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# NELSON MANDELA : THE JOURNEY




- Mandela, the former president of the Republic of South Africa and Nobel Peace laureate, spent more than 40 years—27 of them in prison—as a central figure in the struggle against South Africa's brutal and restrictive racial regime called apartheid.
- Mandela has been an inspirational figure to people around the world—especially to proponents of racial justice and equality.

# NELSON MANDELA'S ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT

- The international movement of solidarity with the struggle for freedom in South Africa was arguably the biggest social movement the world has seen. Virtually every country has a history of anti-apartheid activity, in diverse forms.
- Under apartheid, the South African population was divided into four distinct racial groups: white, black, colored, and Indian. Strict residential, economic, and social segregation was enforced on the basis of these racial categories. Non-whites were not allowed to vote in national election

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- Because of the injustices it perpetuated, the apartheid system gave rise to a broad resistance movement. The primary organization leading the struggle against apartheid was the African National Congress (ANC).
  - Nelson Mandela—then a leading activist in the growing fight against apartheid—described the horrors of the system and the brutal means by which it was enforced.
  - In 1994, Mandela was of key importance in negotiating the freedom and equality of all South Africans. He then became South Africa's first democratically elected president.

# NELSON MANDELA ON DEMOCRACY

- I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities.
- Democracy meant all men were to be heard, and a decision was taken together as a people. Majority rule was a foreign notion. A minority was not to be crushed by a majority.
- Only free men can negotiate, prisoners can't enter in contracts.

# NELSON MANDELA ON PEACE

- If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner.
- Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies.
- You will achieve more in this world through acts of mercy than you will through acts of retribution.
- Peace is the greatest weapon for development that any person can have.

# NELSON MANDELA AGAINST RACIALISM

- Nothing is black or white.
- When a man is denied the right to live the life he believes in, he has no choice but to become an outlaw.
- Peace is not just the absence of conflict; peace is the creation of an environment where all can flourish regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, class, caste or any other social markers of difference.



# NELSON MANDELA ON SOCIETY

- As I have said, the first thing is to be honest with yourself. You can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself... Great peacemakers are all people of integrity, of honesty, but humility.
- I always knew that deep down in every human heart, there is mercy and generosity. No one is born hating another person because of the color of his kin, or his background, or his religion.
- A Nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but it's lowest ones.



# NELSON MANDELA ON POLITICS

- Success in politics demands that you must take your people into confidence about your views and state them very clearly, very politely, very calmly, but nevertheless, state them openly.
- It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership.
- As a leader, one must sometimes take actions that are unpopular, or whose results will not be known for years to come.

# NELSON MANDELA ON HUMAN RIGHTS

- Freedom is indivisible; the chains on any one of my people were the chains on all of them, the chains on all of my people were the chains on me.
- Let there be justice for all. Let there be peace for all. Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all. Let each know that for each the body, the mind and the soul have been freed to fulfill themselves.
- Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life.

# NELSON MANDELA ON LANGUAGE

- If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.
- Live life as though nobody is watching, and express yourself as though everyone is listening.
- Without language, one cannot talk to people and understand them; one cannot share their hopes and aspirations, grasp their history, appreciate their poetry, or savor their songs.

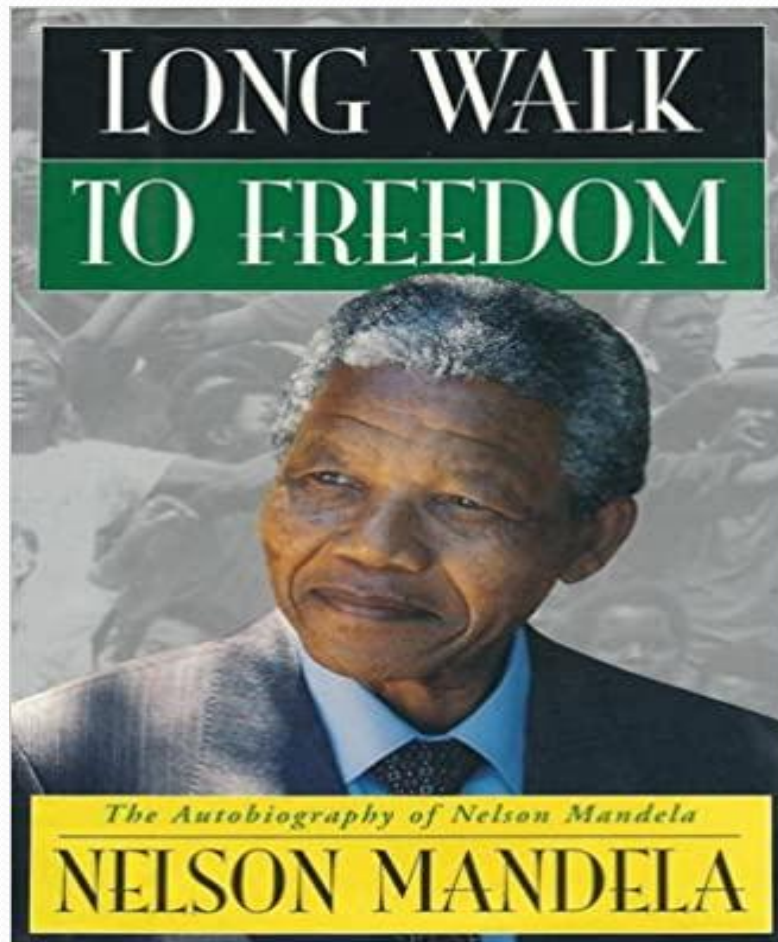
# NELSON MANDELA ON NATIONALISM

- It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones.
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- No single person can liberate a country. You can only liberate a country if you act as a collective.

# NELSON MANDELA ON EDUCATION

- Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
- A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special.
- Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation.

# NELSON MANDELA'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY





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