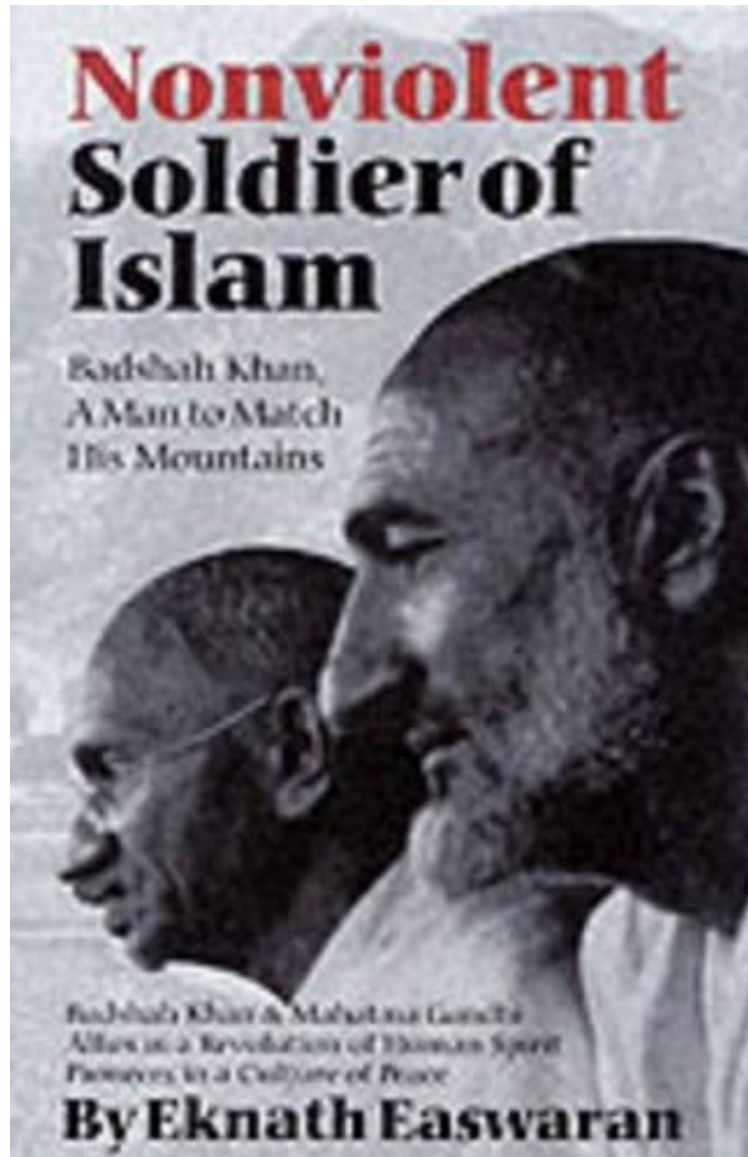


## Nonviolent Soldier of Islam: Badshah Khan: A Man to Match His Mountains, 2nd Edition

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worry! I read this book years ago and since repurchased it. The Truth about this man is there for all to read. What he accomplished was unbelievably amazing in that his turn towards non-violence, together with his compelling leadership, changed an entire centuries-old enculturated behavior of fierce warriors into a 100,000 strong non-violent army of Peacemakers and Uniters. His admiration of Gandhi and his then lifetime friendship with him was nothing short of life changing for himself and all his people. He deserves the title King of Kings or Badshah Khan. He also SHOULD have received the Nobel Peace Prize because what he achieved was nothing short of extraordinary. It would be my deepest hope that all those in the world as it now is who have taken to "hating Muslims" would be required to read this book. We, in our arrogance, always tend to forget that there are Radicals in Every Single Religion. The things that have been done in the name of "Christianity" are horrific! We, as a species, need to open our minds and hearts to realize we are ALL ONE with One Creator. Most Faiths are monotheistic. The irony is that only we argue about the name we call Him while He could care less. It is our ACTIONS that matter and, as the old saying goes: "You don't throw out the baby with the bath water." There will ALWAYS be individuals in every religion, in every political party, in every culture, in every race, that are nothing short of nasty in their hate-spewing. That has NEVER meant that Every Single Person in that same "group" is! When are we, as a species, going to get real about this small fact and proceed with understanding, empathy, and love? We're at a point in time right now where we can rise up as Peacemakers and truly love one another, or we can continue on this slippery slope to yet another War which will be the last for this Planet and all Life upon it. Together as brothers and sisters, We CAN do this! Turn away from the hate and greed mongers and those who govern by engendering Fear in "the Other," and instead realize and remember that "an enemy" is someone whose story you have not heard. Every one of us wants the same few things: A way to support ourselves and our families; safe shelter, nutritious food, clean drinking/cooking/bathing water, and education for our children. We have these things in common with ALL humanity. The difference is in the "How." Greed and Warmongers want them, too, but they want Yours along with what they already have as Theirs. We are not standing up to the right people; they are not those "over there," but those close to home. Nonviolence, Peace for ALL Life, Empathy, Compassion, Forgiveness, Love, and Freedom - these are innate Rights. We were ALL born Free by the One who owns the Store! We were not born as puppets or robots. We were given Free Will. Enslavement in any form was and has been done by our own kind. Let us use our Free Will to unite and come together with all the more we have in common remembering that dividing and subtracting is the propaganda that war and greedmongers do in order to enslave and/or support their wars. Let us begin to behave at the level of evolution we have all liked to think we already possessed, but haven't.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. An Outstanding Read!By Donna MiesbachI cannot say enough about this outstanding piece of work by Easwaran. This moving story about how Abdullah Ghaffer Khan was able to show his people how love and service are far more powerful than the rule of violence and revenge that had long been their custom offers hope to our troubled world today. Gandhi has long been a powerful influence in my life, but I did not know until a couple of years ago about the bond between Khan and Gandhi and how they worked in tandem to support the principle of nonviolence, nor was I aware of the extreme price they paid for remaining loyal to the principles they so much believed in. There is much to learn from their shining examples.