



**MOHAN TO MAHATMA : TRANSFORMATION OF AN ORDINARY
BOY TOWARDS SELF ACTUALIZATION**



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ABSTRACT

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, more commonly known as 'Mahatma' (meaning 'Great Soul') is a perpetual source of inspiration for almost all the citizens of India. Life is a journey from innocence to maturity where an individual passes through a series of experiences to learn and unlearn the lessons of life. Mahatma Gandhiji's life in particular can be witnessed as an

ordinary man to the man of virtues and a spiritual leader, Father of Nation, Bapu or Mahatma in general.

The present paper is an attempt to witness his journey from Mohan to Mahatma as narrated by himself in his Autobiography "My Experiments with Truth." which covers Gandhi's life up to 1920 and with the help of some other historical sources.

Gandhi was a charismatic person with ability to unarm resistance of people and win their love and respect with a charming simplicity and honesty. He valued basic human qualities like truthfulness and honesty much more than outward show and pomp.

Mahatma Gandhi is considered unique because of his insistence on nonviolent resistance to injustice, which, in his case included both his own personal trials and tribulations as a person of color in South Africa and, later, as a leader of India's independence movement.

Mahatma Gandhi's life can be described as the journey from an ordinary boy Mohan to a man of self realization or a man who

reached to the higher level of spiritual consciousness. His life phases in this journey can better be described with his experiments of life experiences and realizations of path enlightening principles like truth, non-violence, fearlessness, celibacy and non-possession. It's an ever inspiring and incredible journey of Mohan reaching to mahatma to all the generations of mankind in the whole world.

My effort is to explore these five principles of Gandhian ideology through his life experiences.

KEYWORDS

Mohan to Mahatma -Transformation - an ordinary boy- Journey -self actualization