

**General Topics :: WAR! ... What is it Good For? ...****WAR! ... What is it Good For? ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/10/1 20:02**

When i was coming up, during the Vietnam war, there was a song called "WAR", sang by a man named Edwin Star ... He'd gruffly sing out "WAR! ... What is it good for"? ... Then he'd just a gruffly answer himself, "absolutely nothing"! ... i'm not so sure about that ... As awful as war is man's documentaries will tell you in retrospect what they thought it to be good for ... Just as God sometimes maps out in His scripture what it's good for in His useage towards His will being done here on earth as it already is in heaven ... Even our King of Peace has His sword ...

Ever since encountering Pastorfrin over on his thread ...

**Wars, Rumors of War and the Christians ...**

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... i've been doing some research on: WAR ...

i've started this new thread because Pastorfrin's thread has to do with the scripturally based ideal of Christians not starting and/or participating in war, whereas this thread is more about the reality that even professed Christians, and professed Christian nations have both started, and participated in wars ... This thread is not about declaring whether that's right or wrong in God's eyes, or if a Christian is saved or not if they start/participate in war, but moreso about the sobering historical facts of war, which seems to have become an inextricable part of mankind's life after the fall ...

i did a search in scripture and "war" must be mentioned some 300+ times ... War first began in heaven, when satan and a third of the angels were ousted by Michael and the good angels ... In some of the ancient Hebrew writings the story is told that one of the first things the fallen angels who came down to earth to cohabit with the daughters of man did, was to teach mankind how to war with one another, making known to them how to get metal out of the ground to make swords, etc ... Then after the Flood by the time the seeds of Noah's three son had multiplied enough for them to begin to war with one another, they went at it with gusto...

By the time God had groomed Israel into a nation, war became an everyday part of their existense initially as they had to war to get the land, then war to keep the land, and even Jehovah Himself was considered to be "a man of war" ...

**Exod.15**

**The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.**

Prophecy is full of predictions and God's utilization of war, and while mankind would be much better off without it even Christ Himself said ...

**Mark.13**

**And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.**

He said "wars and rumors of wars must needs be" ... What did He mean by that, it makes me wonder is war enevitable due only to the degeneration of man or does it also somehow fit as a necessity into God's plan? ... i've watched documentaries on the horrors of the Vietnam War ... Recently i've watched Ken Burn's Civil War Series, and as sad as that was to view that war seemed tame in weaponry of mass destruction when compared to what i'm seeing on his new WWII documentary .... Yikes! ... i'd seen pictures of the Holocaust before, and no matter how often i see them instead of getting desensitized they seem to even strike me with more horror, particularly because i know it's coming again in the Great Trib with even greater vengeance ... But the new WWII documentary is far more raw than anything i've seen previously, and the thing that strikes me most about it is that both WWI, and WWII, were participated in by many nations, and peoples, who considered themselves Christians ... It's interesting to hear in the WWII series, soldiers talking about Christ and having to kill in the same sentence, one particular that stood out for me was a man who'd taught Sunday School prior to enlisting

... It's also interesting to hear how many of the old WWII vets have no trouble in justifying the killing of the German Nazis, Italian Fascist and Japanese in their Christianity, as WWII is seen by them as a just war ... But the thing that really got me was when they said at least 40 million people died in WWII ... That's staggering, but no where near as staggering as what i've discovered from the links below ... i don't even want to try and imagine the surrealism that would be WWIII ...

#### List of wars

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_wars](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_wars)

#### List of wars involving the United States

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_American\\_wars](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_American_wars)

#### Military history of the United Kingdom

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military\\_history\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_history_of_the_United_Kingdom)

#### List of wars and disasters by death toll

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_wars\\_and\\_disasters\\_by\\_death\\_toll](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_wars_and_disasters_by_death_toll)

Wars really make this line in The Battle Hymn of the Republic come into a stark visualization for me ...

**"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord ... He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored ... He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword ... His truth is marching on".**

i know many saints who can't see God in any wars, they may be right, but i can and do, even tho i may be wrong ... All i know is Romans 9 says God has already chosen vessels of mercy (heaven bound) and vessels of wrath (hell bound) and it seems nothing that man does on this planet shas the massive capability of sending us to our consecutive pre-destinies like war, especially Civil and World Wars ... Just makes me wonder even more ... And then to top it off everything ends in war ...

#### Rev.12

**And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,**

#### Rev.13

**And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**

#### Rev.17

**These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.**

#### Rev.19

**And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**

**And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.**

Thank God, no matter what the origins and reasons for war, when He brings all to the following ...

#### Isa.2

**And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

#### Rev.21

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

**Re: WAR! ... What is it Good For? ... - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/10/1 22:45**

Rahman,

I did not read any of the links you posted but I do want to respond to the initial question you asked: "War! What is it Good for?"

This afternoon I was talking to friend. Her DH was a career military officer; her DD married a fellow who served time in Iraq and has now come home.

My friend told me how her SIL is so messed up because of the time spent there, said how it is happening to so many Iraq veterans; also told me he saw a lot of combat.

What is it good for? Messing up people all in the name of freedom, ah reckon. Oh yes, it fills the wallets of the manufacturers of war machinery and the ammunition it requires ...in other words it provides a lot of people with good paying jobs..

ginnyrose

**Re: WAR! ... What is it Good For? ... - posted by rookie (), on: 2007/10/2 1:57**

Brother Rahman quoted:

Quote:

-----Mark.13

And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.

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These Scriptures came to mind...

Revelation 6:

1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Rev. 6:3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

Rev. 6:5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behol

d, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

Rev. 6:7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." 8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

In Christ  
Jeff

**Re:, on: 2007/10/2 7:33**

I'm still on hiatus... so dont everyone get excited... lol.

I just wanted to mention that PBS is running a Ken Burns documentary on WWII called "The War". Altho PBS is a bastion of left wing liberal programming, I have seen most of the historical documentaries that Ken Burns has done, and found them to be very well done, and not slanted to one side or the other. His one on the Civil War was probably the best one.

Anyway... if you get a chance to see this one on WWII, it is fantastic, and he of course covers the causes of WWII. Things I never knew about. Europe and Asia were on fire and out of control... and it baffles my mind how some, even on this site, claim they would still argue against war even in 1939... even tho innocent people and children were being murdered, not by the thousands, but by the millions.

<http://www.pbs.org/thewar/>

Be that as it may... I highly recommend "The War" to everyone. Someone once said that if we forget the past we are doomed to repeat it.

Krispy

**Re: WAR! ... What is it Good For? ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/10/2 9:55**

Sis Ginnyrose you wrote;  
"I did not read any of the links you posted ..."

--- Then sis you missed the entire reason for this thread ... the amount of souls that are swept into either "heaven" or "hell" because of (post Christianity) wars ... And the amount of wars started and participated in by perhaps the two greatest bastion nations of Protestant Christianity, Britain and America ... On Ken Burn's WWII documentary last night i saw communion being taken on the battlefield (never saw that before) ... People and nations professing Christianity it seems have not stopped wars, but has instead been incorporated into war ... i've found it interesting that in many wars, with professing Christians on both sides, they're all praying to God for the victory ... The American Civil War was especially like this ---

Sis Ginnyrose you wrote;  
"What is it good for? Messing up people all in the name of freedom, ah reckon. Oh yes, it fills the wallets of the manufacturers of war machinery and the ammunition it requires ...in other words it provides a lot of people with good paying jobs.."

---Sis i understand your points, but they to me are the surface answers, the ones that dwell in the "natural", the same as when we blame world leaders and politicians for our wars, i'm more interested in the "supernatural" cause, the not so apparent "war" going on between God and satan in the invisible, that plays out in our visible, in fact is being played out with us as for lack of a better analogy like "chess pieces" ... As i said before we may look at wars in the natural as man's blunders, but (to me) in the super-natural i think they're more so strategy because all these conflicts move us ever closer to His Final War ... People call the present Iraq War Bush's war ... i wonder, is it just that simple in occurrence and explanation as his blunder, or is it a strategic move in the spirit realm as cause to some greater effect? ...

Yes guys are cracking up over there, and i'd think at a faster rate than say those of WWII ... i think old time American men were far different than modern recruits in that they did have a sense of self sacrifice to a greater cause than we do today ... We're more about self, and the thought of dying for just about anything makes us sick to our stomachs ... i think the Nam experience was a real horror to the idealistic youth that had to go there and see what they saw ... i often think that with my personality had it been God's will that i went, and come back, i'd probably be mentally and emotionally disabled ... i'd think the war in Iraq even harder on the troops, especially since they have to do so many tours ... It's got to feel like (too many) they're in a game of Russian Roulette ...

