

Gandhi's "Seven Blunders of the World" That Lead to Violence ...Plus 6

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See: <http://www.tltgroup.org/GandhisList.htm>

In his final years, "...the elder Gandhi kept his grandson close at hand and set aside an hour every day to be alone with the boy." I like the image of a gifted world leader devoting so much time to a young person, affirming the fundamental human urge to connect to future generations -- to teach -- and, perhaps, to learn.

On their final day together, not too long before his assassination, Gandhi gave this important list to his grandson -- Arun Gandhi. Here is Gandhi's list, including an 8th "blunder" added by Arun Gandhi. I urge you to add some of your own in the same spirit. To get you started, I've added 5 that focus more on teaching, learning, and technology. Here is the combined list of "blunders".

BLUNDERS OF THE WORLD THAT LEAD TO VIOLENCE

Wealth without work

Pleasure without conscience

Knowledge without character

Commerce without morality

Science without humanity

Worship without sacrifice

Politics without principle

Rights without responsibilities [Added by Arun Gandhi]

Disagreement without discussion

Technology without direction

Connection without community

Teaching without joy

Learning without hope

**Our Challenge: To use information technology to improve education
and shape a future that avoids these blunders.**

I learned about Mohandas Gandhi's list of "Seven Blunders of the World" that lead to violence from Lib Segal who gave me a copy of the article about it that appeared in the *Christian Science Monitor* on February 1, 1995 (page 14). - Steven W. Gilbert

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