

Uncommon Quotes, by Gandhi

"Love is the only remedy for hate. It blossoms only in the heart of a fearless man." "Having flung aside the sword, there is nothing except the cup of love which I can offer to those who oppose me. It is by offering that cup that I expect to draw them close to me. I cannot think of permanent enmity between man and man, and believing as I do in the theory of rebirth, I live in the hope that, if not in this birth, in some other birth I shall be able to hug all humanity in friendly embrace." "The music of life is in danger of being lost in the music of the voice." "Have I that non-violence of the brave in me? My death alone will show that. If someone killed me and I died with prayer for the assasin on my lips, and God's remembrance and consciousness of His living presence in the sanctuary of my heart, then alone would I be said to have had the nonviolence of the brave." [Gandhi was assasinated three days after this statement, with a prayer for his assasin] "I have nothing new to teach the world. Truth and nonviolence are as old as hills. All I have done is to try experiments in both. [...] Those who believe in the simple truths I have laid down can propogate them only by living them." They say, "Means are, after all, means." I would say, "Means are, after all, everything." As the means, so the end. There is no wall of separation between means and end. "Strength doesn't come from physical capacity. It comes from indomitable will." "I know from my own experience that as long as I looked upon my wife carnally, we had no real understanding. Our love did not reach a higher plane. [...] All the time I wanted carnal pleasure, I could not serve her. The moment I bade goodbye to a life of carnal pleasure, our whole relationship became spiritual. Lust died and love reigned instead." "It is no nonviolence if we merely love those who love us. It is nonviolence only when we love those who hate us." "Seven blunders of the world that lead to violence: wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice, politics without principle." "Strength of numbers is the delight of the timid. The valiant in spirit glory in fighting alone." "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." -- Mahatma Gandhi (autobiography: Experiments With Truth [http://www.mahatma.org.in/index.jsp])