



# ARUN GANDHI

Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi



Preaching at  
Little Home Church

**Sunday, July 26**

9:30 am

SPEAKER ~ AUTHOR ~ ACTIVIST ~ AGENT OF CHANGE

## GANDHI'S SEVEN BLUNDERS OF THE WORLD

WEALTH **WITHOUT** WORK  
PLEASURE **WITHOUT** CONSCIENCE  
KNOWLEDGE **WITHOUT** CHARACTER  
COMMERCE **WITHOUT** MORALITY  
SCIENCE **WITHOUT** HUMANITY  
WORSHIP **WITHOUT** SACRIFICE  
POLITICS **WITHOUT** PRINCIPLES

Arun Gandhi has added an 8th...  
RIGHTS **WITHOUT** RESPONSIBILITIES

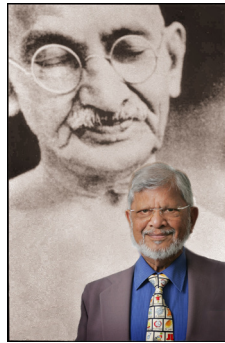
As a speaker, Arun starts from a place that he calls 'Lessons from my Grandfather.' This is always topical and facilitates Arun in his role as a 'Peace Farmer'... planting seeds for personal and global transformation.

Arun will include first hand experiences of the time he lived with Mahatma Gandhi and what he learnt from his grandfather during that time in the ashram in India in the years immediately preceding his assassination. These principles guide Arun Gandhi's life and his activism.

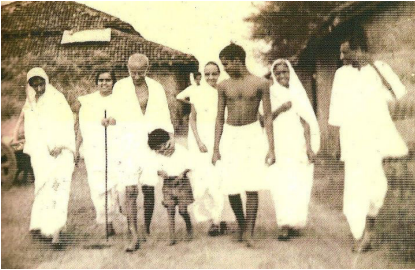
He addresses ethical leadership and building a culture of peace and nonviolence. He communicates inspirational and motivational approaches toward a goal of "be the change." Arun's Grandfather coined the phrase "be the change you wish to see in the world."

Arun's ongoing commitment is to pass on the message and principles of one of the world's greatest men, his grandfather, Mahatma Gandhi.

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A very young Arun with his Grandfather.



Arun Gandhi, The Dalai Lama and Martin Luther King Jr. III  
sharing a stage in the US.

‘Do not judge a day  
by the harvest you reap  
but by the seeds  
you sow.’

**Arun Gandhi** was born in 1934 in Durban, South Africa, and is the fifth grandson of India’s legendary leader, Mohandas K. “Mahatma” Gandhi.

Growing up under the discriminatory apartheid laws of South Africa, Arun Gandhi was beaten by “white” South Africans for being too black and “black” South Africans for being too white; so, Arun sought eye-for-an-eye justice. However, he learned from his parents and grandparents that justice does not mean revenge, it means transforming an opponent through love and compassion.

His Grandfather taught Arun to understand nonviolence through understanding violence. Gandhi said: “If we know how much passive violence we perpetrate against one another, we will understand why there is so much physical violence plaguing societies and the world.” Through daily lessons from his grandfather a very young Arun learned to understand the nature of violence and anger, and how to address them.

Arun Gandhi has been sharing these lessons around the world for many years. In recent times Arun has regularly participated in the Renaissance Weekend deliberations with President Clinton and other well-respected Rhodes Scholars. He has spoken on numerous occasions at the United Nations and is a regular collaborator with the Martin Luther King Centre of Atlanta.

Arun has received 7 honorary doctorates, he is a board member of the Nelson Mandela’s Children’s Hospital in South Africa, he is a Trustee of the Parliament of the World’s Religions and is President of the Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute.

Arun has given keynote talks, lectures, workshops, participated in symposia, facilitated dialogues and conversations, panel events and other gatherings and meetings for leading corporations, associations, government agencies, schools, colleges and universities, prisons, health care organizations, and charitable organisations.

Invitations and requests have taken Arun to all 50 States of the US with numerous repeat visits. Additionally he has travelled for a variety of events and meetings to a long list of countries including Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Haiti, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania Netherlands, Nicaragua, Japan, Jordan, Israel/Palestine, Scotland, Sweden and others.

Arun Gandhi is also very involved in social programs and writing. Shortly after Arun married his wife Sunanda, they were informed the South African government would not allow her to accompany him there. Sunanda and Arun decided to live in India, and there Arun worked for 30 years as a journalist for The Times of India, retiring as the Deputy Editor.

Together, Arun and Sunanda started projects for the social and economic uplifting of the oppressed using constructive programs, the backbone of Gandhi’s philosophy of nonviolence. The programs changed the lives of more than half a million people in over 300 villages and they still continue to grow. Significantly, Arun and Sunanda rescued over 120 babies from the streets of Mumbai and secured a future for all of them through adoptions. Sunanda died in February of 2007 and the family is working to establish a school in poorest rural India in her name.

Arun is the author of several books. The first, *A Patch of White* (1949), is about life in prejudiced South Africa; then, he wrote two books on poverty and politics in India; followed by a compilation of M.K. Gandhi’s *Wit & Wisdom*. He also edited a book of essays on *World Without Violence: Can Gandhi’s Vision Become Reality?* and, wrote *The Forgotten Woman: The Untold Story of Kastur, the Wife of Mahatma Gandhi*, jointly with his late wife Sunanda. One of his more recent books is a memoir: ‘*A Legacy of Love: my education in the path of nonviolence*’. Arun has been a regular blogger for *The Washington Post* and gives frequent interviews to tv, radio, newspaper, online media and to others requests around the world.