

FROM WAR TO PEACE

THOUGHTS ON THE END OF WARFARE.

Movement FOR
THE
Abolition of War

Introduction

Every day we are confronted with more appalling news of violent conflict – between nations and within nations: Afghanistan, Iraq, Myanmar, Israel/Palestine, Kashmir, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Yemen – a litany of death and suffering, of shattered lives and environmental catastrophe. Of course there will always be conflict but what are the best ways of dealing with and resolving that conflict? The Movement for the Abolition of War (MAW) believes that war is not inevitable. Humankind now has available international structures and laws, together with tried and tested methods of avoiding and resolving conflict by non-violent means, to give us more civilised alternatives. What is still needed is a change of mindset: a cultural shift away from automatic acceptance of and dependence on military solutions.

The quotations printed here aim to illustrate the futility of war and to inspire us to believe that our dreams are achievable.

The collection updates and builds on an earlier publication, ‘The Final Surrender – time to Abolish War’, produced almost two decades ago by Bruce Kent & others for the Hague Peace Conference in 1998. There are contributions from classical times through to the present day, from countries far and near, from young and old, from different faiths and none, from soldiers and from peace activists. We found so many wise and powerful words which people have been saying for a very long time, and continue to say, but they don't seem to have sunk in enough yet ... too much fear and denial, greed, insecurity and ancient hatreds?

When will we ever learn?

Tim Devereux & Heather Speight

War is organised murder, and nothing else ... War isn't worth one life ... It's the calculated and condoned slaughter of human beings ... All these young lives lost in a war which ended across a table. What's the sense in that?

Harry Patch, 1898–2009, last surviving soldier of World War 1

The High Contracting Parties solemnly declare in the names of their respective peoples that they condemn recourse to war for the solution of international controversies...

Treaty of Paris, Article 1, 1919

We the Peoples of the United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind ... hereby establish an international organisation to be known as the United Nations.

United Nations, Preamble to Charter, 1945

When people recognise the futility of war, it will cease to be seen as a sensible way to settle disputes. But the abolition of war needs ACTION. There are too many people who are against war but do nothing about it. Of course, everybody cannot do everything, but everyone can do something.

Professor Robert Hinde FRS, 1923–2016, zoologist, former President of MAW

It is those who think they can solve deep-seated problems with bombs who are unrealistic.

Symon Hill, Coordinator, Peace Pledge Union

If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.

**Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nobel Peace laureate, and also...
Moshe Dayan, 1915–1981, Israeli military leader**

The only sane course that remains is to work frankly and without compromise for a supra-national authority and for the total abolition of war.

Thomas Merton, 1915–1968, Trappist monk, peace activist

The 'balance of power' politics ... is inconsistent with our increasingly interdependent world. ... On moral grounds alone there can be no justification for the 20th century level of killing. To settle disputes without violence must become the primary goal of foreign policy for every nation.

Robert McNamara, 1998, US Defense Secretary 1961–68

Defeatism about the feasibility of plans for disarmament and ordered peace has been the most calamitous of all the errors of democratic governments in modern times.

Philip Noel-Baker, 1889–1982, Quaker, politician

Today the scale and horror of modern warfare, whether nuclear or not, makes it totally unacceptable as a means of settling differences between nations. War should belong to the tragic past – to history. It should find no place on humanity's agenda for the future.

Pope John Paul II, 1920–2005

We come back to the alternatives in the Russell–Einstein Manifesto: the end of the human race or the renunciation of war. Since the first is unacceptable, war must cease to be an admissible social institution. The abolition of war must be our ultimate goal.

Professor Sir Joseph Rotblat, 1908–2005, nuclear physicist, Nobel Peace Prize winner, co-founder and first President of MAW

Our physical power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.

