

Baltimore and Beyond Mindfulness Community
Social Activist sit

Theme of non-violence and war

Our theme was Nonviolence and war.
We used several references below.
Enjoy.

Thich Nhat Hanh

"It is my prayer that nations will no longer send their young people to fight each other, not even in the name of peace. I do not accept the concept of a war for peace, a 'just war', as I also cannot accept the concept of 'just slavery,' 'just hatred', or 'just racism.' During the wars in Vietnam...We saw that the first victim of war is the person who perpetuates it".

Mahatma Gandhi

"An eye for an eye only makes the whole world blind."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetuate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it"

Voltaire

"Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities"

Michael N. Nagler. Is there No Other Way? The Search for a Nonviolent Future
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During the revolution when people in India made their own cloth and decreased the need for importing from UK

clings to truth never clings to just one mode of operation. Khadi-clad Indians burned their British trousers with as much gusto as they had turned the wheel to make their own. The boycott of foreign cloth was so successful that nearly three million Lancashire millworkers found themselves out of work, and that at a time of worldwide depression when economic tempers were already frayed. Gandhi, in England for the Round Table Conference, made a special trip north to explain his movement directly to the Lancashire workers on September 22, 1931 that has become one of the high points of nonviolent history. "I am pained by the unemployment here. But here is no starvation or semi-starvation. In India we have both. If you went to the villages, you would find . . . living corpses." He did not mince words with them. "Do not think of prospering on the tombs of the poor millions of India. . . . Cherish no hope of reviving the old Lancashire trade" that charkha was rendering superfluous. "Don't attribute your misery to India. Think of the world forces that are powerfully working against you."

It was another miracle of Satyagraha: "May I say or need I say," one man wrote, "that I as a Lancashire cotton working man, who is to some extent suffering through the action of the Indian Congress leaders, have a profound admiration for Mr. Gandhi and a great many of my fellow workers share that spirit?" Said another, after Gandhi's stern words, "We understand each other now." Through soul-force we can divide opponents from their agendas while reuniting them with ourselves.

Heart Unity: Diversity Without Division

Constructive Programme was a comprehensive agenda of some eighteen projects.