

The Gandhi Nobody Knows

Did you know...?

His opinion of blacks: "A general belief seems to prevail in the colony that the Indians are little better, if at all, than the savages or natives of Africa. Even the children are taught to believe in that manner, with the result that the Indian is being dragged down to the position of a raw Kaffir." ~ The Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi, Government of India (CWMG), Vol. I, p. 150

While dwelling in South Africa, he expressed his displeasure for living in proximity to blacks: "Why, of all places in Johannesburg, the Indian location should be chosen for **dumping down all Kaffirs of the town**, passes my comprehension...I think it is very unfair to the Indian population, and **it is an undue tax** on even the proverbial patience of my countrymen." ~ CWMG, Vol. I, pp. 244-245

After the first official visit to the U.S. in 1949 of Gandhi's friend and protégé, Prime Minister Nehru, then-President Truman warned various congressmen: "Nehru practices color prejudice in reverse - he hates white people." ~ Louis Fisher's "This Is Our World," p. 153

While incarcerated in South Africa, Gandhi described the black inmates as "only a degree removed from the animal." He also said, "**Kaffirs are as a rule uncivilized** - the convicts even more so. They are troublesome, very dirty and live almost like animals." ~ CWMG, Vol. VIII, pp. 135-136

Gandhi opposed registration cards for Indians, saying their natural tendency was to "work too much." However, he supported registration for blacks, saying, "One can understand the necessity for registration of Kaffirs who will not work." ~ CWMG, Vol. I, p. 105

Sir H. Twynam, governor of the Central Provinces and Berar in British India at the time of Gandhi, said: "**Since 1920, Gandhi has been the Hitler of Indian Politics.**" ~ Nicholas Mansergh's "The Transfer of Power, Vol. II, pp. 195-196

