PREFACE

Human society has been passing through the social crisis like slavery, exploitation, racial discrimination, political subjugation etc. As a result, there has been a quest for equality and justice by the social thinkers since the vedic ages. Still the cry for justice is heard again and again. It is M.K. Gandhi who not only has encountered such social problems but also has visualized a new society, which adheres to the Indian value system comprising mainly of truth, non-violence and satyagraha etc., that can fight the most fundamental battle of human survival.

This work provides strong arguments to accept that Gandhian ideology is the best way to escape from the perplexities and fallacies of modern life, giving it a new direction in conformity with the traditional values of Indian culture. The task of criticizing our technological culture with proper respect to Gandhian thought on it can be the most exciting intellectual challenge of our times with profound and far reaching consequences.

This work deals only with the thoughts of Gandhiji and not with his life, though some references to his life have been given by way of examples. I have quoted Gandhiji extensively because I have found that his thoughts can be best expressed in his own words and that it would contribute to the authority of the ideas, which have been attributed to him in this work.

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