

**Evil and the God of Love:  
Addressing Evil by Looking thru the  
Biographical Lenses of Gandhi, Bonhoeffer and King**

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I. Review of Gandhi and Bonhoeffer

II. The Biography of Martin Luther King, Jr.

III. Martin Luther King's Learnings, Actions and Influence in Addressing Evil

A. King's connections with Gandhi

B. King's connections with Bonhoeffer: Reinhold Niebuhr and Adam C. Powell

C. King's practices of nonviolent resistance

i. His Six Principles of Nonviolent Resistance

- a. Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people.
- b. Nonviolence seeks to win friendship and understanding.
- c. Nonviolence seeks to defeat injustice, not people.
- d. Nonviolence holds that suffering can educate and transform.
- e. Nonviolence chooses tough love, not hate.
- f. Nonviolence believes that the universe tilts on the axis of justice.

ii. King's Six Steps to Nonviolent Change

- a. Gather Information.
- b. Educate Others.
- c. Remain Committed.
- d. Negotiate.
- e. Take Direct Action.
- f. Reconcile

IV. Questions

- A. Where is God in the midst of suffering, sin and evil?
- B. What does God offer in the midst of evil?
- C. How am I involved in sin and evil?
- D. How can I respond to sin and evil?
- E. What would Gandhi, Bonhoeffer and King say and do?
- F. When evil is communal and corporately damaging, what should be our Response . . . individually and corporately? Does/can our response ever include force?