



Who is Gibran?

“I am looking for life, “was the answer

“That is all?”

“Isn’t that enough?”

Gibran was born on 6 January 1883 in Bsharri1 village near Kadisha Valley, Lebanon, he is the citizen of the world,” for the earth in its all, are my Land and all mankind my Countrymen". The “unity of being “his concept, was calling for universal fellowship, the actual unification of human race.

“Bsharri is the deformed version of “Bayt al-Ashterut”, literally, “House of Ashterut”. Its history dates back to Phoenicians.”

Gibran’s legacy is lighting erudition enriched by great scholars that lead him to enlighten wisdom, “Learning is the only wealth tyrants cannot despoil . . . the true wealth of a nation lies not in its gold or silver but in its learning, and in the uprightness of its sons.”

Western Influences on Gibran

Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778)

The theory put forth by Jean Jacques Rousseau in his *Of the Social Contract, Or Principles of Political Right*

“The main philosophy of Rousseau, which inspired Gibran, can be formulated as follows: Man is good by nature; nevertheless, human civilization has seduced human nature. What man should do is to return to nature, thus to retrieve the birth.”

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)

Gibran was deeply influenced by Nietzsche.

“Yes, Nietzsche is the great giant – and the more you read him, the more you will love him. He is perhaps the greatest spirit in modern times, and his work will outlive many of the things we consider great. Please p-l-e-a-s-e read Thus Spake Zarathustra as soon as possible for it is-to-me-one of the greatest work of all time.”



When he was six he was entranced by some old **Leonardo da Vinci** prints given to him by his mother.

- Gibran himself, thirty-five years later, wrote: "I have never looked on any of Leonardo da Vinci's work without experiencing deep within myself the awareness that a part of his soul penetrates my own"; the pictures he had seen as a child, particularly da Vinci's *The Head of Saint Anne*, plunged him into a "longing for the unknown."



Artist: [Leonardo da Vinci](#)

Completion Date: c.1510

Place of Creation: Milan, Italy

Style: [High Renaissance](#)

Genre: [sketch and study](#)

Technique: [chalk](#)

Material: paper

Gallery: Royal Collection, Windsor Castle, London, UK

Tags: [Christianity](#), [saints-and-apostles](#), [St. Anne](#)

- **Gibran has inspired**



Let's awake the legendary memorials; Gibran is the talents awakener, for earth comers.

He inspired many; among them many prominent figures that stamped our modern history with dignity, accomplishments creations and inventions.

Thomas Edison was deeply appreciated Gibran's manuscripts after reading broken wings.

Gandhi explained Gibran's philosophy "do nothing and everything is done, the way to be happy is to make others so".

His verses still resonate by Pop culture, When John Lennon, the lead of top 1960 groups sang the lyrics "half what I say is meaningless, but, I say it, so that the other half will reach you."

Nelson Mandella, used to appreciate and love Gibran's work so this is why in Semon of Nelson Mandela's funeral, words of Gibran were stated by Bishop Ziphozihile,

“...Without his nest, shall the eagle fly across the sun”.

Rock and Roll's king, Elvis Presley, loud talent is evoked by much admiration to the prophet words, that foretells with purity of truth, the different human emotional melodies.

Elvis used to read the verses out loud with his glorious voice.

Einstein inspired his famous slogan “ Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow” This slogan is inspired by this given slogan of Gibran

“Let today embrace the past with remembrance and the future with longing”

On the roads of golden American leaders, the 28th US president, Woodrow Wilson hailed Gibran's talent, by his famous statement, “You're the first Eastern storm to weep the country, and what a number of flowers you brought.”

With the American patriotism breeze, the 35th President Of US, John F Kennedy inspired his famous slogan, in a speech urges Americans citizens to participate in public service by saying “my fellows Americans , ask not what your country do for you, ask what you can do for your country.

Gibran is a wisdom icon with much love to earth comers

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