

## **WORLD PEACE: Closer to You and Me**

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We all live percipient as human being in the same progressive world of advance technology, and witnessing the development of the new era, and yet despite of advancement; terrorism, prejudices and wars are impediment toward progress of modernity life. For this impediment are still present in some places of countries in the world. These consequences results continuous hunger, injustice and death of innocence especially among children full of colorful dreams for their future yet end unjustly. Hatred and greed are still among those whose doing are wrong. They're the cause of suffering of others. It was right "Earth provide enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed" what Mahatma Gandhi pointed out. This self imposed treat comes from the rising fidgety minds and the chaos in the world. Can these be change to what was given prime importance even in the ancient world – peace.

We always aim to live closer to one another in harmonious way. To fulfill our goal we should understand within us the meaning of peace and act the way God's wanted. Did we really understand it meanings or we just simply neglect what is most needed in progressing community. The great mind of Albert Einstein said, "Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding", but why there are some leader of progressive country still uses weapons to achieve something, is that what they meant peace as stated in mutual assured destruction (M.A.D.) theory?. Are we are deaf or blind that we missed to read this simple understanding of great minds'? Should we still need to research it meanings or read books among various political ideologies, religious views of world peace and/or great scientist. Why others can't simply understand the meaning is within us. We must become the change we want to see for the future of the world. For according to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, "peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a mean by which we arrive at that goal." We should eliminate prejudices, terrorism and wars to achieve the real meaning of peace. They said, peace is the mother of progress. Without peace a nation cannot make any progress. Therefore, peace is every desirable by each one of us. We need to promote spiritual within ourselves rather than material value – love, cooperation, justice, equality and respect. For they are the ingredient as we started peace within us and understand the way of peace pilgrim; overcome evil with good, and falsehood with truth, and hatred with love for when you find peace within yourself, you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others. Prayer and nonviolence is weapon of strength.

We should look at where we standing and start the peace within us and share it with others not sooner or later but now. Education is the best medicine to an ignorance mind. We should begin to know what we don't understand. Mother Teresa said, "peace begin with a smile." It is indeed a journey of a thousand miles, and it must be taken one-step at a time. Peace should not be more than just a word it's in our act of simply smiles to be harmonious with other. For peace is within you and me and makes me closer to you.