counseling Psychology

**Shonali Raney, M.A.**

Doctoral Candidate, Ball State University  
Department of Counseling Psychology

**Session B: Workshop**

Moderator: Roger Easson Thomas Center - East Lounge

*“Personal Transformation: Yoga and Meditation”* This workshop is in the area of Personal Transformation-the integration of spirituality and activism. The first half of the workshop is devoted to workshop participants engaging in simple yoga stretches and postures that increase flexibility and strength, ease, stress, balance, the endocrine system, lower blood pressure. The second half includes breathing techniques, which brings calmness and clarity, prayers of peace from different faith traditions, which inspire transcendence and consciousness.

**Maureen Dolan**

Professor DePaul University

**Session C: Workshop**

Moderator: Paul Dekar Buckman Hall - Spain Auditorium

*“Other Lands Have Dreams: Curbing Cruelty, Building Empathy”*

Kathy will draw from experiences in prison and war zones using a set of role plays, simulations and other interactive methods aimed at building empathy for people harmed by U.S. policies at home and abroad.

**Kathy Kelly**

Voices in the Wilderness

#### **Session D: Paper Presentations: Gandhi and King**

Moderator: Michael Nojeim

Buckman Hall - Room112

*“Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Gandhian Nonviolence in the US Civil Rights Movement”* Gandhi’s influence on Dr. Martin Luther King and the U.S. Civil Rights movement is no secret. Less well known, however, are the three deepening and transforming levels of understanding of the Gandhian nonviolence that Dr. King underwent during his lifetime.

**Vincent Kavaloski, Ph.D.**

Professor of Philosophy and Director of the World Peace Program  
Edgewood College

*“Redemption and Revolution: Transformative Suffering in the Thought of Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.”* This paper will examine how Gandhi and King used suffering as a transformative concept in their view of nonviolence and social change. Through an analysis of the concepts of God, human unity, and love, we will see how suffering acquires a redemptive and revolutionary function for Gandhi and King.

**Ron Large, Ph.D.**

Department of Religious Studies  
Gonzaga University

*“Mohandas K. Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Nonviolence in Postmodernity”* The purpose of this paper discussion is to explore the revolutionary possibilities of nonviolence in postmodernity by bringing in conversation the thought and practices of Mohandas K. Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. A critical survey of the complexities of technology, mass media, globalization, and cultural fragmentation has led to a reevaluation of efficacy of nonviolence in bringing about social and political transformation.

**Johnny Hill**

Ph.D. Candidate, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
Acting Director, African American Student Affairs  
Northwestern University

#### **Session E: Paper Presentations: Gandhi and Economics**

Moderator: Johnny Zokovitch

Buckman Hall – Room 102

*“A Case of Nonviolent Action by a Corporate Stakeholder: Prerequisites and Consequences of Persuasion”* Operating in a competitive environment, corporations seek to establish reliable and ongoing access to sources of scarce resources and to attractive markets. As corporations minimize risks to their production factors and processes, their strategies have different implications and consequences for their various stakeholders. In face of intense competition, corporations may expend considerable effort to educate, entertain, and inform a set of stakeholders, seeking to influence their beliefs, values, expectations, and needs, even while neglecting others who are not strategically situated to influence corporate interests.

**Krishna Dhir**

Berry College

*“Can Economic Sanctions be Nonviolent?”* This paper explores the question of how much and what sort of coercion is acceptable in the use of economic sanctions as a nonviolent influence tactic. Economic sanctions, in the form of boycotts and embargoes, are often assumed to be nonviolent alternative to military force at international levels.

**Marc Simon Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Chair

Department of Political Science, Bowling Green State University

## Concurrent Sessions, Panel Discussions, and Workshops

3:45-5:00pm

### Session F: Panel Discussion:

Moderator: Andre' Johnson

Buckman Hall- Room 111

*"Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care"* How is health care in the United States distributed in ways that reflect institutional racism? This panel will explore this question from a variety of angles and make recommendations for addressing inequities in the health care system related to race.

**Mohammed Moinuddin, MD**

Director of Nuclear Medicine

**Jaswanth Khanna, Ph.D.**

Professor of Psychology

University of Tennessee-Memphis

**Jim Foreman**

Executive Director

Diversity Memphis

### Session G: Workshop

Moderator: Tracie Burke

St. Joseph – Room 10

*"Community and Prayer"*

How do Gandhi's experiences with prayer and community living speak to our experience today in the formation of intentional communities that cut across racial and class lines? This presentation will draw upon personal experience in living in such a community and creating time and space for prayer as a means for living nonviolently.

**Stefan Waligur**

### Session H: Workshop

Moderator: Peter Gathje

Buckman Hall - Spain Auditorium

*"Engage: Exploring Nonviolent Living"* The Engage process offers individuals and groups the vision of principled nonviolence and tools for practicing nonviolence in many contexts. Engage is a participatory process employing a variety of learning styles. This workshop will explore some of Gandhi's principles of nonviolence through a dynamic and interactive exercise.

**Ken Preston-Pile**

Training Coordinator of Engage Program of Peace e Bene

**Ken Butigan**

Communications Director of Engage Program of Peace e Bene

### Session I: Paper Presentations: Gandhi and Contemporary Political Society

Moderator: Marc Simon

Buckman Hall- Room 102

*"Crossing the Political Divide"* Explores how a shared commitment to peace crosses the boundaries of political parties and philosophies, drawing supporters from both the "left" and "right" and everywhere in between. An examination of the concrete political landscape of today, as well as the histories of war in the two major parties.

**Bill Scheurer, B.A., J.D.**

PeaceMajority.org – National Coordinator

*“A Gandhian Blueprint for Nonviolence”* What does ahimsa and satyagraha mean both theoretically and practically? How are these two concepts/practices related to God’s emphasis upon Truth as the path to God? This paper will explore these questions and how Gandhi developed a practical way to live nonviolently through a pure life, a life dedicated to promoting the welfare of all, and living simply.

**Michael Nojeim**

Associate Professor of Political Science  
Prairie View A/M University

### **Session J: Paper Presentations: Gandhian Satyagraha**

Moderator: Emily Mathis

Buckman Hall - Room 112

*“Creativity in Conflict Work: Exploring the Origin of Satyagraha in South Africa in 1906-1914”* How do creative approaches to large-scale conflict emerge and then get tested by the course of events? This question will be examined in relation to the emergence of Gandhian satyagraha in South Africa and the significance of the lessons of this movement for social change today.

**Tatsushi “Tats” Arai, Ph.D.**

Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR)  
George Mason University

*“Reflections on the Salt March Then and Now: The Nonviolent Army”*

What are the virtues and disciplines of a nonviolent army? Drawing upon experience from a life of activism and in particular the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary re-enactment of Gandhi’s Salt March the dynamics of nonviolent non-cooperation will be discussed. What is the relevance of Gandhi’s view of the necessity of a nonviolent army?

**Gail Presbey**

*“Gandhi’s Satyagraha: A Pragmatic Linguistic Analysis of Its Meaning”* In the search for the ultimate truth, the end of human injustice and in the longing for a more peaceful world, the Great Mohandas K. Gandhi, the Great Mahatma, coined his perpetual masterpiece, the concept and movement of *Satyagraha*.

**Abdul Karim Bangura**

Researcher-In Residence at the Center for Global Peace  
Professor of International Relations and Islamic Studies  
School of International Service  
American University

### **Session K: Paper Presentations: Gandhian Nonviolence Today**

Moderator: Mary Cargill

*“Using Music to Motivate, Educate, and Inspire Youth”*

How might music be used to inspire young people to learn about social justice movements and get involved with such movements today? This presentation will drawing upon experience as a teacher and musical expertise to examine the role of music today in social movements.

**Sharon Silver**

*“Cooperatives: Building Communities of Peace and Justice”* This presentation provides resources to study history and theories of various forms of cooperative living; examines examples from U.S. and internationally, with a case study of participation in forming and sustaining the 12 person housing cooperative located in Chicago –the Logan Square Housing Cooperative.

**Maureen Dolan**

Professor  
DePaul University

*“Peace Through Unconditional Compassion”* We all want peace in the world, peace in our neighborhoods and peace in our hearts. To achieve these goals, we must expand our capacity to extend compassion and forgiveness unconditionally – even toward those who harm others. Drawing from real-life examples of people demonstrating compassion and forgiveness in the face of unspeakable tragedy, this presentation will describe how we can embody the fullest principles of ahimsa and attain a genuine sense of peace.

**John Morlino**

Founder of The ETHIC (The Essence of True Humanity is Compassion)

<http://the-ethic.org>

**Plenary Speaker: Christian Brother University Theater**

**5:15-6:15 pm**

*“Prophetic Dreaming and Nonviolent Activism”*

**Luther Ivory**

**Reception:**

**Thomas Center East Lounge**

**6:30-7:30 pm**

**Rhodes College**  
**Saturday October 15, 2005**

<b>Registration:</b>	<b>Bryan Campus Life Center (First Floor)</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	<b>William Newton, Chaplain Rhodes College</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Plenary Speaker:</b>	<b>Bryan Campus Life Center, McCallum Ballroom</b>	<b>9:10-10:00 am</b>

*“Nonviolence in a Time of Terrorism”*  
**Mark Juergensmeyer**

**Concurrent Sessions, Panel Discussions, and Workshops** **10:30-11:45am**

**Session A: Panel Discussion:**

Moderator: **TBA** Frazier Jelke Room A

*“Selves, Reciprocities, and Pathways to Peace”*

The understanding of self and self in relation to other are central to nonviolent movements. This panel will explore the self and self in relation to other through a variety of analytical lenses and will seek to ground those discussions in relation to nonviolent practice at both the individual and social movement levels.