The Rev Dr Martin Luther King, 1929–1968, US Civil Rights leader, Nobel Peace laureate



Guernica, Spain, 1937

We conclude that biology does not condemn humanity to war, and that humanity can be freed from the bondage of biological pessimism. Just as wars begin in the minds of men, peace also begins in our minds. The same species who invented war is capable of inventing peace. The responsibility lies with each one of us.

UNESCO, Seville statement on violence, 1989

A king is not saved by his army nor a warrior preserved by his strength. A vain hope for safety is the warhorse; despite its power it cannot save.

Psalm 33

Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures.

US President John F Kennedy, 1917–1963

If we despair of the way in which war seems such an ingrained habit of most of the human race, we can take comfort from the fact that a poor invention will usually give way to a better invention.

Margaret Mead, 1901–1978, American anthropologist

War, which remains an anomaly in a civilised world, has taken on so devastating and universal a character ... that every thought and every effort should be aimed, above all, at making it impossible.

Committee of the International Red Cross, 1945

If the majority of human beings do not want wars but at the same time believe that it is impossible to stop them, then the first change we must bring about is in our heads. We must change the idea that “it is not possible” because it is only what we believe about reality that prevents us from transforming it.

Mikhail Gorbachev, 1997, former Soviet Head of State

One of the greatest difficulties facing those who wish to see disarmament accepted as a primary goal of policy is that the average citizen simply does not believe it is possible, and against this blank wall of unbelief, we have the greatest difficulty in making any effective case.

We have, therefore, to insist that far from disarmament being unusual and impossible, it is the normal state of civilised man inside his own community. All the procedures proposed for disarmament - elimination of private control over arms, the subsidisation of police forces, courts of law, mediation, arbitration, and all other methods of settling disputes peacefully - are in fact practised every day within domestic society.

To say that man is not capable of this is simple nonsense. Most of the time this is actually what he does. The trouble is that we do not connect this perfectly normal method of human behaviour with any unit larger than the nation state.

Barbara Ward, 1914–1981, economist and writer

The Laptop Bombardier

Were you ever a soldier,
an RPG or machine gun holder,
could you strip a Bren and name its parts,
were you trained in the battlefield’s dark arts?
And were you in the gunners’ sights,
did you fear the sudden sharp fire fights,
the ghostly dawns and thunderous nights?
And were you, in some trench line, made aware
by the flickering falling light of a parachute flare
or the wind-rush of the shot that parts your hair
of the edge-of-madness human wreckage there?
And did you shake to the Serbian mortars, knowing
the different sounds of incoming and outgoing?
Did you take the gloomy troop flight to Iraq
and wonder how much of you would come back?
Did you reflect on the amputees
and the ambushes and the IEDs
and the massacre at Gandamak
and defeats dressed up as victories
and the war of the phantom WMDs
and such mendacities as these?
And if you did not know and were not there,
then how dare you, a laptop bombardier,
add your voice to the Devil’s chorus for
another wasteful sacrificial war?

**Martin Bell former war reporter, Independent MP,
Vice-President of MAW**



When they do war
They forget how to count

Michael Rosen, children's novelist and poet

We must encourage all people of goodwill to join the work of abolishing war and weapons - not out of fear of dying, but out of the joy of living.

Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Irish peace activist and Nobel Peace laureate

Nations are quite capable of starving every other side of life ... education, sanitation, housing, public health, everything that contributes to life, physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual, in order to maintain their armaments.

G. Lowes Dickinson, 1862–1932, British political scientist and philosopher

War is as outmoded as cannibalism, chattel slavery, blood feuds and duelling - an insult to God and humanity.

Muriel Lester, 1885–1968, social reformer and pacifist

Three days ago I discovered it was fifty-one years since I started a military career. For forty years from the beginning of that career I had continuous experience in the theory and practice of war. No one studied it more keenly than I did, and I was in a position to know what war really meant. And the only conclusions I have been able to reach are these - that war seldom, if ever, settles anything. More frequently than not it leads to fresh wars. Preparing for war never seems to prevent it, but rather to precipitate it, and in its conclusions war is just about as disastrous to the victor as to the vanquished.

