



A LETTER TO A HINDU

LEO TOLSTOY

WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY MAHATMA GANDHI

- A groundbreaking piece of literature that was instrumental in forming Gandhi's views on non-violent resistance.
- Features an introduction by Mahatma Gandhi.
- Contains extra material, including explanatory notes and a note on the text, as well as information on the author and topic.

Dated the 14th of December 1908, *A Letter to a Hindu* was a letter written by Leo Tolstoy to Tarak Nath Das, a Bengali revolutionary and scholar, in response to a request for support for India's separation from British rule, which argued that the Indian people should seek to free themselves from British rule through non-violent protests and strikes, and other forms of peaceful resistance.

The letter soon gained international attention after it was published in the *Free Hindustan*, and it came to the attention of the young Mahatma Gandhi. Drawing on a variety of sources, cultures and teachings, Tolstoy's letter was instrumental in forming Gandhi's views on non-violent resistance – as Gandhi himself acknowledges in his introduction: 'To me, as a humble follower of that great teacher whom I have long looked upon as one of my guides, it is a matter of honour to be connected with the publication of his letter'.

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Leo Tolstoy (1828–1910) is one of the highest-regarded writers of all time, perhaps best known today for his novels *War and Peace* and *Anna Karenina*.

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