**Randy LeBlanc**  
**Carolyn Medine**  
**Amy Flynn**  
**Jordan Rothacker**  
**Katherine Daley-Bailey**  
**Lia Mallini**

**Session B: Workshop**

Moderator: Peter Gathje Clough Hall, Orgill Room

*“Justice American Style: Violence and the Death Penalty”* The workshop’s leaders will discuss violence of the capital punishment system in America as both symbol and reality. In particular, they will discuss through some examples how certain practical factors, such as racism and prosecutorial misconduct, prelude the possibility of justice and fairness in the capital punishment system, as a whole; then they will reflect on the death penalty as a powerful American symbol for resolving social problems through violence.

**Lloyd Steffen**  
Chair, Religious Studies  
Lehigh University

**Rev. Joe Ingle**  
Director of Nashville Justice Center

**Session C: Workshop**

Moderator: **TBA** Palmer Room 205

*“Can We Be Peacemakers Without a Vibrant Spiritual Life?”* The workshop will center on a study from Gandhi’s life and workshop presenter experience of 40 years working for peace and nonviolence. There are Ten Key Ingredients/Elements to Gandhi day-to-day spirituality, which supported his life and his movement.

**Sister Patricia McCarthy**  
Congregation of Notre Dame

**Session D: Workshop**

Moderator: Margie Miller

Palmer Room 211

*“Satyagraha: Holding Fast to Truth”* Building Community through the Arts.

How does art contribute to our formation in nonviolence and our work for nonviolent social change?

**Indira Johnson**Founder and Artistic Director,  
Shanti Foundation**Session E: Workshop**

Moderator: Scott Geis

Palmer Room 209

*“Integrating the Culture of Peace and the Culture of Life”*

A culture of life sees the interrelation between a variety of “life” issues: abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, war, poverty, racism. How does a commitment to nonviolence cut across the usual polarizations in our society when these issues are raised?

**Rachel MacNair, Ph.D.****Session F: Paper Presentations: Gandhian Spirituality**

Moderator: Karl Leib

Frazier Jelke Room B

*“The Noosphere is for Nonviolence: Weaving Networks for Nonviolent Revolution and Creation of Integrative Activism”* Integrative Activism is a project about creating “the journal” for today’s age linking transformational social change agents together in a powerful network for good. There are many leaders, organizations, conference, and retreat centers that works in the fields of nonviolence, spiritual activism, engaged spirituality and transformational social change. Despite the large numbers of people engaging in this work, the capacity for collective action that is needed to transform society is weak. A strong

network would increase the ability for alliance and collective action.

**Kaliya Hamlin**

Co-founder and Co-director of Integrative Activism

*“A Pacifist Primer”* Pacifism is often viewed as cowardly or naïve opposition to the use of physical violence. Many believe that pacifists avoid conflict due to some utopian hope that conflicts can be resolved without courage, sacrifice, or direct engagement with adversary. This myth will be addressed by reviewing the analysis, intentions, methods, and training that are in my belief, central to being a pacifist.**Clark Hanjian***Empathy and Intercultural Peace Curricula Development: A Critical Case Study of Teacher Involvement in Multicultural Change at a Midwestern High School.* Data related to conceptions of empathy and intercultural peace from a critical qualitative dissertation that involved seven teacher inquirers in a process of intercultural peace curricula development at a Midwestern high school will be explored. A model of social stasis and change will be used to explain the constraints and possibilities encountered by local cultural actors.**Edward Brantmeier**, Department of Educational Studies  
Saint Louis University

*“Catholic Human Rights Advocacy as Conflict Resolution”* The thesis dissects the Catholic Church’s concept of justice in order to analyze its mantra “If you want peace, work for justice.” After analyzing three components of justice in Catholic theory: human rights, development, and solidarity, the thesis identifies underlying theories of peacebuilding in the Church: structure/rule of law; basic needs; and individual transformation, respectively.

**Jill Gerschutz**

M.A. Candidate, International Peace and Conflict Resolution

*“Teaching Middle School Students about Gandhi and his Nonviolent Ways”* Today, there is much more violence in communities and even in schools. Hearing about gang fights, guns and drugs being brought to schools, and even child deaths in school are becoming more frequent. According to Drs. John and Lois Wodarski (1) the rate of homicide has doubled for 10-14 year-olds over the past two decades.

**Sapna Jain**

**Lunch:** Burrow Refectory **11:45 am -1:00pm**

**Concurrent Sessions, Panel Discussions, and Workshops** **1:15 pm - 2:30pm**

**Session H: Workshop:**

Moderator: Marc Simon Palmer Room 210

*“Nonviolence and Christianity: Gandhi’s Critique and a Scriptural Exploration”* Gandhi is reputed to have said that the only people who do not understand that Jesus of Nazareth teaches nonviolence are Christians. The Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew also played a role in Gandhi’s own understanding of what was the essential core of Jesus’ teaching.

**Johnny Zokovitch, M.A.**

Communication Director, Pax Christi USA, The National Catholic Peace Movement

**Session I: Workshop**

Moderator: TBA Palmer Room 208

*“Teaching Toward Sarvodaya: A Gandhian Approach to Service-Learning”* How can a service learning program be developed to encourage students in the Gandhian practice of service? This workshop will help participants learn about service learning and how to create a service learning program that incorporates Gandhian insights.

**Jane Kavaloski**

**Vincent Kavaloski**

**Session J: Workshop**

Moderator: TBA Palmer Room 207

*“An Interactive Workshop on the Development of a Department of Peace”*  
The creation of a Department of Peace equivalent in stature to the Department of Defense is presented as a grassroots program in peace education and as a way to institutionalize efforts to create a more peaceful society and world.

**Marc Masonbrink**, Buddhist Peace Fellowship of Tallahassee

**Session K: Workshop**

Moderator: TBA Palmer Room 211

*“Nonviolence and Art”*, Nonviolence and Art; Interactive workshop on integrating nonviolence methodology in school core curriculum classrooms.

**Indira Johnson**

Founder and Artistic Director, Shanti Foundation

### **Session L: Workshop**

Moderator: Marc Simon

Clough Hall, Orgill Room

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**Ken Preston-Pile**

Training Coordinator of Engage Program of Pace e Bene

**Ken Butigan**

Communications Director of Engage Program of Pace e Bene

### **Session M: Workshop**

Moderator

Palmer Room 205

*“Ahimsa: Gandhian Nonviolence as a way of life and teaching this to high school and college students”* This workshop will touch on several dimensions of Gandhi’s nonviolent way of life embodied in his rich understanding and Practice of Ahimsa- service, respect, problem-solving, forgiveness, oneness with creation and simple living. For those who work with high school or college students and/or other young adults, these worksheets will be helpful in sharing this way of life with others.

**Jim McGinnis**

Institute for Peace and Justice

### **Session N: Paper Presentations: Gandhi and Contemporary Conflicts**

Moderator: **TBA**

Frazier Jelke Room A

*“Pre-Emptive Peace: The Role of Communication in the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process”* This paper focus on the Israel and the Palestinians should adopt a pre-emptive peace that attempts to remove all conflict conditions in the pursuit of trusting, cooperative interethnic relationship, derives as its source the notion that nonviolent communication can serve as a mode of personal and national transformation.

**Cassandra Newman**

*“Gandhi, Satyagraha and the Israel-Palestine Conflict”* Gandhi had considerable contacts with Jews and communicated to them his hope for peaceful coexistence between Jews and Palestinians. Two leading Jews committed to Jewish-Arab rapprochement, Martin Buber and Judah Magenes exchanged letters with Gandhi. Forming the basis of Gandhi’s understanding of two opposing claims to Palestine, these writing anticipate recent efforts to apply Satyagraha to Israel-Palestine conflict. That there is a tradition of nonviolent action in the Middle East is largely ignored by scholars.

**Paul Dekar**

Niswonger Professor of Evangelism and Mission

Memphis Theological Seminary

*“The Joint Protectorate of Jammu and Kahsmir: Utilizing Principled Nonviolence to Transform the Conflict”* The use of mechanisms of Conflict Transformation and principle nonviolence to resolve the Jammu & Kashmir conflict. The suggestion of a transformative approach to conflict that facilitates a collaborative problem-solving process and ongoing relationship along with specific, focused mechanisms of peacekeeping, peacemaking, and peacebuilding.

**Matthew Taylor**

Co-Chairperson

Berkeley Initiative for Kashmir

**Session O: Paper Presentations: Gandhian Spirituality**

Moderator:

Frazier Jelke Room C

*“Radical Sages: An Evolution of Spiritual Action”* Each generation must create its own authentic expression of spiritual wisdom. Our time is calling us to participate wholeheartedly in social and political life, to evolve the ideas of sages as ‘aloof witness’ to sage as ‘passionate advocate for peace, freedom, and social justice.’ This modern spiritual archetype is a Radical Sage.

**Robert Rabbin**

Founder of Radical Sages the online hub of global spiritual activism

*“Forms of Activism for Overwhelmed People”*

How do we take the steps necessary in our lives to become both personally nonviolent and to participate in nonviolent movements for social change? This presentation will offer simple but effective ways to begin the journey in nonviolence.

**Brenda Hillman**

Saint Mary’s College of California

*“God Without Religion”*

The author of God Without Religion will lead a discussion of his book and its connections with Gandhian nonviolence.

