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In Memoriam.

The world has witnessed with horror the greatest catastrophe before the expiry of the very first month of the new year. The foul hand of a mad assassin has cut short the precious life of the greatest of all greatmen of the world. When the world was being torn asunder with jealousy, suspicion and disbelief in man and God alike, when man had been fighting against man, community against community, nation against nation, even father against son and son against father,—it was he who came forward with his unflinching faith in Love, Truth and Non-violence and in Brotherhood of man. and it was he who untiringly went on preaching and demonstrating the force of non-violence when the nations of the world had been busy vying with each other in discovering weapons of destruction. India has lost this great man, Mahatma Gandhi, when she needs him more than ever.

The world has now realised what hold he had on the people of this sub-continent. Let the world know what hold he still has and will continue to have for all time to come by their faith in non-violence. Let the Indian scientists come forward and condemn with one voice the efforts of those scientists who discovered atom bomb and let them demonstrate by scientific constructions that destruction is only prostitution of science. Let the ideas of Mahatma work through our scientists so that by the time another destructive war is on again, India will have some antidote to wean erring countries from the path of destruction.

Engineers and scientists have so long served capitalism and its empire. Mahatma preached that they should work for the uplift and betterment of the common man. He is gone, but his message is there. Let the engineers and scientists serve the common man and him alone. He must have food, clothing and shelter and all other necessities of life within his easy reach. Let us not forget that it is the common man that makes the nation. Let us make our nation great by ceaselessly following the ideas and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi.

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