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"Indian Civilization and Culture" has been written by M.K. Gandhi. He hailed as the father of Indian nation, was more a spiritual leader than a politician. After studying law in London, he went to South Africa where he started the 'Civil Disobedience movement'. Later he led the struggle for independence of India, and successfully made use of the two great weapons of truth and non violence. His autobiography, 'my experiments with Truth' and the numerous articles that he wrote for 'young India' and the speeches that he delivered on different occasions, show that he was not only an original thinker but also a great master of chaste, idiomatic English.

The present piece brings to the fore M.K. Gandhi as a fundamental thinker. M.K. Gandhi gives his frank view of civilization and culture. He rega-

ved's Indian civilization greater and better than other civilizations of the world. Comparing it with Greek, Roman and Chinese civilizations, he finds Indian civilization to be immovable and that is her glory. Civilization, according to him, is the mode of conduct which points out to man the path of duty. Performance of duty and observance of morality are convertible terms. He shows the difference between ancient civilization and modern civilization. The present piece sums up the idea of civilization by pointing out to the fact that civilization, in real sense of the term, consists not in the multiplication, but in the deliberate and voluntary restriction of wants. This alone increases and promotes contentment, real happiness and capacity for service.

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