**Sankara Saranam**

Author

**Closing Plenary Speaker:**

**3:00-4:30 pm**

*“Nonviolence At The Crossroads”*

**Ken Butigan**

**6:30-7:00 pm**

**Reception: Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church**

**6:30-7:00 pm**

**7:00- 8:30 pm**

**Dinner: Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church  
(Ticket Required)**

**7:00- 8:30 pm**

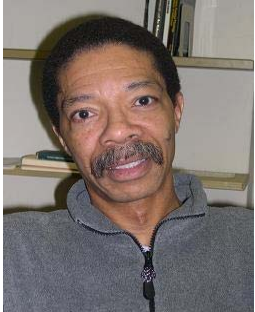
*“Eyewitness to War, Witness for Peace”*

**Dinner Speaker Kathy Kelly**



### **Opening Speaker Arun Gandhi**

Arun Gandhi, the fifth grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, founded the Gandhi Institute in 1991. Gandhi started the Institute to teach individuals about conflict prevention, anger management, diversity training, and relationship- and community-building. Each year, Gandhi and his wife make presentations to diverse audiences around the world. Shortly after marrying Sunanda, Gandhi moved to India, where he and his wife began projects to improve the country's social and economic conditions. These programs have since changed the lives of more than a half million people in more than 300 villages. Gandhi has also written several books on prejudice, poverty, and politics. For the past five years, Gandhi has traveled with the Renaissance Weekend Deliberators to share his message of peace. The group, which includes former President Clinton, hosts conferences in many different locations across the United States with leaders from diverse fields who seek to build bridges across ideological, generational, geographical, professional and political divides.



### **Plenary Speaker Luther Ivory**

Rev. Dr. Luther Ivory, a Memphis native, is an associate professor of religious studies at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. In 1994, Dr. Ivory was called by the Presbytery of Memphis to serve as organizing pastor and evangelist for an Africentric new church development called New Life Community PCUSA. Dr. Ivory then became the adjunct professor of religious studies at Rhodes College in 1997. In 1971, after being named the salutatorian and "Most Likely to Succeed" at Douglass High School, Ivory became the first African-American to receive the Colonel John T. Morehead "ROTC Cadet-of-the-Year" award. After high school, Dr. Ivory received his B.S. degree in liberal arts from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and his master's degree in social work from UT-Martin. He later earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Union Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. from Emory University. He served as a lieutenant in the Navy for five years before he began his career in teaching. Dr. Ivory has written and lectured extensively on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the ethics of the civil rights movement. He credits Dr. King as his childhood inspiration and, at age 15, witnessed Dr. King's Mountaintop Speech. In 1997, Abingdon Press released Dr. Ivory's examination of Dr. King's philosophical teachings in "Towards a Theology of Radical Involvement: The Theological Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."



### **Plenary Speaker**

Mark Juergensmeyer is Director of Global and International Studies and Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is an expert on religious violence, conflict resolution, and South Asian religion and politics. He received his B.A. degree in philosophy from the University of Illinois and attended Union Theological Seminary in New York prior to earning his Ph.D. in political science at University of California. He has published more than 200 articles and a dozen books. Two of Juergensmeyer's most well-known books are "Terror in the Mind of God: The Global Rise of Religious Violence" and "Gandhi's Way: A Handbook of Conflict Resolution." For the book, Juergensmeyer interviewed religious activists from around the world—including individuals convicted of the 1993

World Trade Center bombing, leader of Hamas, and abortion clinic bombers in the United States. The Washington Post and Los Angeles Times named it one of the best nonfiction books of the year. For his contributions in the field of religion, Juergensmeyer has received numerous honors and awards. Among those are the prestigious Grawemeyer Award, and an honorary doctorate from Lehigh University. Juergensmeyer resides in Santa Barbara, Calif.



### **Closing Plenary Speaker**

Ken Butigan is a peace and justice worker, teacher, workshop facilitator, and writer. For two decades, Butigan has worked with numerous social movements, including movements for a nuclear-free future, an end to homelessness, immigrant rights, and freedom for East Timor. From 1987 to 1990, he was the national coordinator of the Pledge of Resistance, a network of 100,000 people in 400 local groups that organized coordinated nonviolent action for peace in Central America. Since 1990, Butigan has been on the staff of Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service, an organization dedicated to

building a more nonviolent culture, and currently serves as the Pace e Bene communications coordinator. He has helped to develop *Engage: Exploring Nonviolent Living*, a comprehensive nonviolence education program launched in 2005 through Pace e Bene. Prior to this, he was responsible for developing and directing Pace e Bene's *From Violence To Wholeness* program. Twenty thousand people have participated in 400 *From Violence To Wholeness* workshops in the United States and around the world. In addition to his role at Pace e Bene, he is a lecturer in the spirituality and practice of nonviolence at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley. Butigan earned his Ph.D. in the Historical and Cultural Studies of Religions at the Graduate Theological Union in 2000. Prior to joining Pace e Bene, he directed the Spiritual Life Institute at Saint Martin's College for three years and has recently taught religious studies at DePaul University (2003-2005). He has published five books, including "Pilgrimage through a Burning World: Spiritual Practice and Nonviolent Protest at the Nevada Test Site" (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2003). Dr. Butigan resides in Chicago.

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PEACE & ALL GOOD

Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service was established in 1989 as an agency of the non-profit St. Barbara Province of the Franciscan Friars of California. It is located in Las Vegas, Nevada, with offices in Oakland, California, Olympia, Washington and Perth, Australia. Pace e Bene (pronounced *pah-chay-bay-nay*) means "peace and all good" in Italian and was an expression used by St. Francis of Assisi as a greeting and as a means of proclaiming the way of nonviolence in the midst of a violent world. Pace e Bene's mission is to address our society's epidemic of violence through the spirituality and practice of active nonviolence. We research the cultural roots of violence and through educational programs and advocacy projects counter the systemic roots of violence and the attitudes and behaviors that nurture such violence. These programs and projects move beyond the recognizing and lamenting of cultural violence toward understanding and implementing faith-based nonviolent alternatives. Pace e Bene's programs and projects incorporate nonviolent actions aligned with gospel values that seek justice for the poor and oppressed who suffer most from cultural violence. Advocacy projects have included working with homeless coalitions in San Francisco and Las Vegas, the Western Shoshone Nation, an Interfaith Council for Worker Justice in Las Vegas, consultation and support for Latino groups in San Francisco and Los Angeles, and consultation with numerous community organizing groups across the country.



FOUNDATION FOR PEACE

Shanti Foundation for Peace is a non-profit organization established in 1993, that fosters the practice of non-violence in everyday life. Shanti creates and implements arts and education programs that help children develop lifelong non-violence decision making skills, as well as community art initiatives that address issues of diversity and inclusiveness to foster healthy and vibrant communities. Shanti Foundation for Peace is a non-profit organization established in 1993, that fosters the practice of non-violence in everyday life. Shanti creates and implements arts and education programs that help children develop lifelong non-violence decision making skills, as well as community art initiatives that address issues of diversity and inclusiveness to foster healthy and vibrant communities.



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Students from all over the country and the world come to Christian Brothers University for a vibrant and involved education that is academically rigorous, exciting and diverse. The University is ranked U.S. News and World Report's Top Tier of Southern Universities Granting Master's Degrees and is noted for its campus diversity. The University is also listed in Princeton Review's "Best

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CBU is a values-oriented, interfaith educational campus offering degrees in engineering, business, science, liberal arts, and education to nearly 2000 students from 19 states and 22 countries. (88% rank in the top half of their high school graduating class and 25% rank in the top 10%.)

CBU has 109 full-time faculty members, all of whom have at least a Master's degree, and 89% have doctorates or other terminal degrees.

To learn more: [www.cbu.edu](http://www.cbu.edu)

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**The M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence** was founded in 1991 by the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Arun Gandhi, and his wife, Sunanda. The Gandhis provided seed money for the Institute through the sale of Gandhiji's letters to his son and

daughter-in-law (Arun's parents), Manilal and Sushila. Sustaining funds come from contributions, publications, program fees, and modest grants. The Institute is hosted by Christian Brothers University, which graciously provides offices for our work in nonviolence.

Many of the Institute's educational programs are aimed at conflict prevention, anger management, diversity training, and relationship and community building. Currently their programs include the interactive nonviolence and diversity-training workshop *Faces in the Crowd*, the annual *Behind the Prison Walls* prisoner essay contest, the international *Season for Nonviolence*, and others. Until recently, Arun and Sunanda Gandhi traveled almost year round, all over the world, speaking and teaching about nonviolence.

The Gandhi Institute is in communication with organizations

dedicated to nonviolence worldwide. Arun's international lecture series makes thousands aware of nonviolence yearly, and has spurred a generation of nonviolence groups throughout the United States and abroad. A growing community of friends, students, and practitioners of nonviolence are forming a network of moral support for each other and fortifying the collective project of peacemaking all over the world.

The Institute's work redoubles as the prevention and healing of violence becomes an ever increasing need in our hearts and homes, our streets and communities, in our nation and our world. Our research and work echo and affirm the prophetic nature of Gandhiji's prediction: **"Undreamed of and seemingly impossible discoveries will be made in the field of nonviolence."**

Online at: [www.gandhiinstitute.org](http://www.gandhiinstitute.org)



## *Rhodes College*

Rhodes, founded in 1848, is a private, residential, coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Its 1,550 students choose among 31 majors leading to a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. The college also awards a Master of Science degree in accounting.

One of the few selective U.S. liberal arts colleges located in an urban setting, Rhodes occupies 100 wooded acres in midtown Memphis. The campus has been nationally recognized for its adherence to the standards of collegiate Gothic architecture and has been frequently cited as one of the most beautiful in the nation. The college has a strong tradition of service, with 80 percent of all students involved in community service activities. Ranked in the top tier of America's best national liberal arts colleges, Rhodes campus life is governed by a student-administered honor code.

The mission of the college is to graduate students with a life-long passion for learning, a compassion for others, and the ability to translate academic study and personal concern into effective leadership and action in their communities and the world.

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**The National Conference for Community and Justice** is a human relations organization founded in 1927. Historically known as The National Conference of Christians and Jews, NCCJ works with leaders and people from different backgrounds to create communities of justice where each person will be treated with respect and understanding.

NCCJ works for each of us by enhancing intergroup relations and by opening minds.

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To fight bias, bigotry and racism and to promote understanding and respect among all through advocacy, conflict resolution and education.

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NCCJ builds the skills of those with whom it works so that each of us is better able to make America more just. In one year, we reach 290,000 youth and educators; 500 workplaces; 75,000 community members and leaders; and engage 35,000 seminarians, faith leaders and other participants in our interfaith programming.