On the Ken Burn's WWII series last night it was stated that our government had determined then that a man could only do war for about 280 days before he went completely crazy ... i thought it would of been less than that, but i think it also took in account rotation ... It seems to me that American military is really too small now (not condoning but in observation) since the inception of the all volunteer army, and the stopping of the draft which i always thought an odd move (in Israel all are required to sign up for the military at a certain age) ... For a nation to survive i think the draft is necessary, and in America there's always the opportunity for anyone who is a CO to go before the authorities and say so like JW's and Quakers do ... i was raised JW, and at 17 was directed by my dad that i wasn't going to Nam, wasn't even serving in any capacity in the military, and was prepared to go to jail if i had to ... During that time i really believed the whole JW smiel, but all the while wanted to go into the AF like my uncles ... Anyhow i wound up not having to go, not even to jail ... So at least here in the U.S. they're open to saints whose conviction is not to fight, but then on the other hand i don't think it fair to question the salvation of others who choose to enlist ... i've had a few old saints tell me that God has a role for all of us to fulfill, i believe that tho the concept short circuits my brain in it's complexity, and in retrospect apparently mine wasn't to be in the military, whereas i believe some others apparently are ... i think of the promise that God gave to Japheth that he would be enlarged, and prosper ... That to me right there is a sure fire indication that wars would be in the making, and when we look back on history why were so many wars fought, European expansion into other folks territory, at which they had to defend ... Or the fact that there's always some aggressor, attempting to subjugate someone else ...

i think about WWII, as i watch this Ken Burn's documentary ... Hitler was a very bad guy ... They showed one clip where a soldier captured a German officer who knew exactly where little hometown in Connecticut was because Hitler already had plans of how he would subjugate the U.S. after his victory ... That's amazing to me ... It may be the ideal of Christianity not to war, to turn the other cheek, but that's not the historical reality ... We war, even Christians war, for not to do so on a national level would mean sure subjugation under tyranny ... The problem is tho, that mankind, even so called christian nations, have a tendency to do to others, what we fight so hard against at someone else doing to us ... That's seems to be the shameful hypocrisy, but none-the-less the reality of war ...

**Re: WAR! ... What is it Good For? ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/10/2 9:56**

Bro Jeff you wrote;  
"These Scriptures came to mind..."

---Amen ... That's one thing i see about wars too ... they fulfill God's prophecy ... ---

**Re: WAR! ... What is it Good For? ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/10/2 10:06**

Bro Krisp you wrote;  
"Europe and Asia were on fire and out of control"

--- Amen ... When one looks at the conflict of WWII in the natural it does look like things were out of control, but in the supernatural i think it the exact opposite, and was all a part of God's being in control, working out things down here towards His ultimate end in ways most of us can't even begin to fathom, because for one thing we've boxed God into our concept and definition of what it means to be a "loving" Creator, when His concept and definition of Himself is so far above our own understanding and comprehension ... People think that a God who uses bloodshed, and war, to His ends, can't be considered a loving God, it's one of the tenets used by atheist to lambast God, but true believer's know that God is "Lov

e" regardless of rather it makes any logical sense to us His ways and actions ...

PS - i think any Christian who looks at WWII and can't see in Hitler something/someone far more sinister than just a person in "the natural" has pretty dull spiritual spider senses ... To me Hitler is like the second glimpse of the ultimate Revelation anti-Christ (Antiochus Epiphanes being the first) ... Hitler reeked of evil, yet i believe him to have been an integral part of God's continual tramping out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored ... Hitler (my belief) would have never been allowed on the scene had he not been of some importance to the continuation of God's truth/will marching on ---

**GOD and me ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/10/2 10:11**

--- God knows everything ... i/we know nothing ... i often think about how when God sent the two angels (one of which it's been said was Christ Himself) to destroy Sodom and Gommorah, and they swung by Abraham's place, not only did God already know that there wasn't anyone in S&G representative enough to save the cities, but also already knew that Abraham would challenge Him in their regard ... What an advantage! ...

Unlike Abraham, who perhaps didn't even have a clue of this concept, in my life i know that God knows everything and i nothing, but when i wonder, or even attempt my own barter with Him, i exercise in the scripture that's my life verse: Jer . 33:3 - "Call unto Me, and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things you knowest not" ...

i want to know what God knows, not the shallowness of my own or other men's explanations or speculations seen thru a glass darkly, and i bug Him to no end until He either tells/shows me or shuts me down like Job, because i totally believe He is a rewarder of those who "diligently" seek Him ...

In light of the present tense situations in the world, particularly now surrounding the Iraq War and the economic precariousness of the U.S., i get the same sense of "powder-keg" as in watching the documentary on WWII, that there's way more going on in the supernatural regarding this, than meets the eye in the natural ... i bug God a lot about this ---

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2007/10/2 12:47**

Hi Krispy...

My wife and I have been watching this documentary. Last night's episode included mention of the pacifists who were compelled to serve. While they didn't want to shoot a rifle, they served as medics because they still believed in the cause.

I have often wondered whether or not a pacifist feels that there is ever a "cause" worth fighting for? Is there ever a "just cause?" Nearly every time that I ask this question, I am pointed to literature and beliefs of pacifist thought. In message boards, individuals seem to only "cut and paste" articles (with limited commentary) as the response to my questions.

I completely understand a tendency toward non-violence. However, I am somewhat convinced that a husband and father should protect the needs of his family. If a burglar were to break into my home and try to rape my wife (or in the future, my child), I would do everything possible to resist in order to protect. In my opinion, it would be a cause worth dying for. Yet my response would not be one of "hate" or a "lust for violence." Rather, I believe that it would be a righteous cause to protect my family.

Interesting enough, the pacifist's ideas (particularly, the ability to share them) are protected because of the ideas written into the Constitution of this nation. Do pacifists feel that such freedoms protected by the Constitution are worth safeguarding? Please don't misunderstand me: I don't hold the Constitution as a holy or infallible document. Yet I do understand and respect the principles that were included within it.

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Re:, on: 2007/10/2 13:00

There's a difference between a pacifist and non-resistance Christians.

Only one verse came to mind yesterday when I saw this thread.

**Mat 18:7 Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh!**

Re:, on: 2007/10/2 13:01

ccchhhrrriiiss...

My thoughts concerning the questions you have asked are well documented on this forum. Since I am on hiatus because I grew sick and frustrated of my words being twisted and misinterpreted, I will only refer to other threads where I voice my thoughts. I don't wish to become engaged in another worthless debate with someone.

But let's say that I do agree 100% with you.

One thing that pacifists do is they tend to paint anyone who believes that war has been justified from time to time throughout history as being blood thirsty hate mongers who just want to kill.

Not so.

General Lee, one of the most brilliant military minds in history said "It is well that war is so terrible, lest we grow fond of it."

General Sherman, the man who brought terrorism to the south during the same war, said "War is hell".

My father fought in Vietnam, and my grandfathers and their brothers all fought in WWII. They rarely spoke of what happened to them over there.

I've been in 3 combat zones. While I performed my duty, my #1 desire during those times was to get the heck out of there and go home.

I think service people who have been in combat are the greatest pacifists, while still understanding that at times... war is necessary.

It's interesting that the first episode of The War is titled "The Necessary War". He's right.

Everyone is free to comment on my words here, but please spare yourself the energy of trying to sway my opinions, or engage me in an argument. Neither will work.

Now we will resume our regularly scheduled hiatus...

Krispy

**Re: WAR! ... What is it Good For? ... - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/10/2 13:13**

Brother Rahman,

James has it pretty well covered.

James 4:1-17

From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Maybe this is why Jesus said:

Matthew 5:3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

If Jesus meant for us to be involved in war to fulfill the great commission then He would have said so.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Jesus said: "all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." He did not say, go ye therefore and make war to fulfill my will.

Jesus said to teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. We all know what He commanded them. To deny themselves, to take up their cross daily and follow Him.

The only place I see any saints following Him to war is when He comes back and then it is He, Jesus himself, who does the destroying.

2 Thes. 2:8-12

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Rev. 19:15

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.



Rev. 19:21

And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Notice, It Is HE, Our Lord who:

"and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."

Not man through war.

So tell me again what reading or watching war documentaries, about man at war with one another, will do for us.

Maybe prepare us for WWII?

Seems our time would be better spent doing:

Ephes. 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

2 Cor. 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

One other little thing that Jesus taught His disciples, (you know, the ones that were to teach us to observe all things, whatsoever He commanded them) this has always kind of settled it for me, that yes God is in charge, so we are as His children to be:

Matthew 10:16-22

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

You see for things to happen this way and for Him to ask us to react as He has; leaves no doubt that obedience to His will is how we endure to the end and are saved. Notice, these doves do not carry swords.

In His Love  
pastorfrin

**Re: - posted by cchhhrrriiss (), on: 2007/10/2 13:18**

Hi HE\_Reigns...

Quote:

-----There's a difference between a pacifist and non-resistance Christians.  
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I've been told this many times. Could you explain to me the difference between a "pacifist" and a "non-resistance Christian?" Here is the definition of "pacifism:"

Quote:

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1. opposition to war or violence of any kind.
  2. refusal to engage in military activity because of one's principles or beliefs.
  3. the principle or policy that all differences among nations should be adjusted without recourse to war.

