

Peace is The Way

In this day and age, when war dominates our headlines and fear taints the majesty of our Moments, there is a need to re-member some Good News: that we are all still Powerfull - that we are all still Potent - that we are all still able, even in the midst of our deepest traumas, to make Peace a Reality ...

Each of us is intimately familiar with the ways that do **not** bring Peace ... We have seen them and experienced them. We have even championed them as a species for over ten thousand years. We have tried repeatedly to use war to make peace, to use punishment to enforce “proper behavior”, to use guilt and shame to engender Love, and to engage self-criticism in order to spur our “self-improvement.” The fruits of those actions are all too evident: war still thrives, corruption still runs rampant, conflict still infects our relationships and disappointment still regularly creeps into our minds. In short, for many of us personal Contentment seems as distant as ever ...

And yet, for some reason, we as a collective continue to employ the same ineffective methods in the attempt to attain our Noble Dreams. We still somehow believe that “two wrongs” will somehow make Life “right.” We still attempt to enforce peace with war. We still condemn our political opponents with public humiliation. We still sternly criticize those who do not behave as we wish they would. We still believe that we each need external assistance to “grow” and thereby “be happy” ...

And yet, time has shown us again and again that we cannot “perfect” these beliefs and somehow attain Success. It is not our implementation of these ideals that is defective, but rather the methods themselves. War cannot ever bring Peace. Condemnation cannot ever bring Harmony. Self-degradation cannot ever bring emPowerment ...

IT IS NOW TIME FOR A CHANGE!

Internationally, we must recognize that only the Peace of Forgiveness brings Peace. Aggressors can only be halted by pre-empting their aggression with Caring ...

Domestically we must realize that only the Justice of Forgiveness brings Justice. The corrupt and the “criminal” can only be reformed by pre-empting their dishonesties with Caring ...

Communally we must understand that only the Love of Forgiveness brings Love. Persecutors can only be Awakened by responding to their callousness with Caring ...

Personally we must comprehend that only the Joy of Forgiveness brings Joy. Our own dis-ease can only be Healed by setting our personal goals aside and Caring for others - by setting aside our own concerns and choosing instead to ease the burdens of others in their moments of pain ...

So take this Moment and vow to go boldly forth today. Where we previously dropped bombs and fired guns, let us send flowers and food. Where we previously protested against war, let us now stand courageously as Pro-Peace. Where we previously lambasted our opponents, let us openly have respect, if not at least Compassion, for their differing opinions. Where we previously condemned corruption, let us now celebrate and visualize the innate potential of all leaders to alter their course and behave with Nobility. Where we previously gossiped about our “enemies”, let us now reach out to them with Compassion. Where we previously criticized those behaving “improperly”, let us now show them with our unconditional Caring how to Be differently. Where we previously searched outside our selves for “a better way”, let us now realize that we have all that we need within us to be Happy. Where we previously repudiated ourselves as “sinners”, let us now Awaken to the Truth: that we are the epitome of perfection - a perfection that can be realized in any Moment we so choose ...

It is time to transcend our primitive past and build a Noble Present. It all begins with this Moment and this Moment’s choice. Will you continue to focus on yourself at the expense of others, or will you - at least for this one instant - set aside your fears and desires and choose to Serve the greater Good. What you do does not matter -- It matters only that you Do so ...

There is not way to Peace; **Peace is The Way** ... Be Peace-full!

There is no way to Justice; **Justice is The Way** ... Be Forgiving!

There is no way to Harmony; **Harmony is The Way** ... Be Kind!

There is no way to Happiness; **Happiness is The Way** ... Be Joyous!

The time has come for all of us to stop worshipping our heroes - and to start emulating them!!!

So go boldly forth in Peace and Be the change you wish to See in the world ...