### **NCCJ Programs:**

NCCJ's 65 regional offices in 35 states and the District of Columbia conduct ongoing community awareness programs aimed at eradicating bias, bigotry and racism in our society. Through a variety of programs and educational opportunities, our regional offices carry out this important work of promoting understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures.

### **NCCJ Memphis:**

NCCJ Memphis provides the community with extensive youth programming, diversity panels and training, community conversations and work with faith leaders initiative including the Prayers for Peace series. NCCJ Memphis is dedicated to creating a community of justice.

### **We Change Lives**

Online at: [www.nccj.org](http://www.nccj.org) or  
[www.nccjmemphis.org](http://www.nccjmemphis.org)



In 1968 the attention of the nation was focused on the Lorraine Motel. It was this year, on April 4th that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and acknowledged leader of the Civil Rights Movement, was assassinated. The aftershock of this event would plunge the Lorraine Motel, a small minority-owned business in the south-end of downtown Memphis, into a long and steep decline. The motel's owner, Walter Lane Bailey, kept a couple of rooms as a shrine to Dr. King and to Bailey's wife, Lorraine, who died of a brain hemorrhage two hours after King was shot.

By 1982, the Lorraine Motel was a foreclosed property. A group of prominent Memphians, concerned that this historic site would be destroyed through continued neglect and indifference, formed the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation to save the Lorraine.

The Foundation raised \$10,000, which brought a short option to buy the Lorraine; however, members of the Foundation were unable to raise the full contract price of \$250,000. Fortunately, in December 1982, the Foundation was able to purchase the Lorraine at auction for \$144,000. Of that amount, \$69,000 came from the fundraising efforts of Foundation members. In addition, \$25,000 was donated by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and \$10,000 was donated by Lucky Hearts Cosmetics, a business located across the street from the Lorraine. The remaining \$50,000 was loaned by Tri-State Bank and secured jointly by AFSCME and Lucky Hearts.

With vital support from the City of Memphis, Shelby County, and the State of Tennessee, enough funds were raised to create and construct a civil rights center within the Lorraine Motel designed to help visitors better understand the history and lessons of the American Civil Rights Movement.

The Lorraine Civil Rights Foundation held an official groundbreaking in 1987 and on September 28, 1991, the National Civil Rights Museum opened its doors to visitors. In February

2001, the Museum broke ground for an \$11 million expansion project entitled, **Exploring the Legacy**.

**Exploring the Legacy** adds 12,800 square feet of exhibition space and connects the main campus of the Museum to the Young and Morrow building and the Main Street Rooming House where James Earl Ray allegedly fired the fatal shot resulting in the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Both buildings were donated to the Museum by the Hyde Family Foundation.

**Exploring the Legacy** answers three critical questions: What happened after Dr. King's death? Did the Movement die in Memphis? What is the legacy of the Movement nationally and internationally?

The expansion also includes an overview of some of the world's most crucial human rights movements and the achievements gained through the efforts and sacrifices of courageous individuals who stood by their convictions.

In celebration of the Museum's 11th anniversary, **Exploring the Legacy** opened to the public on September 28, 2002.

Online at:  
[www.civilrightsmuseum.org](http://www.civilrightsmuseum.org)

**Banquet Dinner Saturday October 15, 2004  
7:00 PM  
Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church  
Featuring Keynote Speaker Kathy Kelly**



Kathy Kelly is a three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee who helped launch Voices in the Wilderness, a campaign to end United States/United Nations sanctions against Iraq, in 1996. Kelly, a 1974 graduate of Loyola University Chicago, holds a master's degree in religious education from the Chicago Theological Seminary and was awarded an honorary doctorate from CTS in May 2005. Kelly is an outspoken peace activist who has traveled to Iraq more than 20 times. She was part of the Iraq Peace Team in Baghdad during the U.S. Shock and Awe military campaign in March and April 2003. Kelly was actively involved in peace efforts during the Gulf War. She was part of The Gulf Peace Team, a peace encampment on the Iraq-Saudi border from January to August 1991. After the Israeli invasion and sealing off the Jenin Refugee Camp on the occupied West Bank in April of 2002, she was among the first internationals to enter the camp. Kelly's recently released book, "Other Lands Have Dreams: From Baghdad to Pekin Prison," first published by Counterpunch and AK Press, 2005, chronicles her peace efforts at home and abroad. Kelly is a recipient of numerous awards, including the prestigious Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace Award, the Newberry Library Free Speech Award, and the Arab American Anti-Discrimination Committee Humanitarian Award. She resides in Chicago.

## ***Banquet Dinner Program***

***7:00 pm Welcome***

***7:05 pm Opening Speech***

***7:15 pm Invocation***

***7:20 pm Dinner***

***8:00 p.m. Introduction of Keynote Speaker:***

***8:10 p.m. Keynote Speech, Kathy Kelly***

***8:45 Closing Remarks***



Ursula Madden joined Action News 5 in 1998, and has recently been promoted to co-anchor of our noon broadcast. The Emmy nominated reporter is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Journalism. Before coming to Memphis, Ursula was a reporter for KEZI and KMTR in Eugene, Oregon. Ursula is also a long time supporter of the MIFA meals program.

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Every one of our wonderful volunteers!

# Gerard Anthony Vanderhaar

1931 - 2005



"The story of the human race is characterized by efforts to get along much more than by violent disputes, although it's the latter that make the history books. Violence is actually exceptional. The human race has survived because of cooperation, not aggression."



"We challenge the culture of violence when we ourselves act in the certainty that violence is no longer acceptable, that it's tired and outdated no matter how many cling to it in the stubborn belief that it still works and that it's still valid."



"Peace is an environment where conflicts are resolved without violence, where people are free, not exploited, living so they can grow to their full potential."

In honor of his legacy the Vanderhaar Symposium has been created at Christian Brothers University. Each year a notable scholar or activist will be invited to the school to speak on the nonviolent principles that Gerry practiced. Also, during the Symposium a local student peacemaker will be given the Gerard Vanderhaar Award for their work towards nonviolence. We invite your support for this notable endeavor. Checks should be made payable to CBU for the Gerard Vanderhaar Symposium and sent to the Institutional Advancement Office; CBU; 650 E. Parkway S.; Memphis, TN 38104

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that Gerry Vanderhaar, 73, has passed away. His death occurred at 12:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21. Gerry was one of the founding members of the MK Gandhi Institute.

It was his vision for peace through nonviolence that made Vanderhaar unique to the city's ongoing spiritual movement.

In 1972, Gerry was one of the founding members of Pax Christi USA and was named a Pax Christi Ambassador of Peace in 1992. In 1982, Gerry co-founded the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center. In 1996 Gerry retired as professor Emeritus of religion and peace studies at Christian Brothers University.

Arun Gandhi, founder of the MK Gandhi Institute, remembers Gerry, "In life Gerry lived and breathed peace, in death his legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of the thousands who came in touch with him. Sunanda and I will miss a dear and noble friend but we must take solace in the knowledge that he now enjoys the peace he lived for all his life."

His books on Christian nonviolence include, *Beyond Violence: In the Spirit of the Nonviolent Christ*, which was awarded the 1998 Pax Christi USA book award. In addition, he wrote two publications on nonviolence for Pax Christi USA: *Nonviolence in the Christian Tradition* and *Words of Peace: Gerard Vanderhaar on Personal Nonviolence*. He was also the author of the 1993 book *When Good People Do Bad Things*.

One of Gerry's close friends, George Grider, remembers his positive outlook. "Gerry had a trademark smile that could light a room," Grider remembers. "Beneath the smile lay a deep well of compassion. Whenever discussing a problem with Gerry, you always left the conversation feeling better. Not only about the problem but about yourself. He was a giant in the peace movement."

But for those of us fortunate to have known him, his spirit will be a part of the movement forever.

Gerry Vanderhaar is survived by his wife, Janice, a long time activist herself and notable peacemaker, was named one of "50 Women Who Make a Difference" by the Memphis Woman magazine in 2004. Janice served on the Steering Committee for this Conference and is largely responsible for this great experience.

