

# Who Was Mother Teresa

## Mother Teresa

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Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu (born Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu, Albanian: [a??z? ??nd?? b?ja?d?i.u]; 26 August 1910 – 5 September 1997), better known as Mother Teresa or Saint Mother Teresa, was an Albanian-Indian Catholic nun, founder of the Missionaries of Charity and is a Catholic saint. Born in Skopje, then part of the Ottoman Empire, she was raised in a devoutly Catholic family. At the age of 18, she moved to Ireland to join the Sisters of Loreto and later to India, where she lived most of her life and carried out her missionary work. On 4 September 2016, she was canonised by the Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The anniversary of her death, 5 September, is now observed as her feast day.

In 1950, Mother Teresa established the Missionaries of Charity, a religious congregation that was initially dedicated to serving "the poorest of the poor" in the slums of Calcutta. Over the decades, the congregation grew to operate in over 133 countries, as of 2012, with more than 4,500 nuns managing homes for those dying from HIV/AIDS, leprosy, and tuberculosis, as well as running soup kitchens, dispensaries, mobile clinics, orphanages, and schools. Members of the order take vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience and also profess a fourth vow: to give "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor."

Mother Teresa received several honours, including the 1962 Ramon Magsaysay Peace Prize and the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. Her life and work have inspired books, documentaries, and films. Her authorized biography, written by Navin Chawla, was published in 1992, and on 6 September 2017, she was named a co-patron of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Calcutta alongside St Francis Xavier. However, she also drew criticism for the poor conditions and lack of medical care or pain relief in her houses for the dying.

## The Missionary Position: Mother Teresa in Theory and Practice

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The Missionary Position: Mother Teresa in Theory and Practice is a book by the journalist and polemicist Christopher Hitchens published in 1995. It is a critique of the work and philosophy of Mother Teresa, the founder of an international Roman Catholic religious congregation, and it challenges the mainstream media's assessment of her charitable efforts. The book's thesis, as summarized by one critic, was that "Mother Teresa is less interested in helping the poor than in using them as an indefatigable source of wretchedness on which to fuel the expansion of her fundamentalist Roman Catholic beliefs."

Only 128 pages in length, it was re-issued in paperback and ebook form with a foreword by Thomas Mallon in 2012.

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The film narrates the interconnected stories of Mother Teresa and Kavita, a young British woman of Indian origin. It portrays Mother Teresa's early years in India and how she suffered while trying to work outside the convent.

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Teresa (also Theresa, Therese; French: Thérèse) is a feminine given name.

It originates in the Iberian Peninsula in late antiquity. Its derivation is uncertain, it may be derived from Greek *therízō* (theríz?) "to harvest or reap", or from *theros* (theros) "summer". Another origin of the name is from Latin word "Terra" which means earth.

Terra mother Earth. It is first recorded in the form Therasia, the name of Therasia of Nola, an aristocrat of the 4th century.

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In the United States it was ranked as the 852nd most popular name for girls born in 2008, down from 226th in 1992 (it ranked 65th in 1950, and 102nd in 1900). Spelled "Teresa," it was the 580th most popular name for girls born in 2008, down from 206th in 1992 (it ranked 81st in 1950, and 220th in 1900).

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Mother Teresa University in Skopje (Albanian: Universiteti Nënë Tereza në Shkup) is a public university based in Skopje, North Macedonia. Studies in this institution are conducted in Albanian and Macedonian. The university was founded in 2016 with the mission of creating academic opportunities for students to develop as individuals and professionals. It offers education in both natural and social sciences through its five faculties. These faculties cover a variety of disciplines, including computer science, applied programming, etc. Despite its young age, the university has grown to over 3,500 students and offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs.

The university is named after Saint Mother Teresa, who was born Agnes Gonxhe Bojaxhiu in Skopje. Mother Teresa was a Catholic nun who dedicated her life to helping the poor and sick. She founded the Missionaries of Charity, a religious congregation that provides care for the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying around the world. Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her work.

Commemorations of Mother Teresa

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Mother Teresa of Kolkata has been memorialized throughout the world in recognition of her work with the poor. During her lifetime this commemoration often took the form of awards and honorary degrees bestowed upon her. She has also been memorialized through museums and dedications of churches, roads and other structures.

Aroup Chatterjee

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Aroup Chatterjee (born 23 June 1958) is a British Indian author and physician. He was born in Calcutta, and moved to the United Kingdom in 1985. He is the author of the book *Mother Teresa: The Untold Story* (originally published as *Mother Teresa: The Final Verdict*), a work which challenges the widespread regard of Mother Teresa as a symbol of philanthropy and selflessness.

Chatterjee's criticism inspired the documentary *Hell's Angel* that was shown on Channel 4, a British television channel. The documentary was written by a well-known critic of Mother Teresa, Christopher Hitchens, who co-produced it with journalist and filmmaker Tariq Ali. Chatterjee and Hitchens were the two Devil's advocates, or hostile witnesses to Catholic Church procedures for the beatification of Mother Teresa in 2003.

Teresa Earnhardt

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Teresa Diane Earnhardt (née Houston; born October 29, 1958) is an American former NASCAR team owner. She is the third wife and widow of Dale Earnhardt. She is the biological mother of Taylor Nicole Earnhardt and the stepmother of Kerry Earnhardt, Kelley Earnhardt Miller and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

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A precursor to Hitchens' book *The Missionary Position: Mother Teresa in Theory and Practice* (1995), the film argues that Mother Teresa urged the poor to accept their circumstances as their destiny and for the poor and sick in particular to submit to the substandard, unsafe, and non-therapeutic medical care provided by her clinics while she endorsed and accepted money from a variety of rich and powerful people who had stunning ethical lapses.

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University Hospital Center "Mother Teresa" (QSUT; Albanian: Qendra Spitalore Universitare "Nënë Tereza") is a central hospital in Tirana, Albania.

It is currently the largest medical center hospital located in the country and is named after Mother Teresa, who was of Albanian origin. The hospital has a capacity of 1,612 beds and employees more than 2,500 people.

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