Field Marshal Sir William Robertson, 1860–1933

Seeking revenge never brings peace in the end.

HRH Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall

The misfortune is that in their hurry to go to war, men begin with blows, and when a reverse comes upon them, then they have recourse to words.

Thucydides, Greek historian, 460–400BC

To jaw-jaw is always better than to war-war.

Winston Churchill, 1874–1965, former British Prime Minister

An ultimate goal of the United States is a world which is free from the scourge of war and the dangers and burdens of armaments, in which the use of force has been subordinated to the rule of law, and in which international adjustments to a changing world are achieved peacefully.

US President John F Kennedy, Proposed Treaty on General and Complete Disarmament, 1962

The age of Nations is passed. The task before us now, if we would not perish, is to shake off our ancient prejudices, and to build the Earth.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, 1881–1955, French philosopher, Jesuit priest

Men and women stand together
do not heed the men of war
make your minds up, now or never
Ban the Bomb for evermore.

John Brunner, Peace Song ‘The H-Bomb’s Thunder’, 1958

As a military man who has given half a century of active service I say in all sincerity that the nuclear arms race has no military purpose. Wars cannot be fought with nuclear weapons. Their existence only adds to our perils because of the illusions they have generated. There are powerful voices around the world who still give credence to the old Roman precept – If you desire peace, prepare for war.

This is absolute nuclear nonsense.

Lord Louis Mountbatten, 1900–1979, Admiral and statesman

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other ...

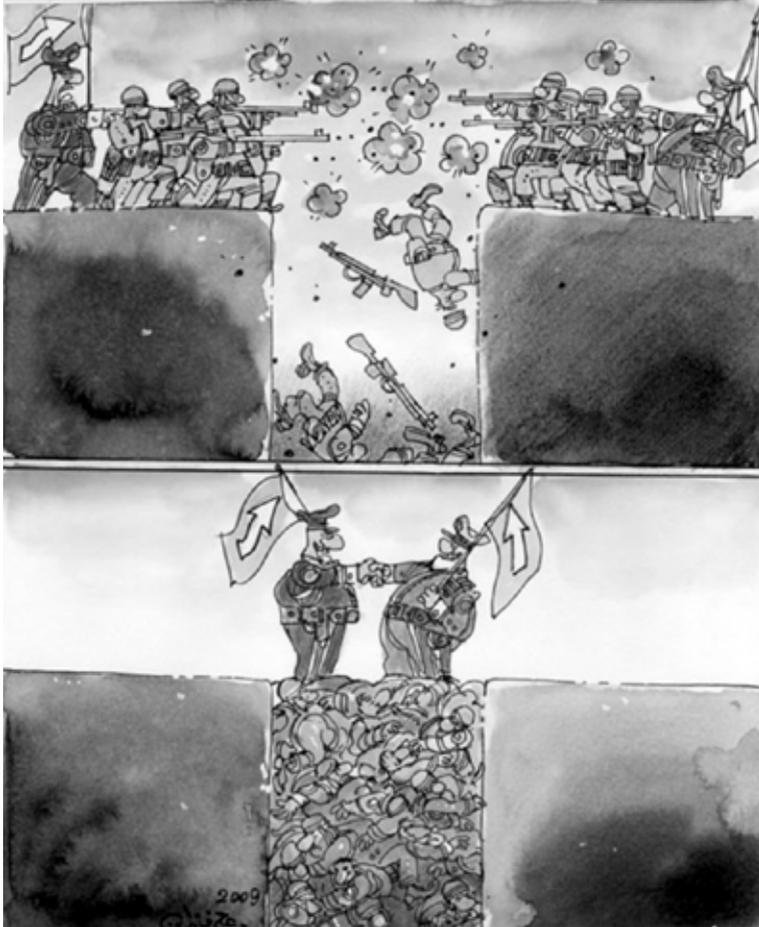
Mother Teresa, 1910–1997, humanitarian, Nobel Peace laureate

A war is not like an earthquake or a tornado. It is an act of men and women. Wars will cease when men refuse to fight and women refuse to approve. Do not let people lead you to think for a moment that war is a necessary institution.