Source: Unabridged Random House Dictionary of the English Language  
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I am very interested in this topic. I have wrestled with the notion myself. In the past, I have considered serving in the United States military. My wife (at the time, my fiancée) strongly expressed that I should not. I never wanted to join in order to kill or hurt someone. However, I do believe in the principles that founded this nation. Ultimately, I decided against such service (although I still consider it from time to time). I can honestly say, however, that if the United States was involved in another war like that of World War 2, I would sign up for service in a heartbeat. I'm not saying that I would want to be a sniper or another member of the infantry. But I honestly feel that WWII was a "just cause" and completely worth fighting (and dying) for.

:~)

**What Krispy and War have in Common ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/10/2 13:52**

Ya know bro Krisp I just realized what mankind's tendency to war, and your hiatus have in common ... Tho both WW's were supposedly the War to end all wars, like you on your hiatus, they just keep on coming back! :-P ...

Just a little levity within such a sobering subject :-D ...

WWII does seem to me like it was a necessary war, for Hitler as I've stated seems to me to have been more than met the natural eye, and then becoming in unison with an emperor as god worshipping Japan ... Many of the guys on Ken Burns's documentary said the Japanese soldier were the worst of the foes to fight ...

From what I remember of Vietnam it never seemed like a war that would possibly spill over into a WW, but this one in Iraq I'm not so sure about, especially if the U.S. begins incursion into Iran ...

Just writing here and don't expect a reply ... your being on hiatus and all ... :-P

**With Utmost Love & Respect ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/10/2 13:58**

Pastorfrin you wrote;

"So tell me again what reading or watching war documentaries, about man at war with one another, will do for us. Maybe prepare us for WWIII?"

--- Pastor at the beginning of this thread I stated this ...

**Quote;**

"I've started this new thread because Pastorfrin's thread has to do with the scripturally based ideal of Christians not starting and/or participating in war, whereas this thread is more about the reality that even professed Christians, and professed Christian nations have both started, and participated in wars ... This thread is not about declaring whether that's right or wrong in God's eyes, or if a Christian is saved or not if they start/participate in war, but more so about the sobering history

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rical facts of war, which seems to have become an inextricable part of mankind's life after the fall ..."

i don't know what it'll do for "us", and from your postings it'll do "nothing at all for you", but for me i still wonder a whole lot about wars, their origins, how and even do they fit into God's will and plan, and so i quest, and actually find it quite interesting that at this time the new WWII documentary is on TV ...

So bless God that you have all your answers and ducks all lined up in a row about this subject already :-D, but i don't :- ( and is why i didn't post my wonderings on the threads you started ... I'm interested in this subject and hearing other saints take on it, so as i'm pretty clear of your take (tho i'll surely read whatever you post ) i'll more than likely not be spending too much time answering you back unless our Lord hits me with a real revelation thru you ... And amen, maybe it will show me something in preparation for WWIII, because i find this war in Iraq a potential powder keg akin to the beginnings of WWII, especially if it goes over into Iran, and wonder what prophetic fulfillments it may bring ... Maybe none, but i wonder ---

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2007/10/2 14:40**

Hi pastor\_frin...

Quote:

-----So tell me again what reading or watching war documentaries, about man at war with one another, will do for us.

Maybe prepare us for WWIII?

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Leonard Ravenhill once said, "*The greatest thing that we learn from history is that men seldom learn from history.*"

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**Re: - posted by ginnyrose () , on: 2007/10/2 14:43**

Rahman wrote:

Quote:

----- i'm more interested in the "supernatural" cause,  
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Am I wrong when I assume this is the heart of your thread?

This may sound too simple for such a complex question: do we have to know? and why is this so important?

Let me illustrate: our 25 YO DD got a brain tumor (glioblastoma) and died 18 months after the onset of symptoms. She was married, had two little children, the youngest 9.5 months old. After reading Job I became convinced I do not have to know the answers to my whys. This belongs to God. Then I thought "well, I will ask him after I get to heaven. Then I decided that once I am there it will not matter." Presently, this is where I am at when there are situations whose answers are elusive, including the existence of wars. However, having said this, I do believe wars continue to prove to man the futility of attempting to solve problems man's way. Won't win, man! I also believe God uses whatever happens to his honor and glory. No event, no disaster occurs but that somewhere God is working drawing people to himself. He uses evil men to bring honor to him...consider Pharaoh. The problem we have in understanding this is because we are not omniscient, or all-knowing.

Sometimes I think males just love to fight, they seem to be wired to want to best another: there is this urge to put down another so he can be king. They love football, wrestling, boxing, plus a few other sports which require brawn. They excel. While these sports appear to be innocuous, they nevertheless underscore the male's innate desire to be ..... This need is not totally bad because Adam was created in the image of God and his basic desire was the need to be worshipped, not unlike most males I know. However, Adam sinned and completely messed up his wiring, his drives. Perhaps it would serve males (or better yet, everyone) better to follow Jesus' example and teaching of turning the other cheek.

Interestingly enough, when you consider all the wars that have been fought, I am not aware of any which occurred to protect defenseless Christians. Am I wrong? The Anabaptists were hunted like rabbits and killed - by the Reformers. Russia

, China and others killed Christians...anyone go to war to liberate them? And amazingly, while many died, the faith lived on. Their response in the midst of persecution had a greater impact than had they retaliated. "When I am weak, then I am strong" says Paul.

BTW: I did check out the links in the original post. Man never learns, does he?

My thoughts...

Blessings,  
ginnyrose

**Re:, on: 2007/10/2 15:41**

I have NOTHING left to lose - Bless God, so if anyone cares to read these, they're here, to be read in the order that they're posted. They merely represent my held opinion.

I don't have Brother Frin's gift of posting - nor do I care to go back and forth with other's sources, but all I feel is - we are all entitled to our own 'opinions' derived from whatever sources we choose. It's still a free country - by God's Grace only.

These are my opinions posted here and here I stand on this issue - but won't be back to argue those who disagree - because I don't like debates.

I just believe we post our beliefs and leave it there - and not try to twist somebody's head off to our way of thinking. Just post our opinion and leave it there - and then you won't have knock down dragged out ugly locked threads.

Fighting over opinions is playing GOD.

Again, to be read in the order posted for clarity and my opinion.

<http://threeworldwars.com/albert-pike.htm>

<http://threeworldwars.com/albert-pike2.htm>

<http://threeworldwars.com/overview-print.htm>

Peace to all.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/2 15:45**

Quote:

-----So tell me again what reading or watching war documentaries, about man at war with one another, will do for us.  
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So, does this mean you see no point in reading the great war documentary of all time? You know, the one written by God... called the Old Testament. Most of the Old Testament is about wars, and not just wars, but wars in which God instructed His people how to fight them. And wars in which God used another nation to punish His people.

Krispy

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Re:, on: 2007/10/2 15:51

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We read the VOM and wondered the same thing.

China just gets our technology and most favored trade nation status and red carpet treatment - just for one.

When you've read VOM long enough and know which countries massacre Christians the most - it does make one wonder - good point sister.

PLEASE SAINTS NO UGLINESS! ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/10/2 15:57

HE\_REIGNS wrote;  
"I just believe we post our beliefs and leave it there - and not try to twist somebody's head off to our way of thinking. Just post our opinion and leave it there - and then you won't have knock down dragged out ugly locked threads." ...

---Amen ... **May God forbid! ... This thread wasn't started for debate or argument**, it was started because I wanted to hear other saints' opinions about wars ...

Thanks for the links, I anticipate reading them! --- :-D

Re: - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/10/2 16:47

Quote:  
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ccchhrrriiiss wrote:  
Hi pastor\_frin...  
Quote:  
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Maybe prepare us for WWII?

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Leonard Ravenhill once said, "*The greatest thing that we learn from history is that men seldom learn from history.*"

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Yes Chris,  
Brother Ravenhill is absolutely right. Men seldom learn from history, this is often in evidence as men continue to try and disprove even our Lord Jesus Christ, by insisting they will fight, but for the kingdoms of this world.

John 18:36-37

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

In His Love  
pastorfrin

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2007/10/2 17:18**

Hi pastorfrin...

Quote:  
-----Yes Chris,  
Brother Ravenhill is absolutely right. Men seldom learn from history, this is often in evidence as men continue to try and disprove even our Lord Jesus Christ, by insisting they will fight, but for the kingdoms of this world.  
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I hope that you are not insinuating that I would fight for "*the kingdoms of this world.*" There is a strong difference between fighting for a king, a kingdom, or for a CAUSE that someone feels is right.

Are you telling me that you would not do anything necessary to protect something that you believe or hold dear -- like your wife or children? Ecclesiastes tells us, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven."

:-)

**Re: With Utmost Love & Respect ... - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/10/2 18:14**

Brother Rahman,

Please forgive me, for I believe my first post to this, your thread, was taken by some quite different than it was intended.