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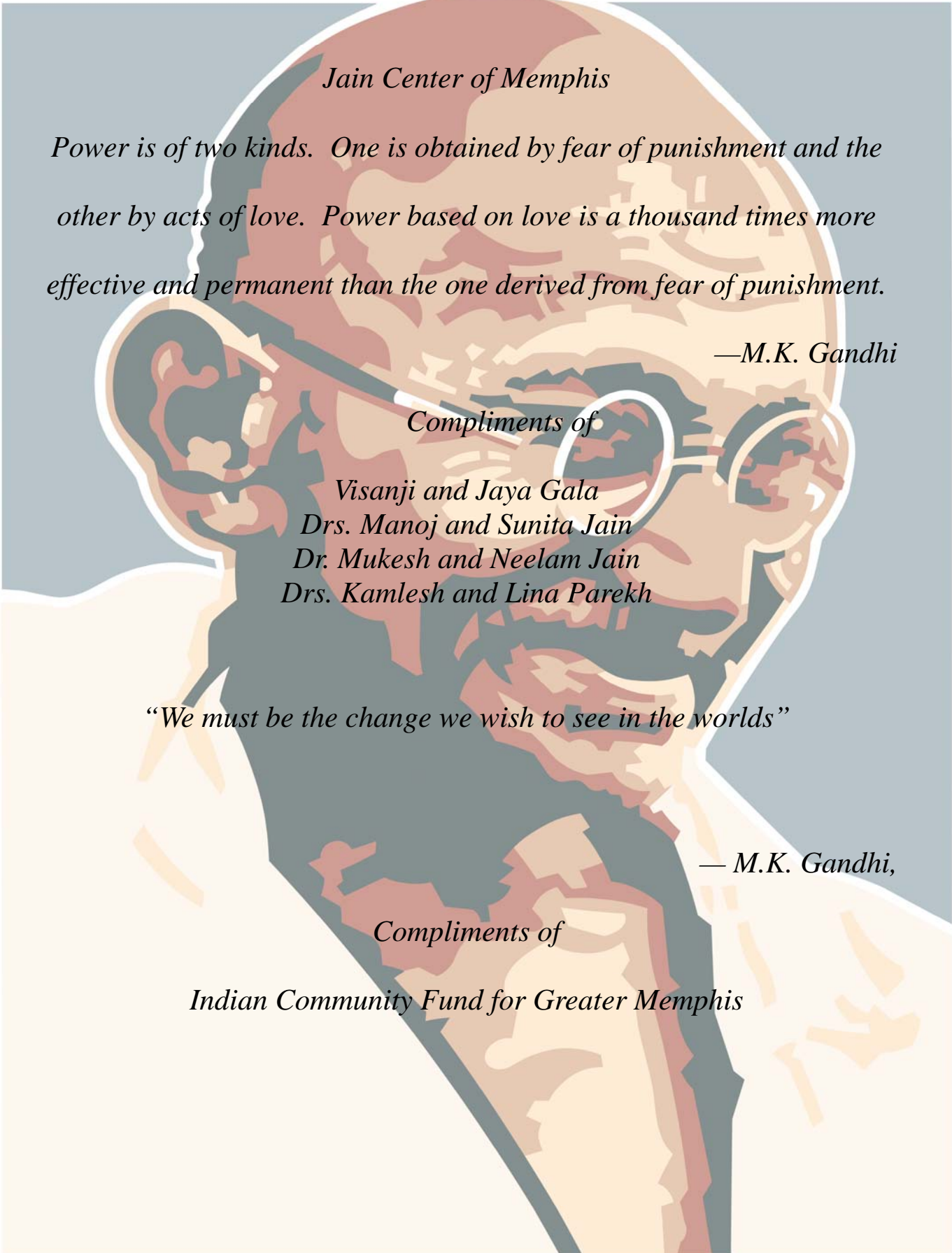
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*Power is of two kinds. One is obtained by fear of punishment and the other by acts of love. Power based on love is a thousand times more effective and permanent than the one derived from fear of punishment.*

*—M.K. Gandhi*

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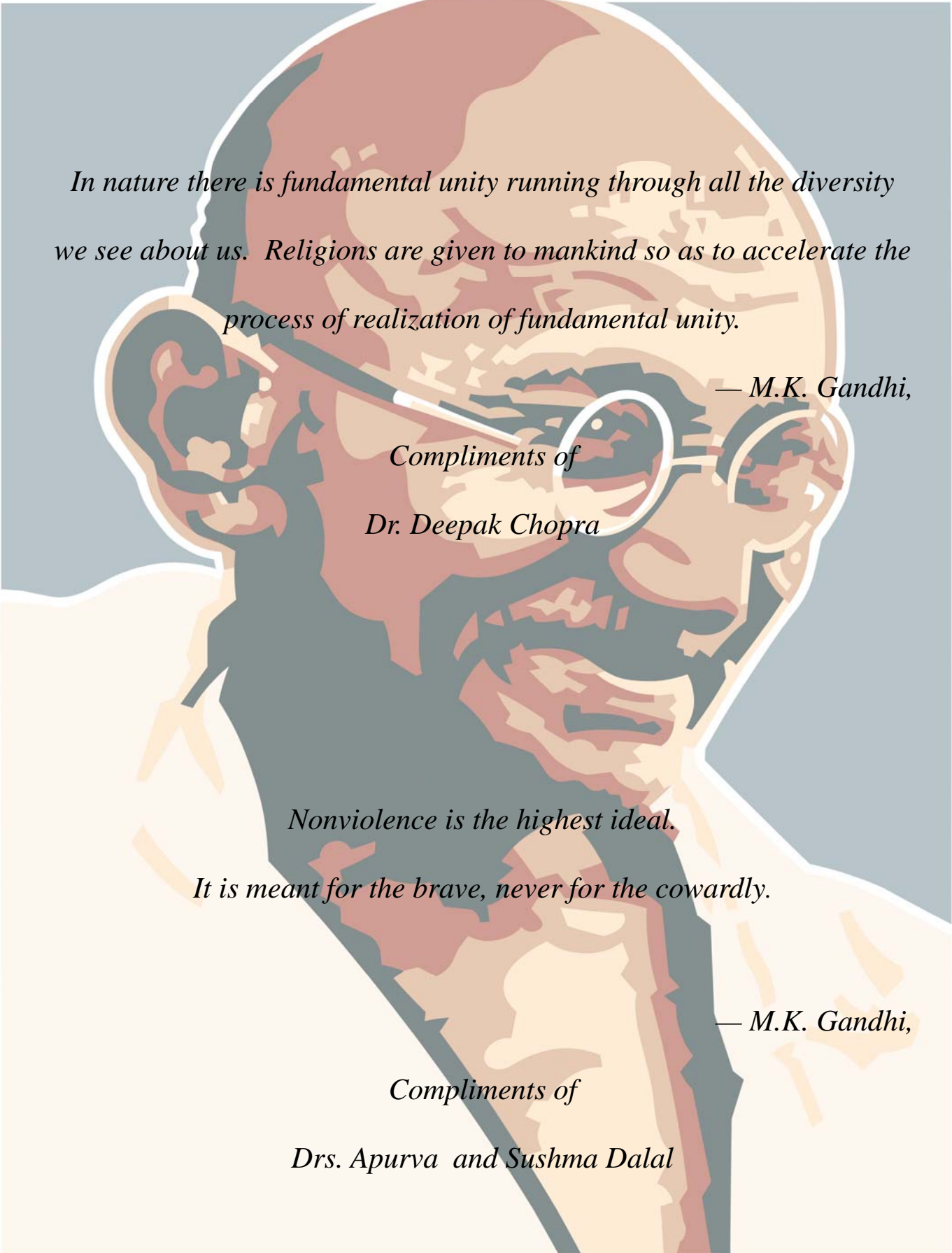
*Visanji and Jaya Gala  
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Dr. Mukesh and Neelam Jain  
Drs. Kamlesh and Lina Parekh*

*“We must be the change we wish to see in the worlds”*

*— M.K. Gandhi,*

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*In nature there is fundamental unity running through all the diversity we see about us. Religions are given to mankind so as to accelerate the process of realization of fundamental unity.*

*— M.K. Gandhi,*

*Compliments of  
Dr. Deepak Chopra*

*Nonviolence is the highest ideal.*

*It is meant for the brave, never for the cowardly.*

*— M.K. Gandhi,*

*Compliments of  
Drs. Apurva and Sushma Dalal*

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*Nonviolence is the eradication of the desire to injure or kill.*

