

Peace

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I thought it would be easy to say something about peace; but the concept has reduced me. I do not know the meaning of peace. I have lived saturated in it all my life, marooned, in an air pocket of peace on a planet that has been at war. I have to imagine living in war to try to imagine what peace must be like after it. And I know that my imagination of war is a doll's house version of war.

Peace will always be a large part of national affairs. However, in today's world we often miss the true beauty of it. It is difficult to look to the news for anything but the compelling stories that follow war and hardship. This should never discourage us from reaching peace with our fellow human beings.

One can easily argue that human nature will prevent us from an everlasting peace with each other. Since the conception of the human race, there has been senseless killing and blood lust. While an everlasting peace may be impossible, there should never be a time when we are not trying. It is the struggle for peace that keeps the movement alive and passionate. People still starve on this planet but that does not cease humanitarian efforts from doing what they can to help. In the same sense countries should do everything they can do not give up on peace.

There are many that will argue that war and violence is needed to keep peace. This will always be up for debate. The one thing that will always be true, though, is the fact that humanity's overall progress as a race will never be at full potential until peace is achieved. Death does not discriminate. It kills scientists, writers, teachers, politicians, journalists, and anyone else who only lives under their flag. It also kills family members and people who are cherished by someone, somewhere. While people argue about the justification of a war, a soldier's mother weeps over the sacrifice of her son. War always has a chance to be in vain or for someone's personal gain, but peace will forever be for the better of the entire world.

What can the individual do to help? If one is really advocate about peace there will always be an abundance of events or ideas to consider. Young generation nowadays must lead by example, the movement for peace starts in our hometown. We should always attempt to make random acts of kindness even if you feel that the effect will be so small that no one will notice. We never know! We might just change someone's mind about going out of their way to be kind to others. Never forget the meaning while striving for peace. Refuse to strike back, in word or action. A conflict will never be resolved by more violence. It is an important part of the healing process to remember that nothing will be accomplished until the fighting stops. Peace is and will forever be an ongoing process and hurting others will only slow it down.

One person can help work for peace. It is up to you to put in the effort. Always remember that it will never be futile and never let anyone else tell you otherwise.