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Mahatma ? Gandhi

Let's read a few 'less famous' facts/ statements of so called Mahatma.

The list involves Gandhian economics that brings a socialist perspective. He wanted decontrolling of food items and scrapping of the rationing system right after Independence.

Hitler is not a bad man. If you will call it off today, he will follow suit. If you want to send me to Germany or anywhere else, I am at your disposal. You can also inform the Cabinet about this."

There is no record of the Viceroy having forwarded to the British Cabinet Gandhiji's "momentous" letter, nor of the sensation it created at 10 Downing Street!

11) Gandhian economics—it is a sure way of achieving eternal backwardness and perpetuating poverty in India. Gandhiji had been advocating decontrol of foodgrains and other essential items of daily use, and the scrapping of rationing soon after the Government of India passed into Indian hands, even though the food situation was very critical. At the instance of Nehru, John Matthai called on Gandhiji and talked to him for an hour. Matthai reported that throughout the one hour he had the definite impression that he was addressing a wall. The matter came up before the Cabinet, which was equally divided. The decision in favour of Gandhiji's demand was taken by the Prime Minister's casting vote. It had disastrous consequences; and the country and its people had to pay a very heavy price for adopting Gandhian economic. Sarojini Naidu once said, "Many will never know how much it cost to keep that old man in poverty."

● 12) During one of his fasts Gandhiji said, "If I have acetone in my urine, it is because my faith in Rama is incomplete!"

● 13) Gandhiji's advice to women faced with rape in the Punjab during partition was to bite their tongue and hold their breath until they died. Confucius gave different advice to a young girl. He told her, "If you find yourself in a situation where rape is inevitable and there is no chance of escape, my advice to you is to lie back and enjoy it."

14) Gandhiji's rejection of modern birth control methods to curb population. What was acceptable to him was the one he himself practised—continence. He refused to make allowance for human frailty.

I never considered Gandhiji had anything to teach me about nonviolence, ends and means, detachment (*nishkama karma*), compassion and loving one's enemies, because these were preached and practised far more eloquently about 2,000 years ago by Jesus Christ. G.K. Chesterton once said, "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it had been found difficult and never

Point 13. Read his view on sexual assault. Woman should not fight back but die. When there's no other way, "lie back and enjoy it".

He rejected birth control, practiced continence.

Is this what Gandhism is? This is what we should appreciate & practice? His theories would've thrown us into deep poverty, & create imbalance in our socio-cultural environment.

I don't understand why is he even called Mahatma!