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<p>68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102</p>	<p>from that embrace of death.</p> <p>... the conviction is growing deeper and deeper in me that nothing but unadulterated non-violence can check the organised violence of the British Government. Many think that non-violence is not an active force. My experience, limited though it undoubtedly is, shows that non-violence can be an intensely active force. It is my purpose to set in motion that force as well against the organised violent force of the British rule as the unorganised violent force of the growing party of violence. To sit still would be to give rein to both the forces above mentioned. Having an unquestioning and immovable faith in the efficacy of non-violence, as I know it, it would be sinful on my part to wait any longer.</p> <p>I know that in embarking on non-violence I shall be running what might fairly be termed a mad risk. But the victories of truth have never been won without risks, often of the gravest character. Conversion of a nation that has consciously or unconsciously preyed upon another, far more numerous, far more ancient and no less cultured than itself, is worth any amount of risk.</p> <p>I have deliberately used the word conversion. For my ambition is no less than to convert the British people, through non-violence, and thus make them see the wrong they have done to India. I do not seek to harm your people. I want to serve them even as I want to serve my own...If the people [of India] join me as I expect they will, the sufferings they will undergo, unless the British nation sooner retraces its steps, will be enough to melt the stoniest hearts...</p> <p>I remain Your sincerely friend M.K. Gandhi</p>	<p>7. Circle the metaphor in the passage to the left. What two things are being compared?</p> <p>8. According to Gandhi, how can Indians defeat the British?</p> <p>9. Define efficacy</p> <p>10. Why does Gandhi use the word "conversion" (l. 86) to describe the effect he hopes to have on the British people?</p>
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Source: Letter from Gandhi to the Viceroy, Lord Irwin, 2 March 1930.

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