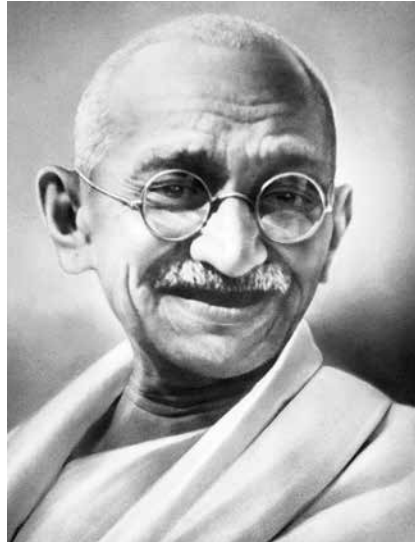


WORDS OF WISDOM

Achievement of Communal Unity**Common Interests**

What does the Hindu-Mohammedan unity consist in and how can it be best promoted? The answer is simple. It consists in our having a common purpose, a common goal and common sorrows. It is best promoted by co-operating to reach the common goal, by sharing one another's sorrows and by mutual toleration. A common goal we have. We wish this great country of ours to be greater and self-governing. We have enough sorrows to share. (1)

The points of contact referred to by me is a phrase intended to cover all social, religious and political relations alike as between individuals and masses. Thus, for instance instead of accentuating the differences in religion, I should set about discovering the good points common to both. I would bridge the social distance wherever I can do so consistently with my religious belief. I would go out of my way to seek common ground on the political field. (2)

The Way to Communal Harmony – M.K.Gandhi

(1) Harijan May 4, 1940; (2) Harijan 15, 1946 – speech at prayer meeting, New Delhi.