First, you are right in assuming my being settled in Biblical non-resistance. I can assure you of that Brother. That being said does not mean I do not read, listen and learn from others, always keeping in mind that God's Word must take precedence above all, no matter how patriotic or emotional the topic may be. Feelings can never be our source in anyway, for what we put our faith in.

Second, this statement and question was not made in disrespect to your thread.

“So tell me again what reading or watching war documentaries, about man at war with one another, will do for us. Maybe prepare us for WWII? ”

Let me explain, if I would even attempt to watch a program or movie in our home that had anything to do with war, documentary or war movie, my family would have the power turned off.

You see just as I saw when I was a child the effect it had on my dad, my wife and children have seen it in me.

At my place of employment, those who have experienced the horror of real combat do not want anything to do with watching it, talking about it, or reading about it. The past to one who can see it repeating itself, without Christ would be horrifying.

Brother, look at all the video games, movies, magazines and children's toys which promote war.

You can now become a soldier, fight any given enemy, suffer death numerous times and if you become proficient enough, Win. With no wounds, no blood and no clean-up; but with something scientist say is a conditioning to do in reality what you have been playing. Hard for me to wrap my mind around as being from God.

Why do you think this is so? You see my question was not a dig against you or your thread, but an honest question.

What are we all being prepared for?

If we are founded in the Lord Jesus Christ, trusting completely in His accomplished work, then we will do those things which are pleasing in His sight and we have nothing to fear.

My hope and prayer is that we all will be found there, together in Him.

In His Love

pastorfrin

**Re: - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2007/10/2 19:04**

Hi all,

Although I lean very much towards NR, I still have several questions like, if war is wrong then why did the Holy Spirit write through Paul having him use war as an example of the Christians life? If it wrong then wouldn't you use a different example?

Jordan

**Re: WAR! ... What is it Good For? ... - posted by ZealForTruth, on: 2007/10/2 19:06**

Ephesians 6:12-13

"12 For our struggle is NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the SPIRITUAL FORCES OF EVIL in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."

Some people will say to this, imagine if everybody believed like that and nobody would go to war. Terrorists would rule the world. But what did Jesus tell the man who wanted to bury his father and then follow him? "Let the dead bury their dead". In other words, let the SPIRITUALLY dead people bury their dead.

And I think this is true for war - let the spiritually dead people wage war against terrorists. We have a much more important war to wage - a spiritual one.

**Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2007/10/3 4:46**

I watched the last episode of the Ken Burns documentary earlier this evening. I missed all the other episodes. What came to my mind was the memory of my father and what he once told me. He never wanted to talk about his experience. He was in the Pacific theater in WW II and also the Korean Conflict.

He once felt the need to tell me about his relationship with God when I had mentioned to him that I was attending a Protestant church in my college years. He drove three hours to where I was attending college to sway me back into the Catholic Church.

He told me of the time when he was in charge of a machine gun nest in Korea. He said he prayed fervently to God to save him from the onslaught that was about to hit them. God protected him that day. He and his fellow men were taken as POWs on that day. He never talked about it again.

Yet, after all that he had been through, he still raised us to fight for the American dream. But that dream eluded him when he lost his job in the steel mill. I saw a man broken without hope. He lived for 52 years fighting for that dream. He lived another 28 years, a broken man. He spent more time in church. He had prayer partners. His whole nature changed from what he once was. When he died, he was more like the disciples that Jesus described in the Beatitudes.

Whether it is war or some other cause...this Scripture comes to mind more and more as I witness the events of my generation...

Is. 30:28 His breath is like an overflowing stream,  
Which reaches up to the neck,  
To sift the nations with the sieve of futility;  
And there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people,  
Causing them to err.

In Christ

Jeff

Re: WAR! ... What is it Good For? ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/10/3 10:17

Sis Ginnyrose you wrote,

"Rahman wrote: Quote: i'm more interested in the "supernatural" cause, Am I wrong when I assume this is the heart of your thread? This may sound too simple for such a complex question: do we have to know? and why is this so important?"

--- No sis i don't HAVE to know, but when i wonder about such things i figure this too is amongst "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" ... i'm not much on bugging God about material things, i bug Him a lot about spiritual things, especially in understanding, and specifically in discerning the times ...

i can't really give a good explanation as to why spiritually "such things that are importants to me are" except to say that i believe He's groomed/chosen me to be this way ... If i had a choice i'd rather be more "normal", but i'm always thinking about God and what He's up to, especially when times are as ours are now ... In a lot of ways even i have to admit that i'm spiritually weird ...

Another thing is that i hear so many saints really diparage and berate Pres. Bush as an idiot, laying the Iraq War totally at his feet, and while some wars may be instituted of the devil (i never believe man has chief responsibility for wars because scripture says it's the devil who misleads nations), i'm not fully convinced that God too does also manuver mankind into war (as the OT surely attest) even in NT times if it suits His purpose, especially if that purpose is to bring further, and faster calamity on His hard headed people, as i believe He's doing in regards we Laodicean's in the U.S. ...

When i read the following scriptures ...

Rev. 6:3

- When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 4 Another horse, fier y red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

i think who "granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth"? ...

Rev. 6:7

- When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." 8 So I looke d, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power wa s given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

i think who granted "Death and Hades the power over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, an d by the beasts of the earth"? ...

Peace is already taken from the earth, death and hades already rule over mankind, but the Revelation here speaks of sp ecial priveledge in God's employ of carnage more than usual being done ... i wonder if this is only a Trib, Great Trib phe nomena, or have we seen similar glimpses in both past WW's? ---

Sis Ginnyrose you wrote,

"I do believe wars continue to prove to man the futility of attempting to solve problems man's way. Won't win, man! I also believe God uses what ever happens to his honor and glory. No event, no disaster occurs but that somewhere God is w orking drawing people to himself. He uses evil men to bring honor to him ... consider Pharoah. The problem we have in understanding this is because we are not omniscient, or all-knowing."

---Amen ... that's why i wrote, "i want to know what God knows, not the shallowness of my own or other mens explanatio ns or speculations seen thru a glass darkly, and i bug Him to no end until He either tells/shows me or shuts me down lik



e Job, because i totally believe He is a rewarder of those who "diligently" seek Him" ...

You know one thing about ole Pharoah, Romans 9 says God hardened "his" heart, but it was his entire army that payed for that hardening with they're own lives ---

Sis Ginnyrose you wrote,

"Sometimes I think males just love to fight, they seem to be wired to want to best another: there is this urge to put down another so he can be king. This need is not totally bad because Adam was created in the image of God and his basic desire was the need to be worshipped, not unlike most males I know. However, Adam sinned and completely messed up his wiring, his drives. Perhaps it would serve males (or better yet, everyone) better to follow Jesus' example and teaching of turning the other cheek."

--- The fallen drive is "satanic" and it's a horrible replacement of what Adam originally had ... He had no desire to best, to be king, or to be worshipped, that's all of our adversary the devil ...

Yes it would be better for all saved men to follow Jesus instructions, but we don't, which is also partly the reason for this thread, so because we don't all agree on a saints capacity in war, God already knew this too and i wonder even how this fits into His plan ...

You know sis, like you said, perhaps i'm over stepping my bounds in such wonderings and pray God if i am that He'll back me down ... i trust Him to do so because He's done it before ---

Sis Ginnyrose you wrote,

"BTW: I did check out the links in the original post. Man never learns, does he?"

--- Not on this side of glory ...

Bless you too in Christ Jesus sis! ---

**Re: WAR! ... What is it Good For? ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/10/3 10:20**

Brother Pastor,

i'm not taking your posts personally, but i think as they're meant, as your scripturally based convictions on this subject ... i've not started this thread in opposition of those ideals of Christ and Christianity, but moreso in wonderment of the reality of ALL Christians apparently not following those ideals judging from the amount of wars attributed to Christian nations alone, and the amount of Christians who fight in them, and in really deep ponderings of how all this fits into God's plan, and if some of our present wars (like this Iraq War) could possibly be God maneuvering mankind into war (as the OT surely attest) if it suits His purpose, especially if that purpose is to bring further, and faster calamity on His hard headed people, as i believe He might just be doing in regards we Laodicean's in the U.S. ...

You know i was thinking last night that maybe i might have a warped understanding of God's exercising of His will ... To me i see God's will as "If He don't approve, it can't move" ... Even in our own lives i know were supposed to have "free will", but it seems to me that even our free will is encapsulated in His will, and His will superceeds all (if not outmaneuvers all) ... i believe there's a scripture in Proverbs that says something like, "we plan our lives, but God orders our steps", and in light of Romans 9 of we who are "pre-destined and called" i really believe that ... All of us seem to be pre-destined by God to be either vessels of (His) mercy or vessels of (His) wrath ... i once heard a preacher say that if we're pre-destined by God to be saved, even tho we may have no idea of it, circumstances in our lives will work us toward that salvation ... Do you believe this, if not how do you see it? ... i myself believe that God has called me to tasks, even before the setting of the foundation of the world, and that He's known me even before i was in my mothers womb ... Do you believe this of yourself? ... My mom and Dad used to joke with us kids that had my Dad who'd enlisted in the army and was on his way to Korea hadn't contacted Rheumatic fever his life's circumstances would have been different, he'd have never met m

y Mom, and i wouldn't be here ... Life's happenstance, or God's directing hand? ... Are we here by chance, or by His appointment? ... Or if that's too broad are SOME OF US here just by chance, or like Jeremiah by his all seeing, and overseeing appointment? ... Maybe i'm tripping but i believe i'm here by pre-destined appointment, placed exactly where He's wanted me to be placed, me planning my life before i ever came to the realization that He's been ordering my steps ...

