

Acharya Vinoba Bhave was a scholar, saint, man of God, moral tribune, a beacon of hope and solace to millions in India and abroad. He was Mahatma Gandhi's spiritual successor. Vinobaji was born in a village in Maharashtra's Kolaba district on September 11, 1895. He was drawn to Mahatma Gandhi and his unique "Weaponless War" as a youth. Like Mahatmaji, Vinobaji also was very much ahead of his time. His Bhoodan (Gift of Land), Sampattidan (Gift of Wealth), Jeevadan (Gift of Life) and other movements are logical extensions of Gandhiji's program of national reconstruction.

Vinobaji was one of the greatest scholar-saints thrown up by the modern Indian renaissance. His talks on the Bhagvad Gita delivered in jail are innovative and inspiring.

Though he had a marvelous memory and was a student by nature, he had devoted the largest part of his time to spinning in which he specialized. He believed in universal spinning being the central activity which would remove the poverty in the villages.