Dr Jessie Wallace Hughan, 1875–1955, American educator, socialist, pacifist

Science is telling us we must have no lesser unit than the World. It is because we have been thinking in the outworn language of nationalism that disaster has overtaken us, for no country can live to itself alone, any more than the hand or foot can live alone.

Ruth Fry, 1878–1962, British Quaker writer and peace activist



Ali Ferzat, 2009, Syrian political cartoonist

Either we end war, or war will end us.

WorldBeyondWar.org

In peace children bury their parents. War violates the order of nature and causes parents to bury their children.

Herodotus, c.484 BC, Greek historian

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that ... The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral; returning violence with violence only multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars.

The Rev Dr Martin Luther King, 1929–1968, US Civil Rights leader, Nobel Peace laureate

An eye for an eye would make the whole world blind.

Mahatma Gandhi, 1869–1948, leader of India's independence movement

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children ... Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron.

US President Dwight D Eisenhower, 1890–1969

Wars are not 'acts of God'. They are caused by man, by man-made institutions, by the way in which man has organised his society. What man has made, man can change.

Frederick Moore Vinson, 1890–1953, US Democratic politician

We spoke out, committed civil disobedience, and went to jail because the peace hangs senselessly and precariously upon weapons costing billions to build and billions to improve – weapons which become more useless as we add to their destructive force. With this money we could have fed the world’s people. Half the children on earth go to bed hungry – millions more have retarding and stunting protein deficiencies. Instead of building the peace by attacking injustices like starvation, disease, illiteracy, political and economic servitude, we spent a trillion dollars on war since 1946, until hatred and conflict have become the international preoccupation.

Daniel Berrigan, 1921–2016, American priest and peace activist

From Constantine to Blair, the idea of a just war only feeds the beast. There are no just wars. Only tragic ones.

Giles Fraser, Anglican priest, journalist, broadcaster

Civilisation is neither having electric lights nor airplanes, nor producing nuclear bombs. Civilisation is not killing, not destroying things, not making war. Civilisation is holding mutual affection and respecting each other.

Venerable Nichidatsu Fuji, 1885–1985, Japanese Buddhist monk, founder of peace pagodas in Britain

Nothing is more useless in developing a nation’s economy than a gun, and nothing blocks the road to social development more than the financial burden of war. War is the arch enemy of national progress and the modern scourge of civilized men.

King Hussein of Jordan, 1935–1999

Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.

Albert Einstein, 1879–1955, theoretical physicist, Nobel Physics laureate

The term ‘national security’ has a built-in contradiction. In the atomic age no national security is possible. Either we have a workable world security system or we have nothing.

Norman Cousins, 1915–1990, world peace advocate

The best way to honour our veterans is to stop making new ones.

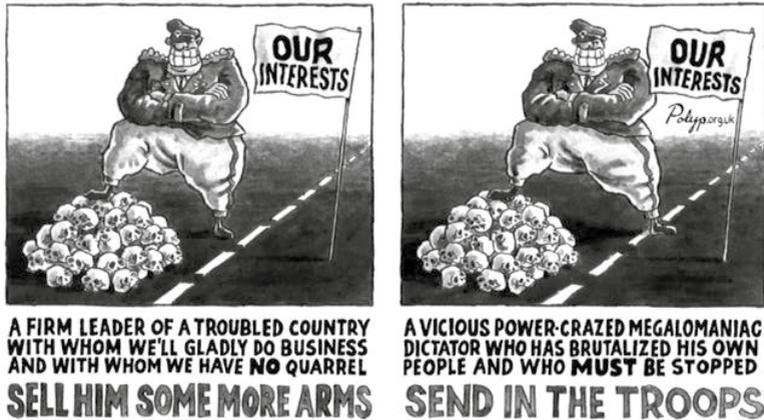
Paul Hawken, US environmentalist, activist, author

War is only glorious when you buy it in the Daily Mail and enjoy it at the breakfast table. It goes splendidly with bacon and eggs. Real war is the final limit of damnable brutality, and that’s all there is in it.