Way after i got saved (1979) i got into a conversation with some saints, some of them Nam Vets, and they were really surprised to find out i hadn't been in Nam ... They asked me how i had escaped, and i got to telling them about my JW upbringing, and how that kept me out of the war, and an old sister blurted in and said, "You didn't go because it wasn't God's will for you to go, that was just His way of your escape" ... That really struck me because i knew a lotta guys that did, many not returning, and i replied, "How can you say that"? ... She stated the old adage, "God works in mysterious ways ...", then finished with "It's apparent it wasn't His will for your life, you didn't go" ... That's what started me on once a thing is past it must be God's will because if He wanted to change it He would have ... It was also in this Pentecostal setting that i first began to hear old saints also say to me, "It's apparent that God has His hand on you" ... i believe this of myself, actually i believe it of all saints, do you believe this of yourself? ...

You know also i have a real fear of flying (tho i would have joined the AF in my youth) and saints are always saying to me i should have no fear because nothing can happen to me until it's my time, or as i've transcribed it "i can't be removed, unless God approves" ... But all that to say this, and perhaps this is where our Lord might use you in a new revelation to me in that i might be misconstruing the extent of God's will in our lives ... As pre-destined children of God i've come to believe that it wasn't God's will for me to go to Nam, so i didn't ... But on the other hand, you, and many other saints did, with even some like yourself coming back ... i see this ALL as apparently God's will being done in our lives because it's past and we're still here ... Am i bugging here, or is there a degree of happenstance, or the exercising of free will that i'm missing? ... It seems out of all the three religions come out of Abraham, Christianity is the only one that attempts to separate God from what we perceive as bad things happening, but the Bible shows that in order to get to His ultimate good things will get ultimately worse ... But God Himself doesn't seem to do that ... We say look at the horrors man is doing ... God says, "I Am the Alpha and the Omega, and nothing moves unless i approve" ... We say look at the horrible things satan and his crew is doing ... God says, "I Am the Alpha and the Omega, and nothing moves unless i approve" ... Folk are looking at this present war, and it's all, "Bush, Bush, Bush, Bush" ... People want to play semantics by saying God has permissive will and His sovereign will, but again in the finality "nothing moves unless God approves" ... That's why i asked over on the other thread ...

- Where do you think God fits into all this? ...

- Do you think He's just sitting up there in heaven watching us bumble around as we do? ... or ... - Do you think He's still maneuvering leaders (like Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar) and governments (Egypt to Rome recorded) like He did in the OT/NT, or after Christ has He just decided to let us all go at it in our own? ...

- Most saints believe that satan is always active in world events, even that he causes everything we perceive as bad to happen, but could God still be rubbing nations against nations today as He did in the OT and if so could He still be effecting nations to war? ... Or do you think that since God knows all that He's just allowing us to do what He knows we're gonna do until we run down to the end of The Revelation? ...

- He's used wars, and economic hardships, on His people Israel in the past to get their attention, do you think He's capable of doing similar to His Church here in the U.S., or do you think after Christ He's become much too much of a loving God to ever whack us like that? ...

- Do you think that maybe perhaps occasionally, from time to time, He just might stick His finger in our affairs to turn things in a direction He might want it to go? ... Or do you think our bloody history all a matter of chance, with God somehow riding His final will atop it like a surfer on a wave? ...

- Or do you believe that God has His hand in everything in such ways that we can't even begin to fathom, and often don't want to think about because it just completely goes against the grain of our picture and perception of God, and what He's capable of doing? ...

Brother Pastor you wrote;

"Brother, look at all the video games, movies, magazines and children's toys which promote war. You can now become a soldier, fight any given enemy, suffer death numerous times and if you become proficient enough, Win. With no wound

s, no blood and no clean-up; but with something scientist say is a conditioning to do in reality what you have been playin g. Hard for me to wrap my mind around as being from God.

Why do you think this is so? You see my question was not a dig against you or your thread, but an honest question. Wh at are we all being prepared for?"

---Pastor nowhere have i said anything about "war toys" of any kind being from God, but their developement is allowed by Him, and mankind's continued degredation is also allowed under His "long suffering", but as sis Ginnyrose said, all that's transpiring will ultimately end up to His glory, and the fulfill ing of His most horrific prophecy - The Revelation ...

So what do i think we're all being prepared for? ... The bloody, and awful conflicts, between "the begining of sorrows" an d "The Great Tribulation" ---

Brother Pastor you wrote;

"If we are founded in the Lord Jesus Christ, trusting completely in His accomplished work, then we will do those things w hich are pleasing in His sight and we have nothing to fear.

My hope and prayer is that we all will be found there, together in Him."

--- Amen :-D ---

**Re: WAR! ... What is it Good For? ... - posted by psalm1, on: 2007/10/3 10:55**

Rahman, Some men are cooks some are doctors and some are warriors.

Some are so cowardly they would not help a woman in need if they witnessd her getting assaaulted.

What a tremendous misunderstanding in the body of christ.

Of course a nation MUST have a military and men must fight and die if needed to protect life and property.

Read how the orientals skin men alive. You think war is bad think of the alternative.

Look at it this way ....if you have a family and are attacked what do you tell that attacker? Jesus loves you.?

Or go to the silent mode and take care of business?

You have an obligation to your family and an obligation to your country.

....David

**Re:, on: 2007/10/3 15:10**

Quote:

-----Ccchhhrrriiisss wrote:

Hi HE\_Reigns...

Quote:

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There's a difference between a pacifist and non-resistance Christians.

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I've been told this many times. Could you explain to me the difference between a "pacifist" and a "non-resistance Christian?"

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Hi Chris, I'll just post some Excerpts from **PACIFISM AND BIBLICAL NONRESISTANCE** by J. C. Wenger

**When one turns away from theoretical considerations to actual life, however, he discovers that the terms pacifis m and nonresistance are not always Synonymous. Guy F. Hershberger distinguishes pacifism from biblical non resistance in four respects: (1) The pacifist may devote his labors to the abolition of war, making international p eace his major goal, while the New Testament nonresistant is concerned primarily to bring men and women to t he experience of "peace with God" through responding to the glorious gospel of Christ in repentance and faith. The ensuing relationship of peace-both with God and with men-is far deeper and more meaningful than the abse**

nce of warfare. (2) Pacifism as a movement does not always reckon as seriously as it should with the depths of sin in the human heart, and consequently, is overly optimistic about the possible abolition of war. (3) Pacifism sometimes fails to recognize the role of the threat of force in the peace-keeping function of the state -- in the preservation of law and order. In this task, the state functions as an agent of the wrath of God against sin, and even employs the threat of bodily harm if the evildoer resists. (4) Finally, the pacifist sometimes fails to see his role as one of absolute nonresistance and a willingness to suffer injustice, and to overcome evil with good, and he compromises an absolute position by "nonviolent resistance"-by behavior which is more Gandhian than Christian

Its uniqueness consists mainly of the absoluteness with which it follows the principle of suffering love and nonretaliation. It renounces any and all activities which violate human personhood, or which bring destruction or damage to men, women, and children. Its most unique ethic is, therefore, its renunciation of military service. This stand is based squarely on the teaching and the example of the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus. He assured His disciples that just as it was necessary for Him to fulfill His mission by bearing His cross to Golgotha, so must those who wish to be His disciples take up their individual crosses (what it may cost them, even unto death, to be Christians and to be following Him daily). While the history of the church is not normative, for many a time God's people have turned aside to various aberrations of doctrine and ethics (mostly in the form of compromising with the worldly methods of an unregenerate society), yet nonresistant Christians are encouraged when they learn from history that in the early centuries the dominant ethic of the church was one of absolute love and the rejection of any and all forms of military service.

Jesus Christ lived in a land which was occupied by a foreign government. That government was arrogant, thinking to bring peace and security to the world by being the 'benign ruler' of as much of it as it could conquer! Rome's domains stretched from North Africa to England. Some of the Jews, the Zealots, thought it advisable to advocate the overthrow of the Roman occupation of Palestine by force. The Lord Jesus showed no interest whatever in joining forces with the Zealots. Rather, He seems to have taken one of them, given his zeal a new turn -- that of building the kingdom of God by spiritual means and methods-and made of him an apostle, one of the Twelve, Simon the Zealot by name.

