



**Celebrating the International Day of Peace
and 152 Years of Gandhi Jayanti and
100 Years of Gedong Bagoes Oka Jayanti**

Reflections on the Meaning of the Three Gandhian Issues in Interpreting the Practice of Religious Life in Society (Non-Violence, Environment, and Education)

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FRIDAY
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In 1975, Ms Gedong Bagoes Oka started cleaning up plastic waste in Denpasar, Bali. She then established a Gandhi Ashram in Candi Dasa, and all their activities did not use plastic. This practice was instilled into the Ashram residents because, for Ms Gedong, plastic was not healthy and killed the fish in the sea. The question is, what are the lessons learned from these concrete practices and actions for us today?

Everywhere, in the name of construction, tourism, and infrastructure development, forests are cleared and even exploited by certain powers and for the benefit of only a group of people. Indigenous communities are evicted, though they are the ones who are the most capable of taking care of the forest. Clean lakes and rivers have been polluted by plastic waste, no exception everywhere. The environment has become dirty, very polluted, and there is almost no clean, healthy air for humans, animals, and birds on land, sea or air.

Generally, we are not aware that the natural space we live in, near and far, is being changed and polluted because of our human activities. The level of egotism and desire and greedy human behaviour is getting out of control. Not aware that global warming is happening and that we are increasingly feeling the ramifications of climate change. Hot, cold, and rainy seasons are uncertain and difficult to predict.

The Covid-19 pandemic that has lasted for almost 19 months should be momentum to reflect. What are the lessons for life after? What needs to be remedied? How do we better the greedy mentality, personal or group selfishness that does not care if it is detrimental to a healthy life together and for future generations?

Gandhi once reminded us with his words, "Earth provides enough to satisfy everyone's needs, but not everyone's greed." So, how many greedy people are there in the world, and more specifically in Indonesia? What about us in Indonesia? What needs to be done? How are our religious attitudes and behaviour towards nature?

For this reason, we invite all of you to come and learn to explore the thoughts and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and Ms Gedong Bagoes Oka, who had great concern for environmental issues. Interfidei, Gedong Gandhi Ashram and the Indonesian Interfaith Network is holding a Series II Webinar on Reflection on the Meaning of Three Gandhian Issues in Interpreting the Practice of Religious Life in Society (Non-Violence, Environment and Education).

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