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Another New Year! Did you receive Christmas cards and letters from friends and family with what seemed to be this year, much more emphasis on 'concerns' for our troubled world and wishes and hopes for PEACE in the New Year? We did.

We are into the middle of the first month of this new year and as I contemplate what lies ahead the quote below speaks to me. What strikes me is that while we all know Gandhi as a great man, a champion for the oppressed, a man of peace and passive resistance he is a man in our current memories. We have heard from the time of our births about God's Son, Jesus Christ, who came that we might have life abundant and gave His for us. His was a teaching of LOVE and of ACTION. May we make it so! FAITH MATTERS!

"I was with human beings for whom walking with Gandhi-ji had had a profound significance for they had walked with him over many arduous paths. To walk is to be soldiers and to think with clarity, to notice with a heightened awareness of all that is around from the small insects on the path to the horizon. Every walk is a pilgrimage the dedication of the body for his spirits sacrifice. To walk, moreover, was the only way open to the average Indian. It required no vehicle but his own body and it cost him nothing but his energy. Gandhi took this simple necessity and sublimated and he took so much that is obvious and commonplace and translated it into a joyful effort.

As we remember Gandhiji on his birthday let us remember what he taught us. To lay down the burden of fear, to refuse hatred and reject it and for all of the people {of India} to live in harmony with each other and with the land.

Let us dedicate ourselves now, today, this moment to opposing violence and to walk with G's spirit in our hearts. "

October 2, 2023 – Dehradun Alumni Gathering and Gandhi Jayanti (birthday) Observance with Chief Guest Nayantara Sahgal '43.

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