*— M.K. Gandhi,*

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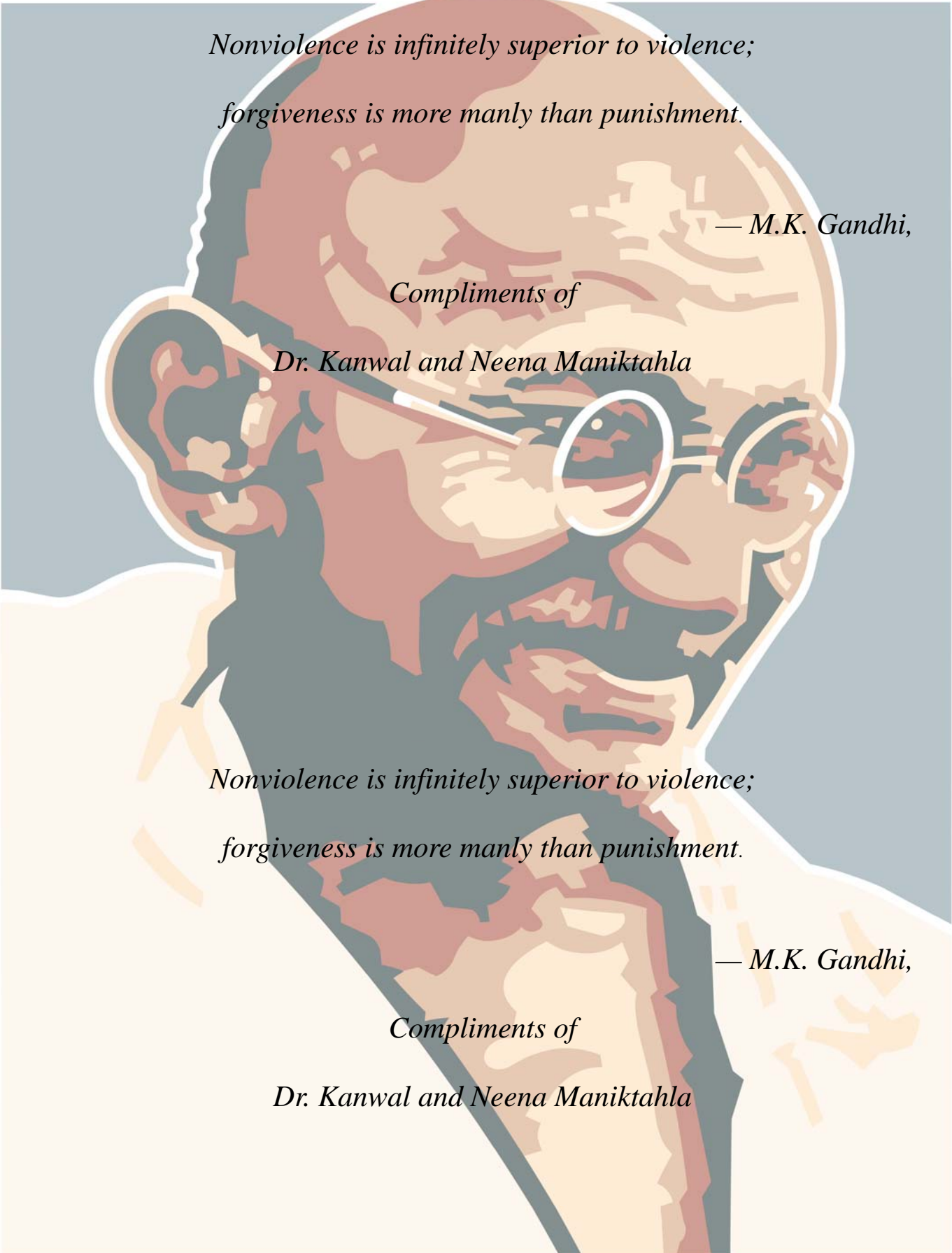
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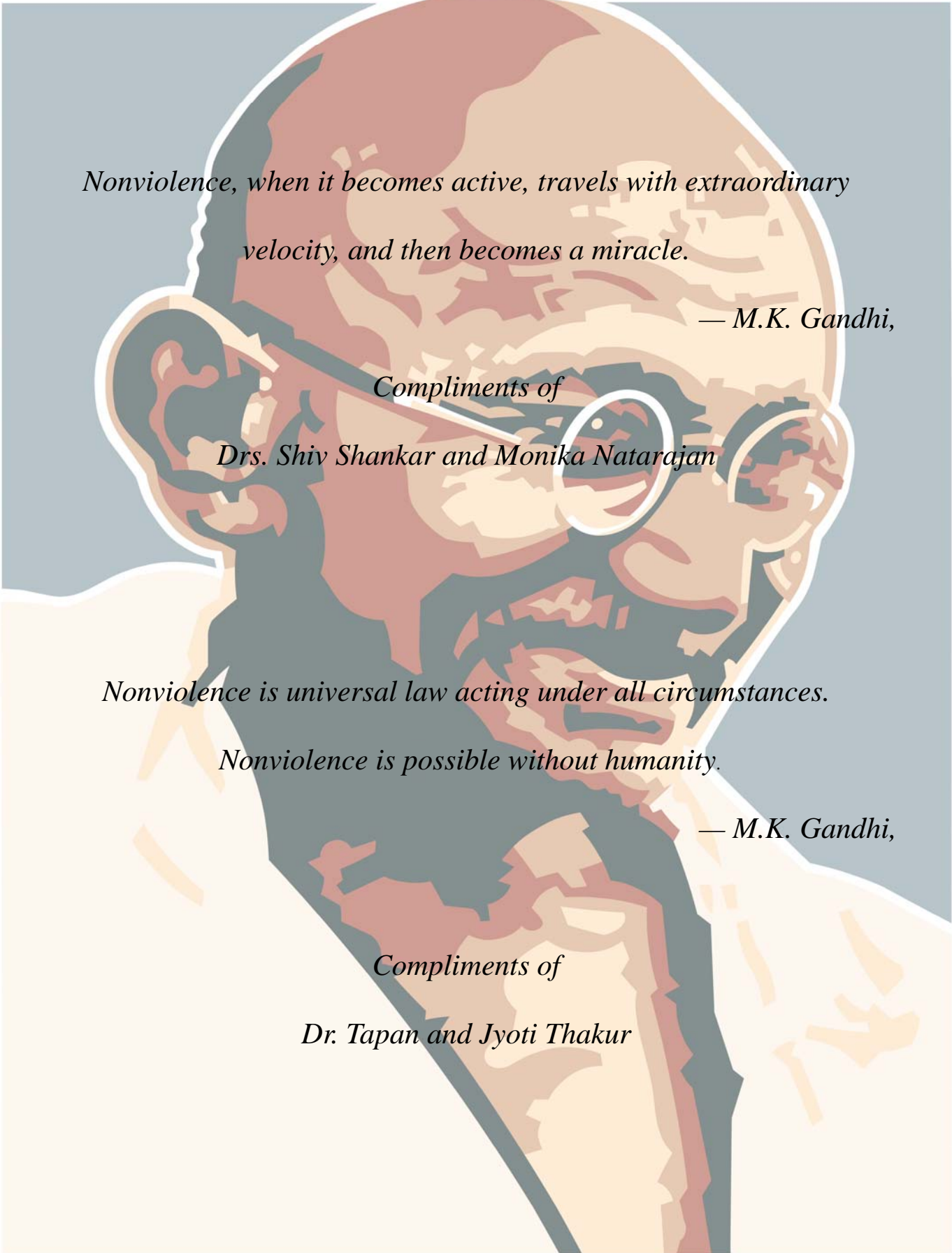
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*Nonviolence, when it becomes active, travels with extraordinary velocity, and then becomes a miracle.*

*— M.K. Gandhi,*

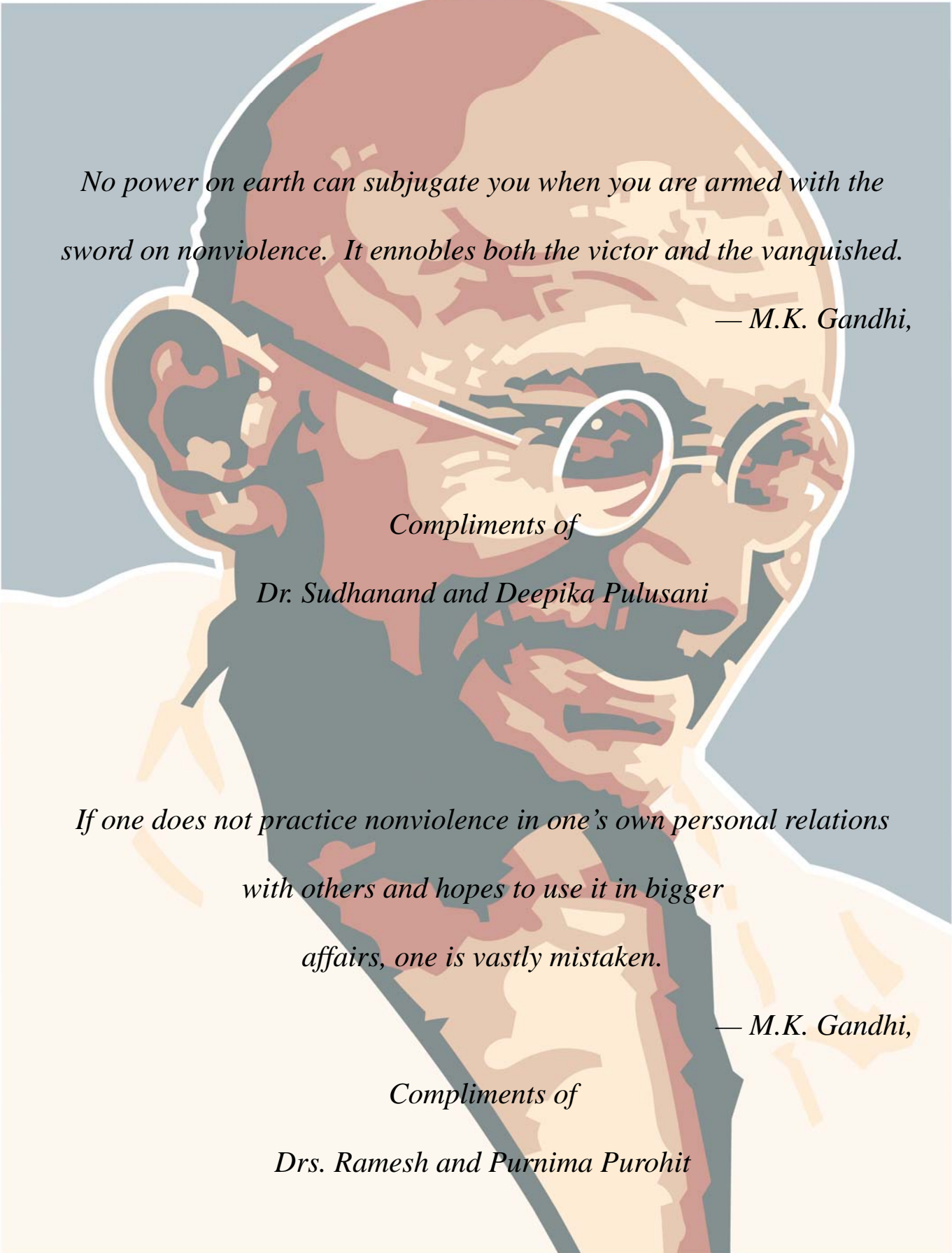
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*Nonviolence is universal law acting under all circumstances.*

*Nonviolence is possible without humanity.*

*— M.K. Gandhi,*

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Dr. Tapan and Jyoti Thakur*

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, rendered in shades of brown, tan, and grey. He is wearing his characteristic round glasses and has a slight smile. The background is a solid light blue-grey color.