The basic presupposition of the nonresistant position is the biblical doctrine of the two kingdoms: the kingdom of Christ which is entered by the new birth, whose task is the evangelization of society and the nurture of the saints, whose method is the proclamation of God's Word, whose only sanction is excommunication from the church, and whose ethic is love and the (believer's) cross. The other kingdom is that of this world, and in this realm the function or calling of the group is the maintenance of law and order, the means of control is by law, the sanction is the threat of force, and its attitude toward the church may vary from Romans 13 to Revelation 13 (benign government vs. persecuting "beast"). Involved here is the nonresistant's understanding of the separation of church and state. The church as church does not dictate to the government nor give specific instruction on how to cope with various threats to its welfare or existence. Likewise, the government should not attempt to instruct the church on its message or its methods of operation. If the church minds its proper business of BEING GOD'S PEOPLE ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, and if the government attends to its proper business of giving praise to those who do well and serving as a minister of wrath for those who do evil, THERE WILL BE NO CONFLICT BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE. Seen in this light, there is no place for political pressure upon the government from its nonresistant subjects (citizens). But it would appear perfectly in order for such Christians to direct respectful petitions to the government, pleading for a freer atmosphere or climate in which to proclaim the Word of God and to carry on the good works characteristic of the saints of Christ, as well as for the rectification of social injustice.

This is, declares the absolutist, also the calling of the Christian. He is not here to administer justice, to punish evildoers, or to take up arms for the rights of the oppressed. His calling is to be a herald of the saving gospel of Christ, to be an agent of reconciliation, proclaiming by life and by lips that Christ does save from sin. He does set men free from the tyranny of Satan. He does bring peace-both peace with God and peace with one's fellowman. The nonresistant does not attempt to instruct the government on specifics as to how to cope with organized crime, prostitution, the liquor industry, racial injustice, and the like. But he does attempt to give a clear witness that God commands all men everywhere to repent, that any violation of the ethic of love in human relations is sin, that any activity or business which degrades persons is a major evil, and that it is the will of God that society should be "colorblind," showing equal love and providing equal opportunities for all men-regardless of how much or how little pigmentation they may have. President John R. Mumaw has attempted to spell out the difference between this historic doctrine of absolute nonresistance and its paler and perhaps less biblical half brother, pa

cifism, in his essay, **Nonresistance and Pacifism (Scottsdale, Pa., Second Printing, 1952).**

**PACIFISM AND BIBLICAL NONRESISTANCE ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/10/3 17:25**

Thanks He\_Reigns, good article ... i'm learning some things here ...

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--- Hmmm ... so that's whose those few voices in both Christian Britain's and America's history we're, "the nonresistant" .  
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It seems that in America's past history there weren't very many Christian "pacifist" or "non-resistants" ... The motto seemed to be more "praise the Lord and pass the ammunition" ... Today the U.S. has an all volunteer military, i think many of them are in for many other reasons than "patriotism" ... Today it seems we've become much more of a "i don't want to do anything that's a self sacrifice" society, whether the warfare is physical or spiritual ...

Blessings in Christ Jesus! ---

**Thank God for Salvation! ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2007/10/3 17:51**

Bro Jeff,

--- i saw the last episode last night too, and what always comes to my mind is that America, the Christian nation, developed and dropped the atom bomb twice, usuring in a rush from all the other nations to get it, and they've been hell bent toward it's attainment ever since ...

**Being saved is a real comfort in a world increasing in madness ...**

**Re: PACIFISM AND BIBLICAL NONRESISTANCE ... - posted by rookie (), on: 2007/10/5 2:23**

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Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Let Him renew our minds daily...so that we are no longer "conformed to this world."

1Cor. 13:4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

God Bless  
Jeff

**Re:, on: 2007/10/5 4:36**

Brother Jeff, you're a Saint. Thank you for all of your posts through-out this site, which exalt His Word above all else. God Bless you with even more power - strength and wisdom from Above.  
Psalm 119

**Re:, on: 2007/10/5 5:57**

Quote:

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ZealForTruth wrote:  
Ephesians 6:12-13

"12 For our struggle is NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the SPIRITUAL FORCES OF EVIL in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."

Some people will say to this, imagine if everybody believed like that and nobody would go to war. Terrorists would rule the world. But what did Jesus tell the man who wanted to bury his father and then follow him? "Let the dead bury their dead". In other words, let the SPIRITUALLY dead people bury their dead.

And I think this is true for war - let the spiritually dead people wage war against terrorists. We have a much more important war to wage - a spiritual one.

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moe wrote:

If this were the case, the US constitution would have never been written that gave religious freedom to worship HIM in Spirit and in truth. It has lost some of its zeal because of past rulings by some liberal judge as we speak. If the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower compact had not considered God their source to give them resources, the US would have had no resources to help and defend others who wanted the same freedom and pursuit of happiness to live in freedom, until Jesus comes for HIS church and total freedom. Many American missionaries would have never had the opportunity to spread the gospel around the world. The whole world would be under rule of an evil dictator of some sort, such as Hitler. God gave us a brain to use, why use it!!! The devil wants to fog up the brain and put all of us in captivity but God wants us free and serving HIM, resisting evil, as the story in the children of Israel getting free from Pharaoh until God took them across the Red Sea and the Jordan. I don't believe anyone likes war but the enemy, the devil who works through a greedy evil people who cause it, as in 9/11. And those who give the families of suicide bombers 25000 dollars to blow up people, as Saddam Hussein did before he was removed. When we see people, who claim to be of the faith, singing the same song as the liberals are singing about abortion, homosexuality, and war, what conclusions can we draw from that scenario?

**Re:, on: 2007/10/7 3:01**

someone pasted:

Rev. 6:3

- When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

i think who "granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth"? ...

Rev. 6:7

- When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." 8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

i think who granted "Death and Hades the power over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and

d by the beasts of the earth"? ...

Peace is already taken from the earth, death and hades already rule over mankind, but the Revelation here speaks of special priveledge in God's employ of carnage more than usual being done ... i wonder if this is only a Trib, Great Trib phenomena, or have we seen similar glimpses in both past WW's? ---

moe wrote:

If you in Christ you will already be with Jesus when this takes place Bubba.

**Re: WAR! ... What is it Good For? ..., on: 2007/10/7 12:52**

If we could put past wars behind us just for the moment and get our heads wrapped around "these days" that we're living in - and see that the First Horse of Rev - has already been released and the second horse that Moe mentioned is coming up reasonably soon - we may know that this next war will usher in AntiChrist.

That is if we're reading Daniel 8.

The mention of when God takes His protective Hand off of the world in Revelation has nothing to do with past wars.

So to answer the title of this thread - I'd have to say - to usher in AntiChrist.

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2007/10/7 14:20**

Hi HE\_Reigns...

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I think that it is highly speculative to state (and from my opinion, extremely UNLIKELY) that the "first horse" of Revelation has already been released -- particularly if it is trying to be associated with the peacekeeping operations in Iraq.

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**Re:, on: 2007/10/7 14:30**

It's still a free country bro - so think as thou wilt. :-)

That's all "Forums" are anyway - everyone just posting things "as they see it".

Have a Great day!

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2007/10/7 15:46**

Hi HE\_Reigns...

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You're right -- it is free. And the thanks for that is due, no less, to a few wars that secured it and to a strong military meant to preserve it. In a sense, it is "free" for us -- but it did not come cheap. Many paid for it with "blood, sweat and tears." The cop out would be to say that "God raised up America" -- unless we acknowledge that it came through the war that started with "the shot heard around the world."

But I don't mean to say that you don't have a "right" to make your claim about the First Horse of the Apocalypse. You have every right to believe that -- regardless of whether you're right or wrong. I just think that we should be quick to make such a distinction as of a "conclusion" rather than presenting it as a "fact."

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Re: - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/10/7 17:57

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It seems you have failed in all your wisdom to compare your history with the Word of God, or you have possibly mistakenly replaced the Word of God with your history.

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Romans 13:1-10

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

1 Peter 2:13-17

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

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Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

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Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

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**Re:, on: 2007/10/7 20:08**

Ah Chris,

Quote:

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Sigh.

There's a psychological philosophy that can be developed and expounded on from just this one sentence and most especially regarding Forums.

If after 30 years of targeting studies on just eschatology, I personally feel "convinced" - than I will state it in that fashion, just as you do with politics or whatever else you've been convinced of in your secular studies.

If either of us are wrong - God is Faithful.

Or should we cover this entire forum and point out where anyone posts their own conclusions as facts?

That would take more time than I have.

Yes, I do believe with all of my heart that the red horse is next.

Again posting Daniel 8 and adding in 7.

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Pray for me brother and I'll pray for you that we will one day come to unity in the faith to show the world God sent HIS SON.

John 17:14-15

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

KJV

Eph 4:3

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

KJV

The best way to keep peace is remain strong and ask the Lord for that strength to defend now and for eternity.

moe:-D

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Moe,

At least you know I'm founded in what I believe. Show me where I line myself up with the liberals, this is a common ploy Moe, for one who cannot defend what they believe from the Word of God, so you try to attack their character, call them names, take the subject off the issue at hand and unto something else.