Rev Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, 1883–1929, WW1 army chaplain

Of course, all warring parties claim to have high ideals on their side. They claim to be fighting for their religion, or for democracy, or for national security, or to stem the menace of terrorism. But religion, democracy and security are the greatest casualties of war.

Satish Kumar, peace and environmental activist, teacher and writer



If you want to end war, then instead of sending guns, send books. Instead of sending tanks, send pens. Instead of sending soldiers, send teachers...

Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani student activist, Nobel Peace laureate

Join with the Earth and each other, to bring new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air, to renew the forests, to care for the plants, to protect the creatures, to celebrate the seas, to rejoice in the sunlight, to sing the song of the stars, to recall our destiny, to renew our spirits, to reinvigorate our bodies, to recreate the human community, to promote justice and peace, to love our children and love one another, to join together as many and diverse expressions of one warm loving mystery, for the healing of the Earth and the renewal of all life.

The Rev Dr Martin Luther King, 1929–1968, US Civil Rights leader, Nobel Peace laureate

History is instructive, and what it suggests to people is that even if they do little things, if they walk on the picket line, if they join a vigil, if they write a letter to their local newspaper – anything they do, however small, becomes part of a much, much larger sort of flow of energy, and when enough people do enough things, however small they are, then change takes place.

Howard Zinn, 1922–2010, US historian, playwright, social activist

The more we sweat in peace, the less we bleed in war.

Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, 1900–1990, Indian diplomat and politician

Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war.

Maria Montessori, 1870–1952, Italian physician and educator

If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children.

Mahatma Gandhi, 1869–1948, leader of India's Independence movement, proponent of non-violent resistance

It isn't enough to talk about peace, one must believe in it; and it isn't enough to believe in it, one must work at it.

Eleanor Roosevelt, 1884–1962, US First Lady, diplomat, activist

The War System relies on the daily participation of thousands and thousands of individuals to function; we can end this madness by refusing to participate at every level.

War is not the solution to the problems we face in the 21st century.

Ben Griffin, former British army SAS soldier, founder Veterans for Peace UK

War is the vilest thing in the world. Men come together to kill each other, they slaughter and maim tens of thousands and then they say prayers of thanksgiving for having slaughtered so many people. How does God look down and listen to them?

Leo Tolstoy, 1828–1910, War & Peace 1869

Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centres of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

Robert Kennedy, 1925–1968, US lawyer, politician, senator

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

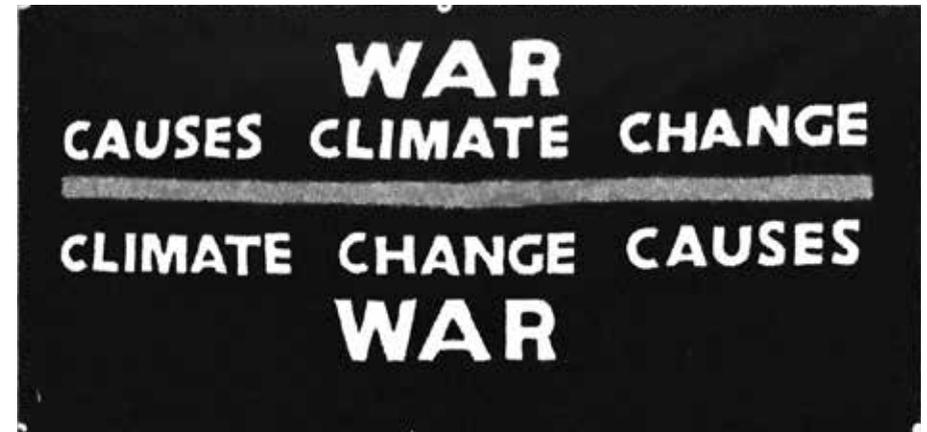
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The tax I pay should be for peace not war. I have the right not to kill during military conflict. So why am I forced to pay for others to do so on my behalf?

