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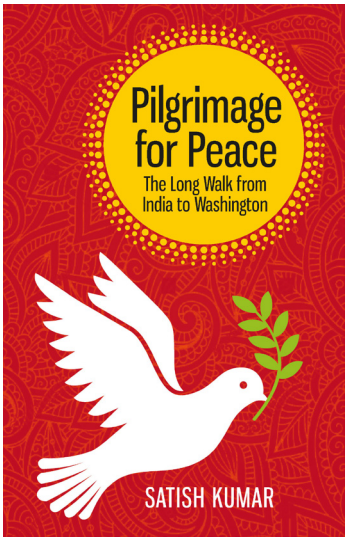
Walking 8000 miles for Peace

Satish Kumar's legendary peace pilgrimage



Satish Kumar ought to sit on a council of elders, guiding us through real wisdom, to the utopia that his path has shown us is possible.
Russell Brand, comedian

Satish's whole life has been one long walk for freedom, justice, harmony and peace.
Michael Morpurgo, author of *Warhorse*

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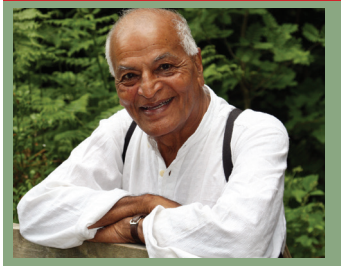


Satish Kumar is an internationally renowned speaker on ecological and spiritual issues, and founder of both Resurgence & Ecologist magazine and Schumacher College.

Pilgrimage for Peace – The Long Walk from India to Washington by Satish Kumar is published by Green Books on 1st August 2021

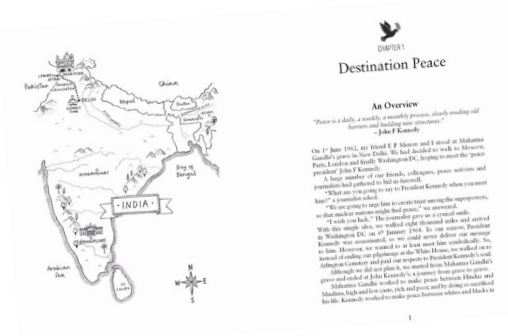
Satish Kumar, a former Jain monk, tells the story of his epic 8000-mile journey for peace. Together with his friend E.P. Manon, he walked from Mahatma Gandhi's grave in New Delhi to John F Kennedy's in Washington at the height of the cold war. They were inspired by the courage of the elderly philosopher Bertrand Russell, who went to prison for his anti-nuclear activities.

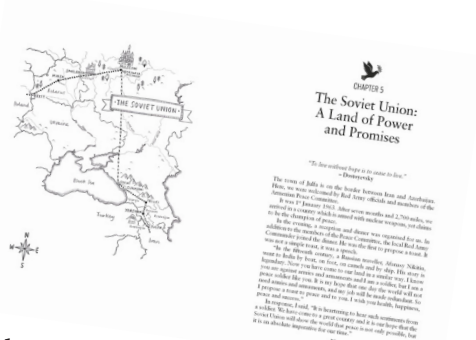
The pair travelled without money and declined offers of transport or donations. They faced serious challenges and obstacles on their thrilling two and half year journey. They battled the elements in dry deserts and snow-capped mountains and then faced imprisonment in France, punishment for entering the Soviet Union without a visa and racial discrimination in the USA.

Along the way, Kumar and Manon spoke to heads of state and gave them symbolic packets of Peace Tea. They met peace activists such as Martin Luther King Jr. They spread their message of peace to the many people they met and discovered they were not alone in their ideas. The people who housed and fed them or who walked part of the way with them discussed a wide range of topics that formed their understanding of peace and pilgrimage: from the art of Kandinsky and the literature of Goethe to the poetry of Hafiz and the music of Chopin, from the polemic dramas of Brecht to the philosophy of Voltaire. They were overwhelmed by generosity and hospitality.

A feature film of the epic journey, entitled *No Destination*, is currently in pre-production.

Pilgrimage for Peace resonates today at a time of increased international tension, when nuclear arsenals are again being stockpiled. It is a book about trust – in yourself, your companions, and humanity - about confidence, resilience and the courage to stretch your limits. It is an adventure story that shows how travel can bring people together in hope and help them understand one another.





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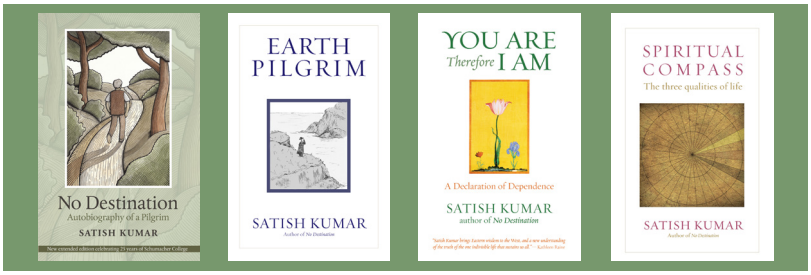

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