I have one for you Moe, How about Jesus Christ, His teaching and His life example. How about Peter, James, and John, Paul, Thomas, and all of the other disciples? How about Stephen, Antipas and all the so many early Christians who gave their lives not resisting?

Have you ever thought Moe that if it was God's will for man to be free through the shedding of blood then the people and nation of Israel would never have gone into bondage, they would never have lost their freedom. Did you forget Moe that they were never free as you call freedom, Moe they were ruled by a king, a dictator.

Moe, do you think you are going to be able to vote when Christ sets up His kingdom here on earth?

You see man made freedom is a myth, only the Son can make you free. Jesus Christ is the one and only way, the truth and the life. If the Son shall make you free, then you are free indeed.

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Moe, how many dictators have and are now ruling in just our lifetimes throughout this world? We seem to only be interested in removing those who resist our world hegemony.

How many in our government alone, let alone others have taken large amounts of money to turn their heads away from the marketing of unsafe products that they know will cost human life, all in the name of the all mighty dollar.

I will give the Tobacco and Alcohol

giants as an example. How about all the unsafe products coming into the country, toys for our children, meat and produce on our grocery store shelves? Who is letting this happen, Moe?

Those same corporate entities that send us off to war to protect their freedom, that's who.

Moe, it has nothing to do with our freedom, it has to do with them using us to make them trillions all in the name of patriotism.

Remember, Kellogg- Root and Brown, they were in Nam Moe, they made a killing there and they are making a killing in Iraq as a subsidiary of Halliburton. Some things never change Moe, so yes look at history and see who has continuously profited from war and then check and see how they influenced it to happen. Oh Moe, there are many who are paying blood money for the slaughter of souls and it is not only the likes of Saddam Hussein.

Moe, war is going to continue to happen as long as man is in control of the kingdoms of this world. I would not for one moment believe war will end until Jesus comes back and takes control, I'm not trying to stop war Moe, but trying to show followers of Jesus Christ that we are not to be a part of it.

John 18:36-37

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

You see Moe, this is the king I serve and this is the king I will gladly give my life for and have given my life to.

Moe wrote:

“When we see people, who claim to be of the faith, singing the same song the liberals sing about abortion, homosexuality, and war, what conclusions can we draw from that scenario?”

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In His love  
pastorfrin

**Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2007/10/8 1:19**

Brother Chris wrote:

Quote:  
-----I think that it is highly speculative to state (and from my opinion, extremely UNLIKELY) that the "first horse" of Revelation has already been released -- particularly if it is trying to be associated with the peacekeeping operations in Iraq.

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You are correct in that it may be speculation. But if we go beyond the surface of this thought, one might ask oneself...would we who believe ever know when we are not living in this time? So speaking for myself, I would choose to err on the "pure and peaceful" side.

Just a thought

God Bless  
Jeff

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2007/10/8 1:49**

Hi pastorfrin...

Quote:  
-----It seems you have failed in all your wisdom to compare your history with the Word of God, or you have possibly mistakenly replaced the Word of God with your history. There is no doubt that God allowed America to rise up to super power status, but this was not done by obedience to God. America was founded on rebellion against the Word not in obedience to the Word.

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Ummm...no. I believe that your "either or" assumption is mistaken. I do my best to view all of life (including history) from my faith in God as is made clear through His Word. There is no silly replacement of "history" over the Word of God. I simply question whether it is possible that God raised up a "free" nation in order to allow that nation to incubate missionaries to much of the world?

Quote:  
-----Unless you believe the end justifies the means, then these same scriptures you have used so many times to speak to those who rail against the government; condemns the patriots who rebelled against the Word by rebelling against the King. That would make the shot heard around the world, a shot of rebellion against God.

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There was a huge difference between the founders of this nation and the rebellions of other nations. The founding fathers argued that the King of England was not the legitimate governor of the people living in the thirteen colonies. Why? T

their reasons were contained in the Declaration of Independence. It might also be argued that many of the people who left the Old World were seeking a better solution. The pilgrims left England and set up the Plymouth Colony which was ruled according to a new constitution known as Mayflower Compact. Why? This was not done in rebellion, but to escape the tyranny of the Crown.

Brother, we can differ in this and (hopefully) still view one another as part of the Body of Christ. I understand your position against violence. I have read many of your posts in the various threads that you begin that usually say the same thing. I understand your view of "non-resistance" and how you feel that it differs from pacifism. But what I think you misunderstand in the dissent is that we are ALL against violence. None of us are bloodthirsty men. None of us are eager to raise a hand, let alone a rifle, to harm anyone. However, I feel that there are instances in life (and history) in which a defense can and should be taken. If you were to walk into my home and attempt to rape and murder my children or wife, I would do everything possible to stop that. This is not vindictive. This is not revenge. This is protecting those precious things that have been safeguarded under my care. In my view, it is similar to someone laying down his own life (allowing harm to come to himself) in order to save the life of another.

This nation is no different. This nation was conceived under the idea of a government of the people, by the people and for the people. This was a vast contrast to every government in the world at the time. In essence (sometimes more in theory than it should be), the government of the United States is made up of people just like you and me. Not only can we vote, but we can serve on juries. We can even serve in areas of local, municipal, state and even national government. A defense of this nation is not defending something that we love more than God. Rather, we believe that we are honoring God by serving our neighbor.

The United States is unlike other empires. Why? The United States has never conquered a nation in order to achieve dominion status as an Empire. When we conquered Germany, we implemented self rule to the people there (at least in West Germany). When we conquered Japan, we implemented self rule (democracy) to the people there. When we conquered Iraq, we have implemented self rule to the people there. As a person extremely aware of the region and its history, I believe the suspicions about a "war over oil" are utter nonsense. While oil will always play an important role in modern world economics, I believe that those who make such accusations are not aware of the economic limitations of Iraqi oil. America does NOT profit from this war in regards to oil. This war has cost a lot of money that could never be recouped in a dozen years -- even if the US retained 100% control of Iraqi oil profits. Alan Greenspan stated this when he defended himself from the media's misinterpretation of his comments.

By the way, using the argument that you just provided, you would have been found "rebellious" during the 1960s for attempting to avoid the draft. This is the established government of your country, and a failure to serve could be seen as "rebellion" even for a "conscientious objector." Of course, I don't believe that anyone should be forced to serve a government (like the prophet Daniel during the diaspora) -- especially when it might cause conflict with belief.

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"Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king." - I Peter 2:17

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss () , on: 2007/10/8 2:09**

Hi HE\_Reigns...

Quote:

-----Sigh.

There's a psychological philosophy that can be developed and expounded on from just this one sentence and most especially regarding Forums.

If after 30 years of targeting studies on just eschatology, I personally feel "convinced" - then I will state it in that fashion, just as you do with politics or whatever else you've been convinced of in your secular studies.

If either of us are wrong - God is Faithful.

Or should we cover this entire forum and point out where anyone posts their own conclusions as facts?

That would take more time than I have.

Yes, I do believe with all of my heart that the red horse is next.

Again posting Daniel 8 and adding in 7.

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Is it safe to state such assumptions (even after years of study) as a FACT based upon years of study? Remember, this is not history that you are studying -- it is mere eschatology.

Please don't take this wrong, but I could care less about eschatology. Now, don't get me wrong: I do want to be familiar with what the Word of God says about Bible prophecy. But I really don't want to make and then publicize my assumptions based upon my flawed, human study of Bible prophecy. So when does it become safe to utter a conclusion as a fact? Is it ever safe?

In my opinion, if something isn't completely clear from the Scriptures, it is better to "err" (borrowing rookie's word) on the side of "caution." I would hate to be found guilty of spreading an unintended false statement in the name of my own conclusion.

This happens all of the time in regards to topics like Bible prophecy. For instance, I am somewhat persuaded (through my own study of Biblical prophecy) that the Rapture will take place *before* the great time of God's wrath. Now, some people would say (and in the past, HAVE said) that I am "deceived." Those individuals are no more "right" to say this than for the pre-trib crowd to say the same thing about the post or mid-trib believers. I could very well be *mistaken*. However, *mistaken* is a very different thing than *deceived*.

If we want to make our beliefs known, shouldn't we mingle it with the fact that we are flawed human beings? Should we not be held accountable for our statements just because we make conclusions based upon study (as if the other side didn't)? I feel that we need to be less "either/or" and far more "I believe." I feel that many (not all) of the great divisions in the Body of Christ were made because someone either felt that they were shown an "indisputable truth" from study of the Scripture (which later turned out to be disputed), or they use the old "God showed me" cliché -- thereby placing the blame for such a belief squarely on the shoulders of God.