*No power on earth can subjugate you when you are armed with the sword on nonviolence. It ennobles both the victor and the vanquished.*

*— M.K. Gandhi,*

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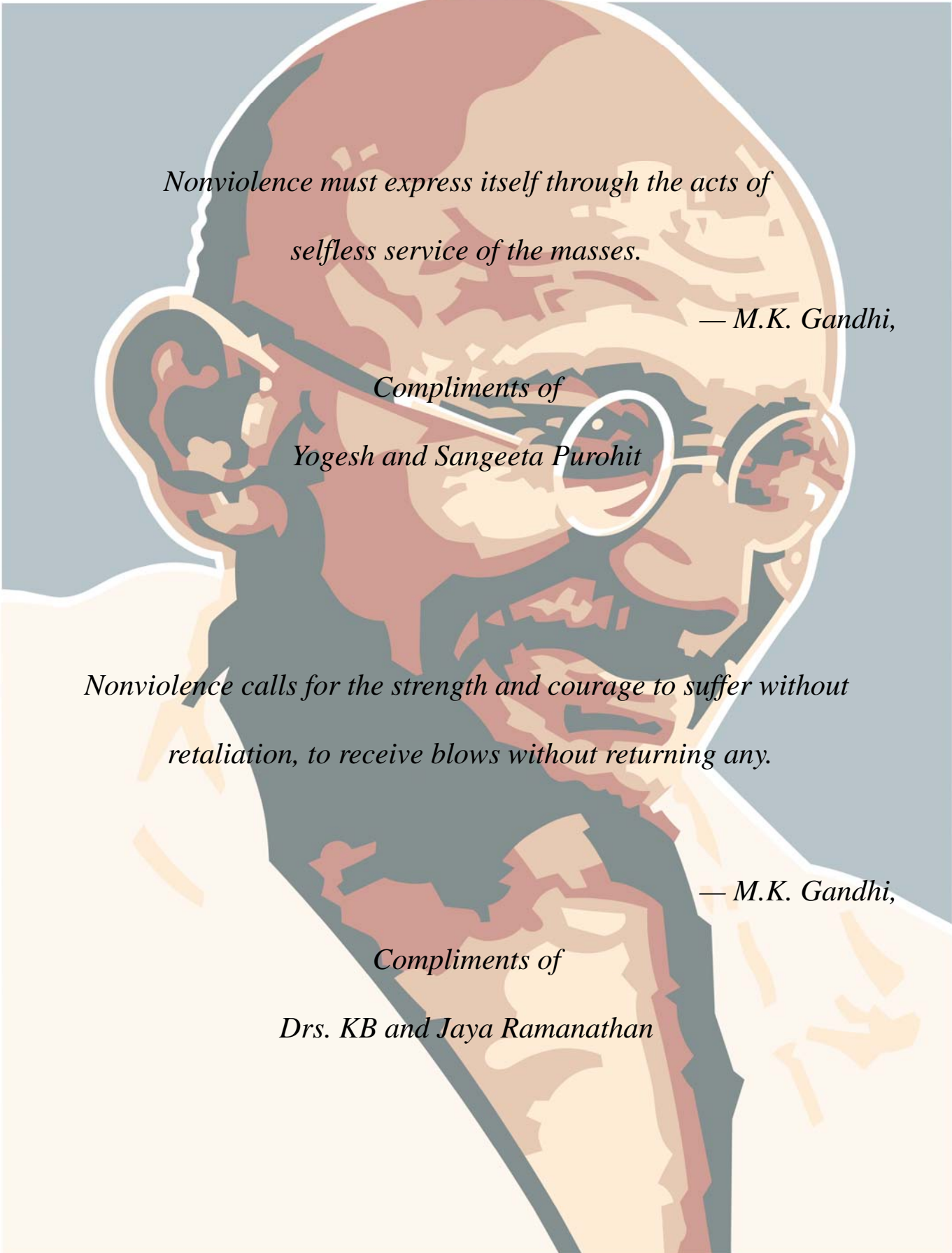
*Dr. Sudhanand and Deepika Pulusani*

*If one does not practice nonviolence in one's own personal relations with others and hopes to use it in bigger affairs, one is vastly mistaken.*

*— M.K. Gandhi,*

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*Drs. Ramesh and Purnima Purohit*



*Nonviolence must express itself through the acts of  
selfless service of the masses.*

*— M.K. Gandhi,*

*Compliments of  
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*Nonviolence calls for the strength and courage to suffer without  
retaliation, to receive blows without returning any.*

*— M.K. Gandhi,*

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*For a nonviolent person the whole world is one family.*

*He will fear none, nor will others fear him.*

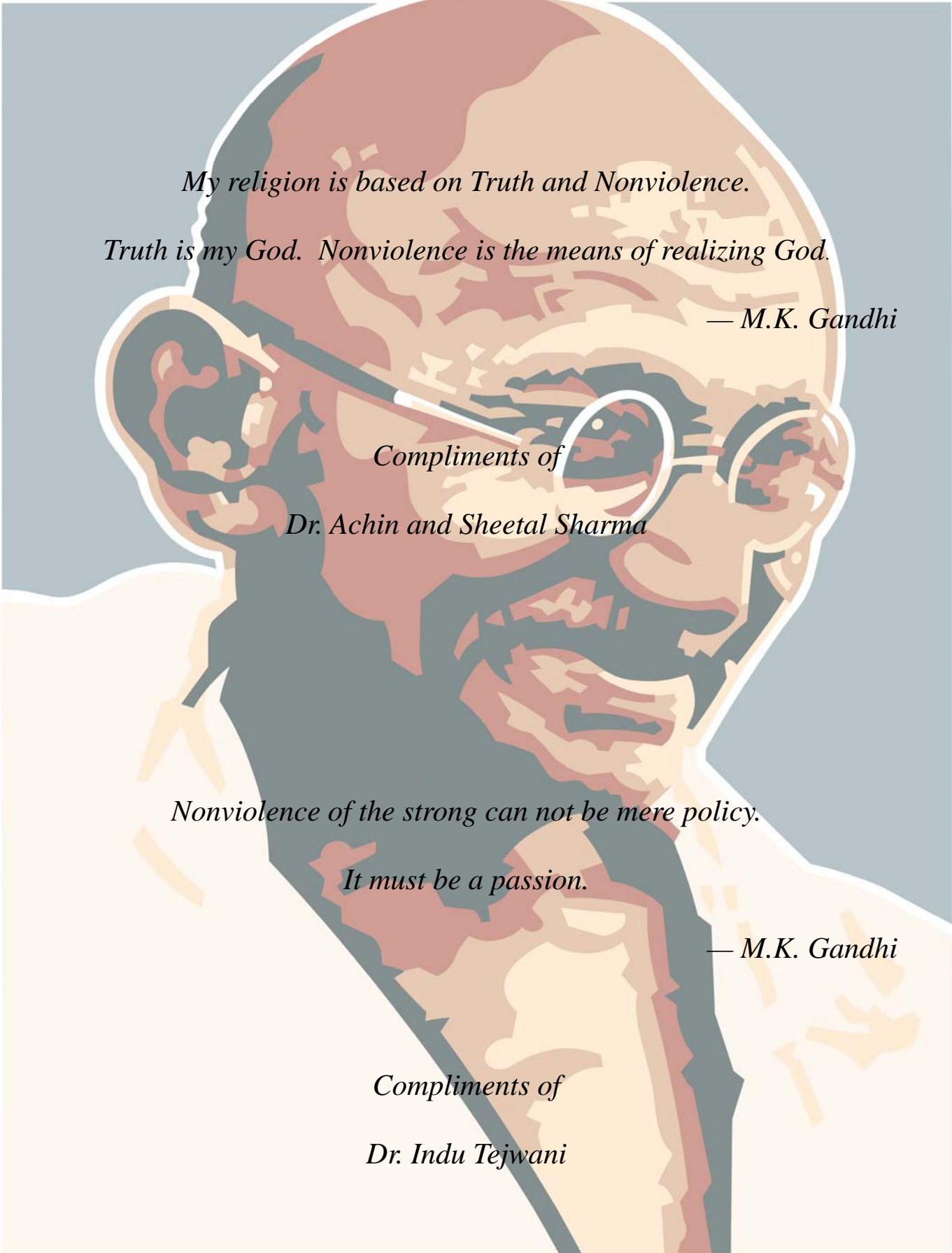
— M.K. Gandhi,

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*The alphabet of nonviolence is best learned in domestic school and I  
can say from experience that if we secure success there,  
we will do so every where else.*

— M.K. Gandhi,

*Compliments of  
Dr. Vijay and Janki Rawtani*



*My religion is based on Truth and Nonviolence.  
Truth is my God. Nonviolence is the means of realizing God.*

*— M.K. Gandhi*

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Dr. Achin and Sheetal Sharma*

*Nonviolence of the strong can not be mere policy.*

*It must be a passion.*

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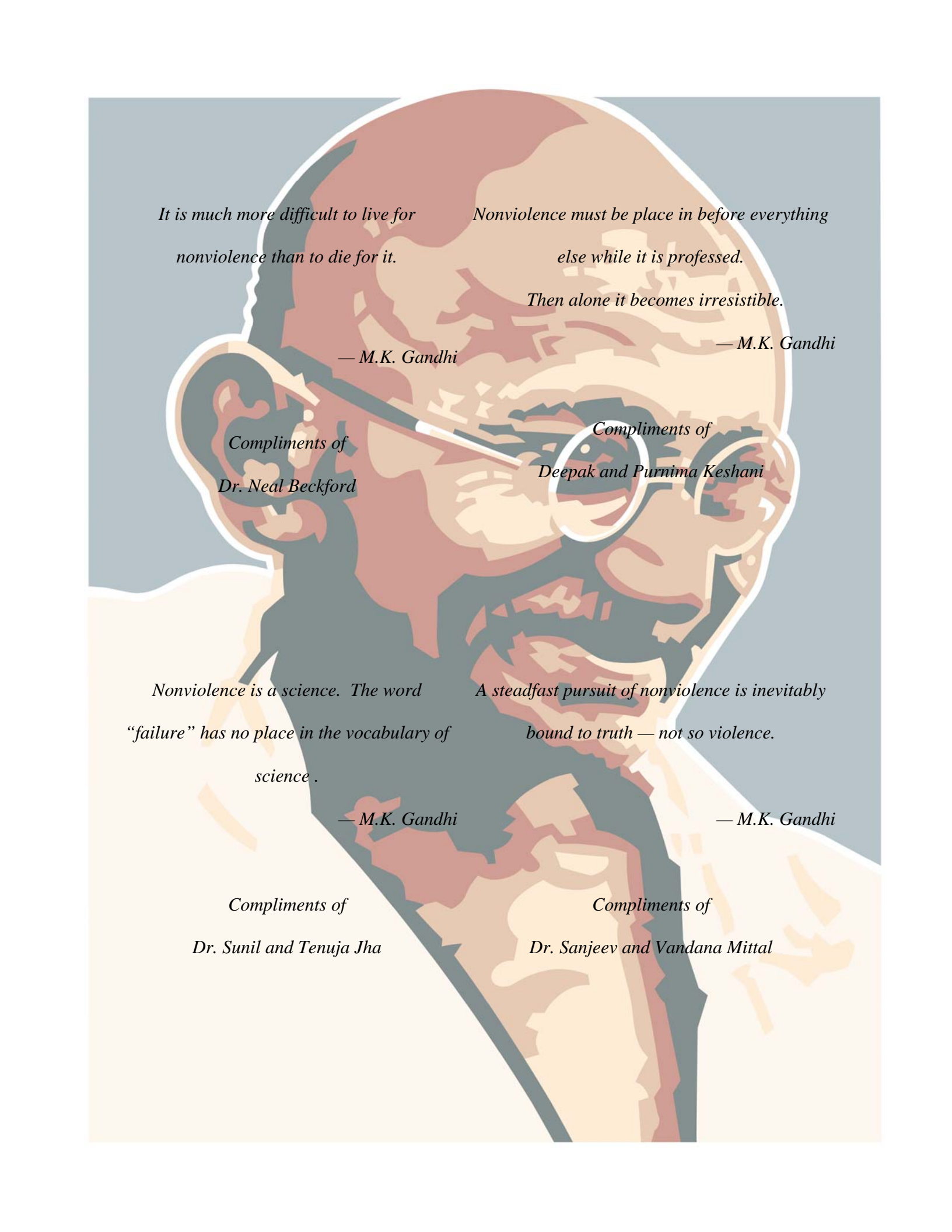
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*Anger is the enemy of ahimsa and pride is a  
monster that swallows it up.*

