

Peace

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More than for happiness, which many see as an unattainable goal in our day, troubled mankind longs for peace. For the world has become a place without peace, more so than it has ever been.

We use the word „peace“ so often, but what do we really mean by it? Don't we just mean the opposite of the bloody word “war”? If only there were no more murdering man would imagine to be living in peace. Humanity sees peace only as the ending of bloodshed, murder and persecution.

The fact that man thinks peace is attained if he is no longer persecuted and tormented, shows clearly how wretched mankind has become. For peace is much more than the mere absence of violence, thus a certain condition of calm in which life can be lived without much outside interference. This is simply a condition of being undisturbed and unhindered but is far from peace!

And there is no guarantee that the former state of violence will not return as long as hatred and envy exist on earth. Peace cannot enter as long as these two tyrants occupy the throne. Envy does not tolerate peace and tranquility.

Envy foments, grabs and seizes, hatred destroys. Envy is the slow ground fire smoldering and eating away beneath the ground when it is no longer fed above the ground. Hatred is the all-consuming flame which unscrupulously seeks to destroy in order to feed itself.

To say it again – peace is much more than the absence of violence and destruction. Peace is not simply the condition of calm but something very much alive, for peace always builds up, creates values.

Today peace between man and man as well as between nation and nation is undermined to the point that mistrust dominates everywhere we look and mistrust creates an atmosphere where peace cannot breathe.

Where does this deep mistrust everywhere in the world come from? All too often trust was deceived, promises were only empty words, or, worse, lies and hypocrisy. Starting with parents who lie to their children when they don't have an answer or want to hide the truth from the children.

How can clear, absolute trust exist which should be the soil on which a child's love can grow.

Love needs a pure soil to blossom. Betrayed trust darkens the heart. If mutual trust is to be restored, as precondition of true peace, truth must first replace deceit and lies, there is no other way.

We must first lay the foundation for the peace that we so ardently long for; the first foundation blocks must be laid inside ourselves, in our hearts. Despite all the high-sounding peace conferences all over the world the first step toward peace will be taken only when every human being has realized that he has to become a co-builder of true peace. It is inside of us that the first fortresses of peace must be built, nowhere else!

How can there be peace among neighbors if they will not get along? If one begrudges the other his bread and envies him his success? How can a restless person spread peace? In short, how can people live peacefully with and next to one another if they do not carry peace within them? Peace needs to grow like a plant that needs to grow roots in the hearts of man and spread out from there. |

Inner truthfulness is the first building block for it helps remove mistrust, the worst enemy of peace. Peaceful thoughts are the second building block.-

He who has thoughts of peace and does not begrudge his neighbor what is his is a promoter of peace. Peace on earth cannot be brought about by unions of nations, nor by threats of retribution. Contracts have been broken, threats of punishment did not deter, and international treaties have often proven to be no more than a piece of paper because there was no strong hand to ensure their execution.

No, peace has to grow from inside of every human heart to the outside and spread from there. The more people carry peace of the soul within the more support there will be for a lasting peace which no longer has to flee from brute force, and the more people think of violence the closer will the danger of renewed use of force. For thoughts issue from their originators and seek to combine with homogeneous species in accordance with the Divine Law of Attraction of Homogeneous Species. A violent person receives thoughts of violence, a peaceable person receives the concentrated power of peace thoughts sent out by others.

The terrible discharges of hatred that caused war and murder are on the debit account of the entire mankind. Every feeling of envy, every thought of hate and greed reinforced the destructive forces collecting over mankind until they had to break loose like in a thunderstorm when the tension had become too great. All of mankind's volition for peace was too weak to prevent war. Thus every one who has looked at his neighbor with envy, jealousy, with ill will instead of spreading love and peace around him, who didn't have thoughts of love and peace, has become guilty.

The fervently longed-for peace on earth can enter only when mankind ceases to hate and begrudge, when every one of us strives for and gains inner peace. True peace needs to be strived for, it does not fall into our laps anymore than does happiness and joy!

Peace is a precious good of the highest value that a human being can possess; and it is why the Son of God specifically blessed the peacemakers. They are blissful within, for peace is the fulfillment of their desires, the inner balance which is as a bright summer's day of the soul.

But how can I attain to this inner peace? Is the question many will ask. I don't know how to start. I have so many desires and once they are satisfied new ones arise in me.

And here is the crucial point: whoever thinks only of himself, only wishes for himself will never attain inner peace because the ego brings forth ever new desires in an endless chain.

I can gain "contentment" only if my fellowman is more important to me than my own little ego, if I live for the purpose of furthering the greater common good, of supporting and helping others to advance. Their gratitude, their joy, their salvation will then give me my inner peace, my contentment; my life has not been wasted. Peacableness is one pathway to peace, being free of envy and begrudging is another and sharing in the joy of success of a neighbor is yet another. Whoever longs for peace and wishes to help create it on this earth should think more of the well-being of others than of his own.

Peace is a precious good! It spreads its protective wings over those who strive for it. He who carries peace within himself cannot be harmed by any adversity in the world. His heart is calm and the calmness of his inner peace gives him the strength to deal with anything life throws in his path. He gives comfort and balm to his fellowmen from whom he does not desire anything but, on the contrary, to whom he gives freely from his riches.

Without peace the earth cannot flourish . We have all made that bitter experience ourselves. Shouldn't we now all strive with all our might to spread peace on the earth ? If everyone started to do that how quickly things would look different around us! Thoughts of hatred and envy would no longer find nourishment and would have to wither and die . In this way every individual can contribute to peace in the world.

Only peace is upbuilding, its works are lasting, it is power, it is constancy and it is one of mankind's greatest helpers. May it become our very best friend!

It will then be the fulfillment of the momentous prophecy that God's Kingdom of Peace shall arise on earth where only the Holy Will of God will reign in Justice. It already is before the gates, the glorious Kingdom of Peace, in which no longer will anyone assault , rob or oppress another, in which everyone will obtain what is his due which he can enjoy and use peacefully in accordance with his good conscience.

To realize this, you and you and all of us must help to build, must stretch out our hand to our neighbor peacefully, all of us inspired by the same volition.

We want to build it with the diligent work of our hands, with the peace of our soul!