



Noor Inayat Khan

“One day you will
see the truth.”

Noor Inayat Khan was born in Russia in 1914.

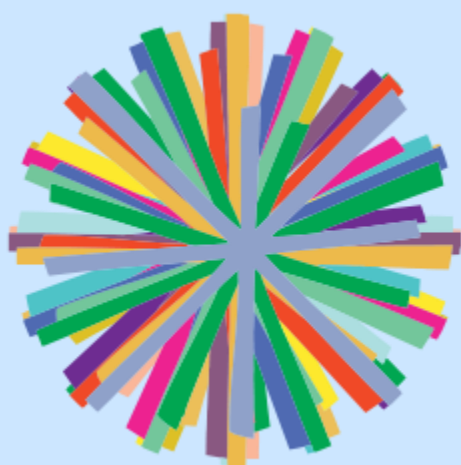
With an American mother and an Indian father from a royal family, they lived in England, and then moved to France while Noor was still a child.

After attending medical school in France, Noor worked as a nurse in the French Red Cross. She was also a gifted musician, and wrote and published children's books.

Despite her faith as an Indian Muslim, and her belief in non-violence, Noor felt that the Nazi actions in France demanded active resistance. Fleeing France for England in June 1940, Noor joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force where she trained as a 'wireless operator'. Stronger than her dislike for England's colonial rule over India were her feelings toward fascism and dictators.

As part of the Special Operations Executive (SOE), Noor was a radio operative in occupied France. In 1943 she parachuted into France, set up a base of operations near Paris, and began sending radio messages secretly from rotating locations throughout Paris. Noor was eventually betrayed and arrested. After she escaped twice, she was imprisoned in the Pforst Prison. Enduring nine months of beatings and torture, she was then transferred to Dachau Concentration Camp and was executed just days before Dachau was liberated by American soldiers.

She was only 30 years old.



Could you put aside 'regional' issues
to focus on 'global' ones?