

The ATLANTA: City of Peace Address*

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+ Inspired by, and honoring President Abe Lincoln's Gettysburg Address +



Five score and 92 days ago Gandhi brought forth Satyagraha on this Earth; a new mission, conceived in Love & Truth, plus dedicated to the proposition that all need to create Peace. September 11, 1906 was birth of contemporary Peace Movement; 100th Anniversary now observed. Billions of people now refer to him as... **"Gandhi: Man of the Millennium and Father of INDIA: The World's Biggest Democracy!"** Between Years 1000-2000 Gandhi contributed the most in nurturing health to our Global Family:

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Two score and two years ago Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. accepted the Nobel Peace Prize. On December 11, 1964 he delivered his Nobel Lecture: **"The Quest for Peace and Justice."** Dr. King is now known as Gandhi's most globally productive peace-movement protégé. Supporters around the Earth are now raising \$100+ million to create: The MLK Memorial on the National Mall - Washington, DC. The Peace Movement is greatly substantiated by recalling that Abe Lincoln, Gandhi, and King were shot-down, murdered-in-cold-blood with bullets from guns while in the course of teaching us to cultivate peace & love for one another.

Now we are engaged in the great United Nations International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence (~777 organizations registered world-wide). We are blessed to live now...in this great new decade, century, and millennium. Courageous precedents set now will inspire many future generations. Dr. King's words still ring loud:

"We must fix our vision... upon the positive affirmation of peace.

We must see that peace represents a sweeter music, a cosmic melody that is far superior... have the will and determination to mount such a peace offensive... We will unlock hitherto tightly sealed doors of hope... Our lives begin to end on the day we become silent... If humanity is to progress, then Gandhi's life is inescapable. He lived, thought and acted, inspired by the vision of humanity evolving toward a world of peace... We ignore Gandhi at our own risk!"

Atlanta: City of Peace, Inc. is uniting volunteers worldwide to celebrate the global peace legacy of Atlanta. We are testing whether Atlanta or any city of Earth, so conceived and so dedicated, can be transformed for peace cultivation, education, and inspiration. We are met on Dr. King's great field of dreams and asking all to **"Live the Dream!"** Peace now, more than ever! WE come to invite all courageous citizens (local-global) to join in dedicating all of Atlanta as a peaceful, resting nexus. Needing this are those giving their lives so their Global Family might thrive. It is altogether fitting and proper that WE should create: The Global Peace Academy, The Global Peace Concert, The Global Peace Flight, The Global Peace Garden, and The Global Peace Museum.

However, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate -- we cannot consecrate -- we cannot hallow -- this ground. The courageous and peaceful, living and dead, who've already struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. Chronologically: 1838, the peace-loving Cherokee & Muscogee were forcefully marched westward in horrible Trail of Tears exodus. 1864, when Atlanta burned to the ground, peace loving men, women, and children were tragically uprooted. Five score and 80 days ago (September 22, 1906) disaster struck beloved extended family members displaced and killed in: The Atlanta Race Riot - great pain to oppressed; great shame for oppressors (100th Anniversary). 1956, great pains here were suffered by many in Birth of Civil Rights Movement (50th Anniversary). 2005, Marc Morial proclaims:

"Atlanta, I can't tell you how to market your city, but to outsiders YOU are seen as a beacon. You are seen as a shining light!"

February, 2006 President Clinton- Mrs. King's Memorial:

"Atlanta, what will happen to the King legacy?"

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it should never forget Atlanta's rising from the ashes. We are the mythological Phoenix. We are the peacemakers we've been waiting for. May Peace prevail on Earth! It is for us the living to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who planted peace here have thus far so courageously advanced. It is for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored brothers and sisters of our Global Family, we take increased devotion to: The Peace Way for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that WE here highly resolve that these displaced & dead shall not have suffered in vain -- that Atlanta: City of Peace, under God, shall have a new birth of courage -- and that peace & love of the people, by the people, for the people, shall inspire around the Earth.

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Event Details: Inspired by & honoring President Abe Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, John R. Naugle is creator for the ideal city-brand @**Atlanta: City of Peace™** and also founder for Atlanta's newest organization utilizing the same term [Corporation, GA Secretary of State Control Number: 06103061, Registration Date: 11/28/2006]. Mr. Naugle will read... "The Atlanta: City of Peace Address" to lead a metaphorical ground-breaking ceremony and the Official Founding Members from Atlanta: City of Peace, Inc. will call on peacemakers everywhere to assist in developing an ecosystem where **Atlanta: City of Peace** is dedicated as an ideal future Global Capital, Beacon and Nexus of Peace.

When:

Monday, December 11, 2006, beginning at 7:00 PM.
Note: Meet and greet will start promptly at 7:00 PM.
Delivering Atlanta: City of Peace Address at 7:30 PM.

Where:

In front of "Atlanta from the Ashes (The Phoenix Sculpture)"
Woodruff Park, Downtown Atlanta
Peachtree St Ne, Edgewood Ave Se Atlanta, GA 30303

Google Maps:

Digital Coordinates-enter [33.754868, -84.389018]
Street Address-Peachtree St Ne, Edgewood Ave Se Atlanta, GA 30303
Note - We highly recommend arriving by taxi or Marta

Of Woodruff Park, City of Atlanta Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Commissioner Diane Harnell Cohen says:

"Woodruff Park is THE Heart & Soul of Downtown Atlanta. The revitalization is absolutely critical to Mayor Franklin's priorities. Mr. Woodruff envisioned an oasis in the very middle of the most urban part of the city. That has never been truer. Downtown Atlanta is alive with new businesses and new residents arriving every day. Tourism flourishes because of Downtown Atlanta. A green space that is attractive, well maintained, well lit and programmed with activities that draw people to it is critical to our success."

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