

Lecture Series

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Sushil Mittal is professor of Hindu religion at JMU in Harrisonburg. Prof. Mittal was born in Canada (his "janma-bhumi") and grew up partially in English Canada and India and mostly in French Canada. For over twenty-five years he has dedicated himself to working in the USA (his "karma-bhumi"). He is tied to India or Bharat (his "dharma-bhumi") with a sacred thread. Prof. Mittal is a Ph.D. from the Université de Montréal. He served on the faculties of the University of Florida at Gainesville and Millikin University at Decatur.

Gandhian Practices and Ideas

Of all the world leaders in the twentieth century, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869–1948) is certainly one of the most influential. He is unique as a social theorist, a moral and spiritual philosopher, a social and political activist. He serves as a bridge from post-modern to modern and pre-modern thought, as well as between Western and non-Western religious and cultural traditions. His experience transcends boundaries of culture, geography, religion, and politics. Even more, Gandhi's leadership changed the world. Indeed, it continues to change the world. He challenged the dominant world structure of his time, the colonial system, and struggled with some of the most significant issues of our time including violence and terrorism, racism, the oppression of women, the role of religion in the modern world, the nature of capitalism, and conflict between ethnic and religious communities. In these lectures, we explore the ideas and the story of Mohandas Gandhi—later called "Mahātmā" the Great Soul—to reflect upon the issues facing our modern world.

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