



In the globalized world, violence has become a regular phenomenon. It appears that despite the advances in knowledge and tools, and voices of peace and wisdom throughout the ages, human mind is in grips of the primordial instinct of war and violence. Whether it is the shooting at Orlando, or attacks on minorities or on law enforcement officers, or attacks in Europe, or the humanitarian catastrophe in Syria, violence has struck at the very roots of human society and perturbed the conscientious individual. A closer look would reveal that extreme versions of religion play a role in conflict. Besides, clash over identities such as race, color and class have contributed to conflicts and engendered violence, whether physical, socio-cultural or psychological. For Mahatma Gandhi, all religions are like rivers following different paths to reach a vast ocean, implying all religions are different paths to God realization. The principle of pluralism, Gandhi would argue, can be applied in the context of color, race, language or other distinctions.

The Mahatma Gandhi Center at the Hindu University is conducting a one-day seminar on building peace. It seeks to engage academicians, policymakers, businesspeople and leaders from religious and other interest groups on challenges and prospects of peacebuilding. The venue of the conference will be Hindu University of America, Orlando campus.

**Seminar on  
Peacebuilding  
September 17,  
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## Outline of the Seminar

8:30 AM to 9:30 AM:	Registration and Coffee/Tea
9:30 AM to 9:45 AM:	Introduction
9:45 AM to 11:15 AM:	Peacebuilding through Religion
11:30 AM to 1 PM:	Peacebuilding by Overcoming Barriers of Race, Ethnicity and Color
1PM to 2 PM:	Light Vegetarian Lunch
2PM to 3:30 PM:	Using Tools of Law, Rights and Equality for Peacebuilding
3:30 to 3:45 PM:	Tea/Coffee
3:45 PM to 5 PM:	Building Peace: Ways of Buddha, Jesus, Gandhi, King Jr., Confucius and other Spiritual Leaders and Philosophers
5 PM to 5:15 PM:	Concluding Remarks

Interested paper presenters may please send a short abstract (200 words) and biographical note (100 words) to the following email address by **August 25, 2016**. The non-speakers should RSVP by **September 5, 2016**.

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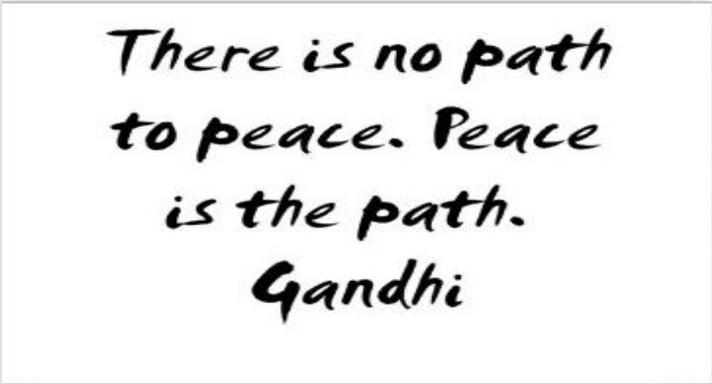
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to peace. Peace  
is the path.  
Gandhi*