Mark Rylance, actor and director, peace activist, supporter of 'Conscience: taxes for peace not war'

The elephant in the kitchen when it comes to Climate Change is clearly the world's military. The world spends something like 2 trillion US dollars a year on its military. At least half of that vast sum goes on military production with a massive CO2 output. The military are both a major cause of climate change and hence, of the conflicts which result from the movement of peoples as deserts spread.

Bruce Kent, President of MAW, Vice President of CND



Movement for the Abolition of War banner

You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake.

Jeanette Rankin, 1880–1973, first woman US Senator

Civil disobedience is not our problem. Our problem is civil obedience. Our problem is that people all over the world have obeyed the dictates of the leaders of their government and have gone to war, and millions have been killed because of this obedience ... Our problem is that people are obedient all over the world in the face of poverty and starvation and stupidity, and war and cruelty. Our problem is that people are obedient while the jails are full of petty thieves, and all the while the grand thieves are running the country. That's our problem.

Howard Zinn, 1922–2010, US historian, playwright, social activist

Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed.

Opening lines of the UNESCO constitution

All war is a symptom of man's failure as a thinking animal.

**John Steinbeck, 1902–1968, novelist and author,
Nobel Literature laureate**

One day it's going to dawn on the human race that war is as barbaric a means of resolving conflict as cannibalism is as a means of coping with dietary deficiencies.

Bruce Kent, international campaigner for peace and justice

In the face of a failing world economic system and impending climate disruption, what is required is nothing less than a fundamentally new approach to security. If we are to avoid a highly unstable and violent world then we should start by recognising that war is obsolete.

Paul Rogers, Emeritus Professor of Peace Studies, Bradford

When we dream alone, it is nothing more than a dream; but when we dream together, it can become reality.

**Cora Weiss, former President of the Hague Appeal for Peace,
founder of Peace Direct, and much more...**

Do you know what astonished me most in the world? The inability of force to create anything. In the long run the sword is always beaten by the spirit.

Napoleon Bonaparte, 1769–1821

There is no trust more sacred than the one in the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and worry, and that they grow up in peace.

Kofi Annan

We must apply our humble efforts to the construction of a more just and humane world; and I want to declare emphatically: such a world is possible. To create this new society, we must present outstretched and friendly hands, without hatred and rancour, even as we show great determination and never waver in the defence of truth and justice – because we know that we cannot sow seeds with clenched fists. To sow we must open our hands.

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, Argentinian social activist



'Carbon Footprints' by Harry Davis

WASTE

Waste of Muscle, waste of Brain,
Waste of Patience, waste of Pain,
Waste of Manhood, waste of Health,
Waste of Beauty, waste of Wealth,
Waste of Blood, and waste of Tears,
Waste of Youth's most precious years,
Waste of ways the Saints have trod,
Waste of Glory, waste of God,
– War!

The Rev Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, 1883–1929, 'Woodbine Willie',
WW1 army chaplain

Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex and more violent. It takes a touch of genius – and a lot of courage – to move in the opposite direction.

Albert Einstein, 1879–1955, theoretical physicist, Nobel Physics laureate, genius

The only winners in war are the arms makers and war profiteers. Everyone else loses, no matter which side they are on ... the losses measured in lives, resources, and our collective humanity.