<sup>0</sup> of 0 people found the following review helpful. A forgotten hero! Highly recommendedBy Farid M. TavusI have bought this book for myself and two other friends as present. I must say this book had huge influence on all of us. It's about a forgotten hero, someone who spent most of his life behind bars and exile for his people, someone who created the world's first nonviolent army from one of the world's most violent people who are known from blood revenge is beyond what we could possibly think. Highly recommended for everybody who wants to know about the outside and known heroes than we see portraits on the walls

The progeny of a Muslim tribe steeped in a tradition of blood revenge, Badshah Khan (Bacha Khan) raised history's first nonviolent army and joined Mahatma Gandhi in civil disobedience to British rule in India. His story of hard-won victory offers inspiration for nonviolent solutions to today's world struggles.

.com Abdul Ghaffar Khan didn't have to struggle. Having been born into wealth and privilege, he could have cooperated with the British colonialists and lived the good life. But the violence endemic to his Pathan society, in which honor demanded that no wrong go unavenged, drove him to seek an alternative that could express the true spirit of Islam. Ghaffar Khan found this path in Gandhi's movement of nonviolence, and in one of the most remarkable social transformations in history, he turned a people known for their fierceness into the largest army of nonviolent soldiers the world has ever seen. The Khudai Khitmatgar (servants of God, or Red Shirts, as the British called them) united in the cause of nonviolent revolution, fighting the British with passive resistance and noncooperation. Although the price they paid under savage British suppression was enormous, they never buckled. They won the honor of all India, and Ghaffar Khan became known as the Frontier Gandhi. Ghaffar Khan also paid an enormous personal price, ultimately spending over half of his life in prison, first under the British and then under the Pakistanis, who squelched his call for a free Pathan homeland. Nonviolent Soldier of Islam a biography by the great spiritual teacher Eknath Easwaran, keeps Ghaffar Khan's spirit alive, a beacon for all who believe in freedom, dignity, and peace. --Brian

BruyaFrom Library JournalRealizing that Westerners tend to associate Islam with terrorism and nonviolence with Hinduism, Easwaran (Gandhi, the Man) set out to write a tribute to a Muslim who embodied the nonviolent tradition within Islam. Badshah Khan, a Pathan of the former Northwest Frontier Province of India (today, the Taliban of Afghanistan), raised an army of 100,000 unarmed "Servants of God" and later became one of Gandhi's closest companions. Khan and his followers endured a great deal of persecution and imprisonment under the oppressive British rule, thus challenging the myth that passive resistance always works for those who are already peaceful. Though Khan was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984, far too few people are aware of the man who was known as the "Frontier Gandhi." The publication of this book coincides with the UN General Assembly's proclamation of the beginning of the millennium as the Year and Decade of Nonviolence. Recommended for all libraries. AMichael W. Ellis, Ellenville P.L., NY Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. "With a superb biography like this, [Khan] could become a global force, the kind that no armies or prisons can stop. --The Washington Post"By his example, [Khan] asks what we ourselves, as individuals made from the same stuff as he, are doing to shape history. --"The New Yorker"Sweepingly written... an inspiring, heroic account." --The Los Angeles Times Book