

A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF GANDHIAN PHILOSOPHY OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND WAY AHEAD

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ABSTRACT

Present study tries to focus on the overall conflict resolution philosophy given by Mahatma Gandhi as an alternative path towards the eradication of conflicts. This study deals with three things; Gandhian philosophy of conflict resolution, critical evaluation of the Gandhian theory of conflict resolution and study comes out with a universal and holistic way out for the resolution of conflicts. Gandhian conflict resolution philosophy is an outcome of his own life experiences, but his model of conflict resolution does not meet with the parameters of a universal and holistic model of conflict resolution. His techniques for conflict resolution, though simplistic, but can be misleading, as it is self-contradictory from many aspects. Present study not only discusses the shortcomings of the Gandhian philosophy, but also presents universal guidelines to evaluate a philosophy and way ahead to resolve the conflicts at various levels of human living from individual, family, society to the highest level that each one of us can verify.

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