

SPIRITUAL CAPITAL, GANDHI AND INTER-FAITH HARMONY-NATION BUILDING, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL PEACE

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Abstract

The theme of the article is that of embedding spirituality as a means of nation building squarely on to the educational agenda. This is the central challenge confronting education today. The author conveys that the focus of religion is on the outer space, while the focus of spirituality is on the inner space. Religions tend to be divisive, in contrast to the spiritual call, which is all embracing. He illustrates the fundamentals of spirituality through the life and writings of Mahatma Gandhi. In Gandhi was to be found the perfect embodiment of Indian spirituality in the form of an Eternal Religion.