Leah Bolger, retired US military officer, former President US Veterans for Peace, anti-war activist

As we mark the centenary of the first world war, we should honour those who died, most certainly, and gratefully too, but we should never glorify. To tell the story is the only way we have left to remember, and the only way to pass it on. And it is important to pass it on, important for the men who died on all sides, all now unknown soldiers, for those who suffered long afterwards and grieved all their lives. And important for us too. If they gave their todays for our tomorrows, then, I am sure, after all they went through, and died for, they would wish to see us doing all we can to create a world of peace and goodwill, a world that one day will turn its back on war for good ...

Michael Morpurgo, writer, children's novelist, poet, playwright

In my country, Yemen, there have been years of conflict and endless suffering. Throughout history the emphasis has been on Wars – and Winning – and Losing. We urgently need a major shift of focus, so that our young people may instead learn about non-violent ways of resolving conflicts, and become engaged in building enduring peace.

Ahmed Bokash, engineer, asylum seeker from Yemen

What makes you think that the tears on a bereaved Palestinian mother's pillow are a different colour than those of a grieving Israeli mother? All mothers who have lost their beloved children share the same pain...

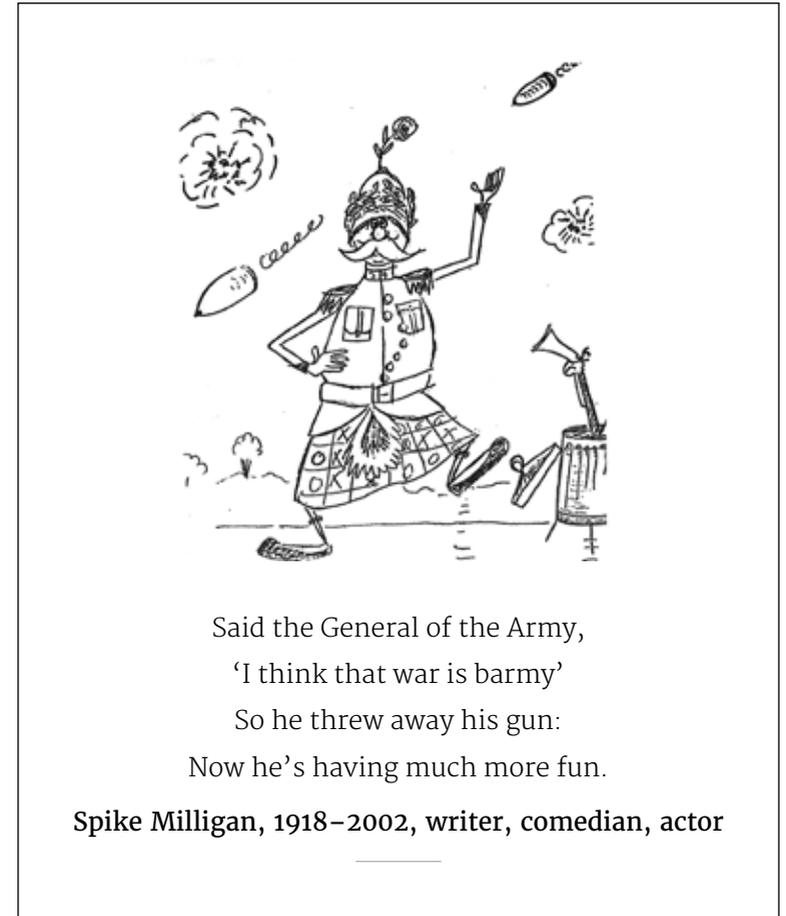
Ask Nasra ... ask Bushra ... ask Tamara ... ask Iris ... ask me ... and we will tell you that we are united in grief and will never give up hope for a better future for our children and grandchildren.

Punishment born out of revenge will only create more hatred and desire for more revenge. We have joined together to take Palestinians and Israelis on our personal journeys of reconciliation... Out of these interactions comes change. Not the kind of change that makes headlines, but a more personal and profound shift in perspective.

