Mahatma Gandhi Is An Inspirational Figure Representing Peace

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The second source I chose is based on The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi for the Twenty-First Century. Gandhi was a very spiritual being, who had strong opinions regarding religion, “In Gandhi’s view every religion can and should learn from others in areas where they have an advantage over it. Such a dialogue conducted at the deepest level and in a spirit of genuine humility is not just a moral and political necessity but also a religious requirement.” I do not consider myself any religion, but I grew up in the Catholic church. I am Omniest, therefore I see truth in every religion, but no religion as an absolute truth. It amazed me the way he thought of religion, and how these beliefs were an essential key to peace in his multireligious community program.

In the last source, Gandhi. The English Historical Review, vol 119. I found out his moral authority gave him immense political power. “Even when they disagreed with his ideas and found some of them archaic, they identified with the man behind them and deeply respected and loved him. In feeling proud of him they felt proud of themselves and perceived an insult to him as an insult to them.” The result of such a big movement that changed the history of India as well as many other countries that were inspired by him were possible because of all his loyal followers who unified with him.

Through the research about this individual, Mahatma Gandhi, I became more intrigued to understand more about him. I learned that peace can be tough to obtain when not everyone aspires it. Political issues of the 21st century can be better solved if we implement the same principals Gandhi used. His efforts provoked India to become Independent, which initiated other international leaders to follow his example for the liberation of their people. The three articles were found on DMACC database. I found these sources credible because of the scholarly peer revision in each of them and the credibility of Journals.