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LAW AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH GANDHIAN THEORY

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ABSTRACT

The article is an intellectual conversation about the relation between Law and Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy helps to Indians as well as Universal citizens for change their social thinking on injustice etc. This paper contains Mahatma Gandhi's theory on "Law and Social Transformation in India". Researcher focus on "Law and Social Transformation Through Gandhian Theory" i.e. "AN EYE FOR EYE ONLY ENDS UP MAKING THE WHOLE WORLD BLIND" this quotation helps us to reach REHABILITATION THEORY OF PUNISHMENT, and also a social change quotation. Mahatma Gandhi also always favour of "SATYAGRAH, TRUTH, NON-VIOLENCE, SARVODAYA" etc. i.e. Social Change through Gandhian Theory. Mahatma Gandhi always asks for global social justice. Mahatma Gandhi always inspired movements for civil rights across the world. The relation of Law with Mahatma Gandhi connected with three nation INDIA, LONDON (U.K.), SOUTH AFRICA.

• INTRODUCTION:-

*"I have nothing new to reach the world
Truth and non-violence are as old as the hills".
"The law which governs all life is God"
M.K. Gandhi*

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was well-known freedom activist, Indian Political leader who played leading role in India's struggle for Independence. Mahatma Gandhiji was known as Mahatma [two hindi words *Mahan and Aatma*] (a great soul), Babu (Endearment for father in Gujarat) and father of Nation (India). Gandhiji was also known for his great ethics like, SATYAGRAH, NON-VIOLENCE, SARVODAYA, THEORY OF REHABILITATION, SOCIAL JUSTICE, EQUILITY AND CLEAN ENVIROMENTAL. He also inspired several political leader all over the world like Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King etc. Gandhiji's early life was pretty much simple and ordinary and he became a great man and father of the Nation. That's why Gandhiji follows by millions of peoples around the world.

Gandhiji could not speak English fluently and was ignorant of British manner¹. Gandhiji was pure vegetarian; hence it was very difficult to find the vegetarian food in England. Sometimes his friends were pressure him to break the vow of vegetarianism but he stuck to it, because he was promised to his mother for not touch the meat or wine. He even started a Vegetarian club in his locality and became its Secretary. This experience gave him some training in organising and conducting Institutions. Experiments about diet became a life-long passion for him².

Bar examinations were easy. He therefore studied for and passed the London matriculation examination. Becoming a Barrister meant attending at least six dinners in each of the twelve terms and giving an easy examination. Gandhi, however, studied sincerely, read all the prescribed books, passed his examination and was called to the bar in June 1891. He then sailed for home. Gandhi's three year's stay in England was a period of deep turmoil for him. Before that, he knew little of the world. Now he was exposed to the fast-changing world and to several radical movements like Socialism, Anarchism, and Atheism etc. through the Vegetarian Society. He started taking part in public work. Many of his ideas germinated during this period³.

After returning to India, Gandhiji was struggling for Law Practice as a Advocate. Despite his having studied and practised law for twenty-three years (1881-1911), this is the Gandhi about whom the world knows little.

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*"First they ignore you,
then they laugh at you,
then they fight you and
then you win."
M.K. Gandhi*

It is that we must look at the rise of positivistic science in the Nineteenth century. With the advent of positivism, a new era in the study of Social Change got inaugurated. When asked about the massage he would like to give to the world, Gandhiji said, "My life is my massage". Mahatma Gandhi wasn't a great orator, didn't have a very attractive physique, lived a life of simplicity and avoided limelight as much as he could, but still he is regarded as one of the greatest persons to have ever walked on earth. The reason is he always believed in himself. He believed that he has a great responsibility to free his country and he had complete faith in himself. He knew he'd a play a significant role in the freedom of India and so he did. His faith in himself triggered the faith of millions of Indians in him.

Gandhiji always spoke about Truth, "Truth stands, even if there be no public support. It is self-sustained." Gandhiji always support and stands for Truth in his entire life, he always confesses to anyone for Truth. He also wrote on Truth in his autobiography, "Speak the Truth, Even if your voice Shakes". While lying might serve your purpose for a short time, truth lasts forever. If you say the truth every time and to everyone, you don't have to remember anything. While one lie triggers even more lies, Truth stands for itself.

"My religion is based on truth and non-violence. Truth is my God. Non-violence is the means of realizing Him" And also,

"An eye for an eye would soon make the whole world blind."

Mahatma Gandhi is known in the whole world for his principles of non-violence. The non-violence principal of the Gandhiji, for which he acquired much fame in the world is quite consistence with his religious, both theoretically and practically. A social movement by such an Indian can't be out anything other than a non violence movement. If we begin to resort to and resolve our problems and conflicts peacefully, without violence and in cooperation with each other, thousands of innocent lives can be saved that are lost in mindless wars. "The law which governs all life is God. T-2-313"⁴

Gandhiji was not an ardent believer in economics theories in which Karm Marx was. He had his own views about a set of solutions to economic problems. He knows very well that India had been facing many economic crises. He expressed his viewed about the population problem of India in his own way. His view was that if every man was prepared to work the population would not be acute.

Gandhiji, always stood for human's needs and to provide whatever that human needed to lead to a standard living. Gandhian, economic though rests on human elements non possessions and doing well to all. He also stressed that there should be some improvement in human's life day after day. He believed in classless and stateless society which might be of great help to solve out economic and social system and not the capitalist system which

