



Anger in Africa

Mahatma Gandhi was one of India's biggest leaders. He believed in Ahinsa and he also forgave those who hurt him. Before he began working in India, he was in South Africa. In those days it was ruled by England, who was not treating the local Africans very well. So Gandhiji told the people there that they must fight for their rights (not by revenge but bearing pain silently). This made the white rulers angrier and they would often hurt him. Sometimes his message of Ahinsa even angered his own people. They too would try to hurt him.

One day he told his people that sometimes they too must be ready to listen to those on the other side. At that time there was a lot of anger against the white rulers. Hearing these words, some people got very upset and angry and one of them hit Gandhiji very badly. This disturbed the followers of Gandhiji. They wanted to call the police. Gandhiji did

not let them. He explained that the man hit him in anger. "When you are angry", he said, "you do not think clearly. That is why he must be forgiven." All the people around were amazed at these words. They understood that it is better to forgive people who are mean to you or hurt you.

We must forgive those who hurt us.