Robi Damelin, Israeli/Palestinian Bereaved Families Forum

Our generation faces two existential crises: climate change and enormous global inequality. To begin facing them down and to procure a just future, we need a united vision and united actions. Yet nothing tears us apart more savagely than war, which seems to be continually reinvented in more violent ways without end. Simply put: when we keep killing each other to extract more from the earth, how can we expect to preserve it? Only in a world where war is no longer 'normal' – one where nations can truly work together – can we hope to create the decisive change our Earth so desperately needs.

Khem Rogaly, student, MAW Youth Committee



I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine ... War is hell.

US General William Tecumseh Sherman, 1820–1891

NEVER GIVE UP

Be compassionate
Not just to your friends
But to everyone
Be compassionate
Work for peace
In your heart and in the world
Work for peace
And I say again
Never give up
No matter what is happening
No matter what is going on around you
Never give up

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama

Wars always finish with both sides sitting down and talking. Why the devil don't they do that beforehand?

Harry Patch, 1898–2009, last surviving soldier of World War 1

Peace may sound simple, one beautiful word - but it requires everything we have, every quality, every strength, every dream, every high ideal.

Yehudi Menuhin, 1916–1999, violinist and conductor

We did not make the planet, we do not own the planet and we have no right to wreck the planet. We are not freeholders, but tenants holding on trust the world in which we live. Irresponsible, greedy and violent, we have brought that world to the brink of destruction. We can blow it apart, pollute it, exploit it and turn it into a desert. Is that the way we want to go on? I doubt it. There is a deep goodness in the human heart and a conscience which will not be silenced ...

Bruce Kent from 'Building the Global Village'



Suggestions for using these quotations ...

Read through the collection, to get a sense of many voices ... or just dip in to it.

Enlarge a quotation or cartoon for the notice board in your staff room, waiting room, office, place of worship, or club.

Use quotes and images to spark the imagination of young people. Get them to choose one, talk about it, draw or paint it; take one as the starting point for a poem, a story, a rap, an improvised drama ...

Use the material to write a guided meditation for personal, or group use.

Include some quotes in a 'Thought for the Week' slot in your college, trade union, church or neighbourhood newsletter.

Set your automatic email signature to include one of the quotations.

Get extra copies of the booklet to use with groups. We will be happy to suggest lead-in ideas.

Use the collection for inspiration and to inspire action!

Other useful organisations and campaigns

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
162 Holloway Road, London
N7 8DQ
cnduk.org

Campaign Against Arms Trade
11 Goodwin St, London N4 3HQ
caat.org.uk

Conscience- Taxes for peace
conscienceonline.org

Forces Watch
forceswatch.net

International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
icanw.org

International Peace Bureau
ipb.org

Network for Peace
networkforpeace.org.uk

Pax Christi
paxchristi.org.uk

Peace Direct
peacedirect.org

Peace Pledge Union
ppu.org.uk

Peace Education Network
peace-education.org.uk

Quaker Peace and Social Witness
quaker.org.uk

Scientists for Global Responsibility
sgr.org.uk

Veterans for Peace
vfpuk.org

World Beyond War
worldbeyondwar.org

For films, DVDs, etc on War & Peace

Concord Media
22 Hines Road, Ipswich IP3 9BG
concordmedia.org.uk

Many other peace and justice organisations are listed in:
Housmans World Peace Diary and Directory
5 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9DX
housmans.com/diary.php

An online version of the quotations is downloadable on MAW's website. Extra copies of this booklet are available from abolishwar.org.uk/shop.html or by post at £1 each plus a contribution to postage. Please send your order and cheque made out to:

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MAW was formed in 2001 following the Hague Appeal for Peace in 1999. Our founder president was Professor Sir Joseph Rotblat FRS, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and our founder Chair was Bruce Kent.

The aim of MAW is to show that the abolition of war is a practical possibility, and to galvanise support to make this happen.

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These quotations will encourage many to realize that getting rid of war has long been a human hope. In our nuclear age it has become a survival necessity. This collection is not a reason for nostalgia but an inspiration for action from us all.

Bruce Kent

President of MAW

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