— M.K. Gandhi

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Dr. Lee Schwartzberg*

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*It is much more difficult to live for  
nonviolence than to die for it.*

*— M.K. Gandhi*

*Compliments of  
Dr. Neal Beckford*

*Nonviolence must be placed in before everything  
else while it is professed.*

*Then alone it becomes irresistible.*

*— M.K. Gandhi*

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*Nonviolence is a science. The word  
“failure” has no place in the vocabulary of  
science.*

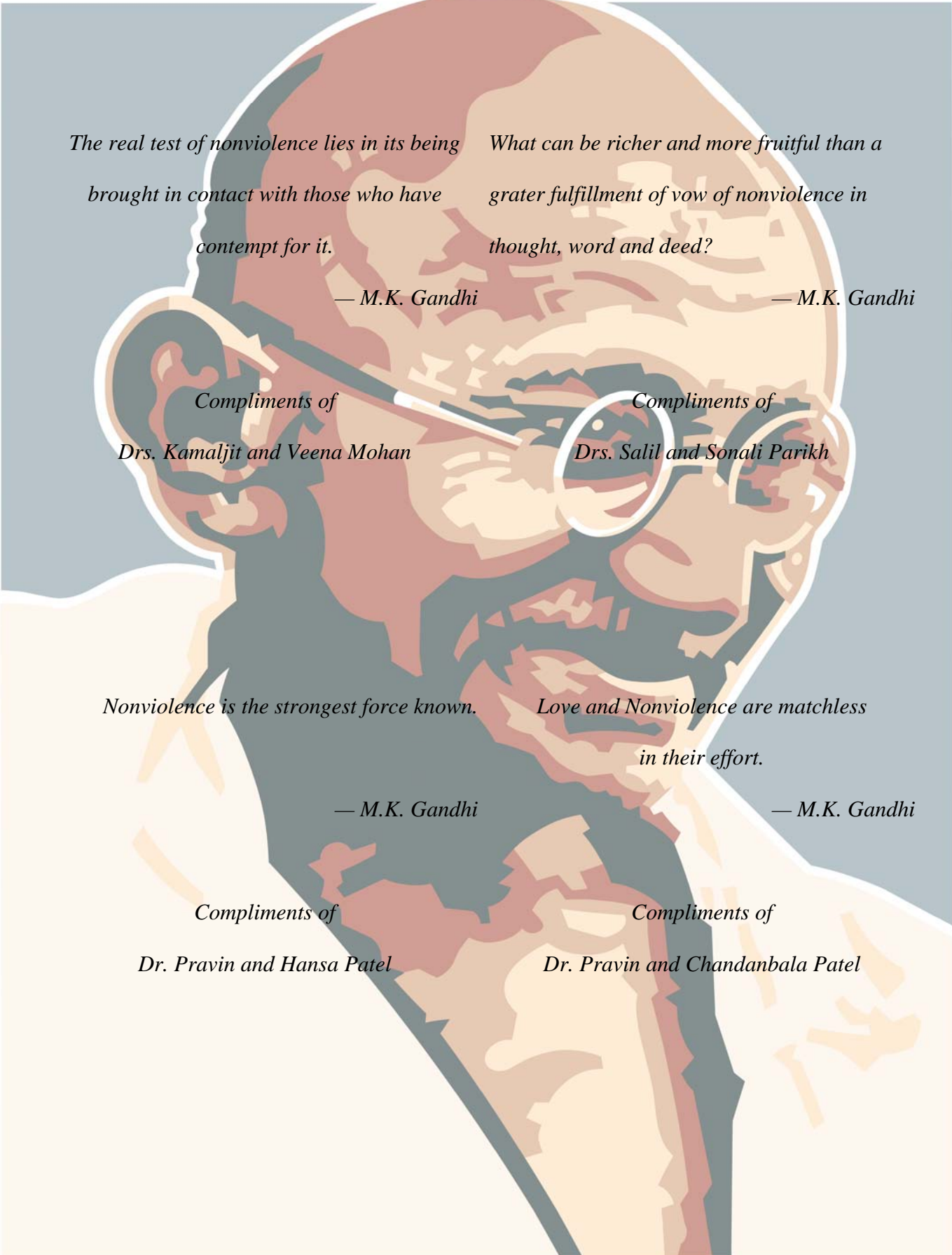
*— M.K. Gandhi*

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*A steadfast pursuit of nonviolence is inevitably  
bound to truth — not so violence.*

*— M.K. Gandhi*

*Compliments of  
Dr. Sanjeev and Vandana Mittal*



*The real test of nonviolence lies in its being brought in contact with those who have contempt for it.*

*— M.K. Gandhi*

*What can be richer and more fruitful than a grater fulfillment of vow of nonviolence in thought, word and deed?*

*— M.K. Gandhi*

*Compliments of  
Drs. Kamaljit and Veena Mohan*

*Compliments of  
Drs. Salil and Sonali Parikh*

*Nonviolence is the strongest force known.*

*— M.K. Gandhi*

*Love and Nonviolence are matchless in their effort.*

*— M.K. Gandhi*

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Dr. Pravin and Hansa Patel*

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Dr. Pravin and Chandanbala Patel*

## *History of the Conference*

When Arun and Sunanda Gandhi founded the Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence in 1991, they hoped that one day Memphis would host national conferences on nonviolence.

In the fall of 2003 after a casual conversation with several board members, Arun announced at a dinner party that the Gandhi Institute would present a Nonviolence Conference in October 2004. The response was supportive, though no plans were in place, no funding had yet been procured, and no volunteers and key partners were yet enlisted.

Two board members from the Gandhi Institute, Dr. Manoj Jain and Janice Vanderhaar, led the way in forming a team to develop the conference. They realized that partnerships with local organizations were necessary for a successful conference. Two key organizations in Memphis were invited to join the effort, the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) with leadership from Harish Vishria and Jim Foreman and the National Civil Right's Museum with leadership from Beverly Robertson and Barbara Andrews. Further, Rakesh Goodah and Chanchala Mehta of the Indian Community in Memphis were invited to join the steering committee.

Next for the organizers was finding a suitable place for the conference. Christian Brothers University which was the home of the Gandhi Institute was a logical choice. Dr. Peter Gathje who directs the peace studies program at Christian Brothers became part of the committee. Rhodes College with its commitment to community service also appeared as a good partner. Rev. Billy Newton of the Rhodes Campus Ministry offered to join the committee.

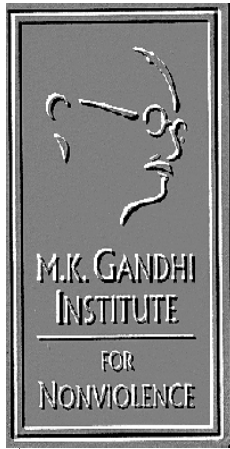
With the steering committee formed, the next order of business was securing funding for the conference. The Assisi Foundation of Memphis responded generously to a grant application. The Assisi Foundation agreed to provide full funding for 2004 and for 2005.

Michelle Naef, Executive Director of the Gandhi Institute, and Naomi Dyson, a local community organizer, now joined the committee and offered their administrative talents to bring the Conference into reality. The 2004 Conference was a great success with over 325 participants who came from all parts of North America. Well over half the participants were from outside Tennessee. A rich mix of presentations and speakers that included Rev. Jim Lawson, Father John Dear, Medea Benjamin, and Michael Nojeim created the opportunity for lively discussion and exchange of ideas.

In 2005 organizers hope to build on the success of the previous conference. Two additional organizations joined with the effort to organize the conference: Facing History and Ourselves, dedicated to education in diversity learning from the lessons of the Holocaust and other acts of genocide, and the MidSouth Peace and Justice Center, an organization dedicated to nonviolent social change for justice. An advisory panel was developed to gather new ideas. In addition to paper presentations, panel discussions and workshops were added to the conference line-up. Katral Rainey and Len Piechowski have taken on the administrative tasks of the conference. In addition to the grant from Assisi foundation strong financial support has from the Indian Community of Memphis and the Jain Center of Memphis.

The organizing committee and sponsoring organizations welcome you to the 2005 Conference on Gandhian Nonviolence, and urge you to mark the dates for the 2006 conference: **October 13 and 14, 2006, in Memphis TN.**

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