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"When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." - Acts 1:6-8

**Re:, on: 2007/10/8 4:33**

Thanks for trying Rookie. But it appears us two senior citizens need to be educated, despite that this is a non-essential-t-o-salvation discussion and neither of our beliefs would cause any disruptions on this Forum without antagonists who have nothing better to do with their time. We have people from many denominations here - some Mennonites, some Presbyterians, and so forth - who hold the beliefs that us two old folks hold, so - I suppose we two are just more fun to disagree with and spend time off line composing lengthy verbose diatribes to battle.

Chris, I totally disagree with you on Politics and Eschatology and that is all I have to say to you young man.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/8 12:18**

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Yes Moe, I will pray for you.

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moe wrote: Pastorfrin you know full well I was not accusing you of supporting abortion and homosexuality. What I said was, you are alining yourself with those that are. I would feel slandered if I knew I was lining up with them too. But I'm not the one that lined you up with them. I have no idea who Denny Kenaston is and have never heard him speak. I am not physically able to come to the conference but I would not desire to hear all the rethoric put out about a nation's defence as I have heard by many on SI about war and politics and I am sure most of the conference will be pointed in that direction. I have not heard Denny speak but I will not answer to Denny or any other speaker at the SI conference or any conference. I have a hunch he preaches the anti-protection rethoric. I would just be hearing it out of a different mouth. I will answer to the Lord Jesus Christ for what I interpret, just as all the rest of mankind. As I have said over and over again, it would be great if we had no wars at all. But as long as the devil is free to be the prince of the air, he will continue to enter the minds of people to kill, steal and destroy and at the same time the minds of others to tie the hands of the people who desire to protect the innocent by any means possible. No sir, I have not forgotten about those who died proclaiming the gospel or Jesus who died for my sins or the men who died to give us freedom from communism and a dictatorship. The gospel grew until there were enough Christians to stand in the strength of the Lord to take the gospel to much of the world and defend others. Many Christians are deceived about certain things as war and hearing them speak and join in with in the same rethoric as opposing a nation's self-defence and the defence of others as moveon.org is disgusting to me along with the devil's liberals who run it.

Moveon.org is an evil organization and an imposture for peace, claiming to be sheep but only a wolf in sheep's clothing. As some else said on this post, if someone enters my house to harm my family, I pray God gives me the strength and the tools to protect them and also gives the tools to those who desire to protect the people of our country from those possessed by the devil.

moe

**Re:, on: 2007/10/8 16:21**

Brother Moe, I think the frustration that we felt yesterday is that things are said toward us that are not even searched out.

Moe I'd like to ask you - do you know who the Mennonites are or the Anabaptists?

Brother, they are full blown Christians. Big hearted types that really have an emphasis on love in their teachings.

They are just one of the those who are non-resistant.

I'll put part of an article here and see if it won't show you that those of us who are non-resistant are not Communists, Liberals, Democrats or anything else that's been flung about.

We need to respect other's "convictions" a bit more and these accusations won't enter our conversations with people anymore and not just on Forums, but in the Church as a whole.

Thank you if you could just read this to see where some of us base our beliefs.

### **EXCERPTS from "The Principle of Nonresistance"**

by John Horsch

#### **A Baseless Charge**

*In the Reformation era the persecutors of the evangelical, nonresistant Anabaptists often advanced the charge that their teaching on nonresistance was but a cloak to hide their evil intentions against the civil governments. Zwingli in particular often made this charge. He wrote:*

*Anabaptism is practiced for no other purpose but to furnish an excuse for conspiracy against the government. And again: As soon as the number of the baptized is strong enough for effectual armed resistance, they will rise in arms against the government.*

*Zwingli said further, in June, 1525, that the proof for these assertions is found in their disobedience to the government, since they preached and baptized contrary to the orders of the civil rulers. However, only a few years before Zwingli made these charges he had earnestly admonished his followers to obey God rather than men, even though to do so was interpreted as disloyalty to the government and as insurrection.*

### **Introduction**

The Christian Church in general has in all ages of its history recognized the fact that our Lord taught the principle of non-



esistance, and yet, excepting the earliest Christian centuries, the great majority of Christian professors have always found a way to circumvent the practical requirements of this principle. The Roman Catholic Church has always held that Christ taught nonresistance, not however as a commandment but as an advice; hence, according to the doctrine of this church, those engaging in war do not transgress a divine command and do not become guilty of sin. Martin Luther, the father of Protestantism, defended a peculiar view on this question, a view which is even today held by many Protestant theologians. He taught that a Christian is to be strictly nonresistant and that no one can as a Christian have a part in violence and bloodshed, be it in self-defense or in war. No one can do so as a Christian. But a Christian, he says, is also a "world person," or a citizen, and as such he is under duty to use violence in the service of the government, as a magistrate, officer, or soldier. when in such capacity he acts contrary to the precept and example of Christ, it is not a sin to him but is his duty. He does this as a citizen, not as a Christian. Luther divided the Christian into two personalities, the duty of the one being the opposite to that of the other. The fact will bear repetition that he in theory defended the principle of strict nonresistance of the Christian. He also emphatically agreed with the Mennonites in the opinion that civil government using force would not be necessary if all men were true Christians.

### **Nonresistance Pre-Eminently a New Testament Doctrine**

Many fundamental Christians, outside the so-called peace churches, believe that the Old Testament commands, except the ceremonial law, are binding for the Christian Church, the same as the Scriptures of the Old Testament. In plain fact, however, there are many portions of the Mosaic law, besides those containing the ceremonial law, that are not binding in the New Covenant. It is noteworthy that Herbert Booth, the author of the book, "The Saint and the Sword," which is the most thoroughgoing defense of the principle of nonresistance from the Bible viewpoint, is not a member of one of the so-called peace churches.

Our Lord, after quoting literally from the Old Testament law: "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" (Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21), goes on to say: 'But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil. . . . Love your enemies,' etc. (Matt. 5:38-48). On such points as war, the oath, and divorce, Christ's teaching is at variance with the Old Testament law. He is pre-eminently the Lord and Lawgiver, as well as the Saviour of men. In the light of His teaching, the law of the Old Covenant is not faultless. Heb. 8:7. War, being contrary to His teaching, is sin.

It has been supposed by various writers that Jesus in the words, "I came not to send peace, but a sword" (Matt. 10:34), spoke of the material sword and declared Himself against the principle of nonresistance. The supposition, however, that He came into the world to send the material sword is simply contrary to fact. He did not come for any such purpose. That He should have made a statement to that effect is unthinkable and impossible. If the purpose of His coming had been to send the carnal sword, Christianity would necessarily be a "religion of the sword," somewhat of the order of Mohammedanism, possibly. The parallel reference in Luke (12:51) has "division" (separation) instead of "sword," and this is undoubtedly the meaning, as the context in both Matthew and Luke clearly indicates. The conflict which resulted from Christ's coming into the world is not one that is to be decided by the carnal sword. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (II Cor. 10:4). The conflict with evil is of a spiritual nature, as fully described in Eph. 6:10-18. The sword to be used by the Christian is "the sword of the Spirit."

As an argument against nonresistance, the passage in Luke 22:36 has also been quoted, "He that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one." Opinions may differ as to our Lord's intended purpose in uttering these words. The question which concerns us here is, whether He intended to say that the disciples should make practical use of the material sword. As we may directly see, this was by no means the case. Yet the disciples may have understood Him so. Just a few moments later, when the multitude came on the scene to arrest Jesus, one of the disciples asked, "Lord, shall we smite with the sword?" Peter, without waiting for a reply, drew the sword and injured the high priest's servant, Malchus. Christ, then, while healing the injury Peter had done, addressed him with the solemn words, "Put up . . . thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

Peter, as well as the rest of the disciples, evidently took these words of Christ to heart. Apparently none of them ever transgressed again by using the sword for self-defense. Peter, in his first epistle, points out with emphasis that Christ gave us the example of meekness and nonresistance, and that upon His followers devolves the solemn duty to "follow his steps." I Pet. 2:20-23.

Evidently the context of the passage under consideration (Luke 22:36) must be taken into account to understand the meaning of these words. Verse 38 reads, "And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough." Do not the words of Jesus, "It is enough," indicate that the two swords were not to be used by the disciples against their antagonists? Or was it Jesus' thought, as some have supposed, that, since He was about to return to the Father,

the disciples needed the material sword for self-defense? Did Jesus mean to indicate that they should use the sword against the persecuting governments? Would they not have proved themselves transgressors by becoming insurrectionists against constituted authority? Or was it His thought that they should use the material sword in defense against their neighbors who would antagonize them? Would not the disciples, by taking in such a way the civil law into their own hands, have become guilty of glaring transgression?

Again, could it be supposed that Jesus meant to say that the disciples should have swords ready to be used against the multitude armed "with swords and staves" which was just then drawing near to take Him? Was it His thought that the disciples should engage in an armed struggle with the multitude? Would in this case two swords have been enough for the eleven disciples? Would eleven disciples, even if they all had swords, have been enough to defend themselves with the sword against the multitude? Would not the disciples, by making Gethsemane the scene of carnal struggle and bloodshed, have made our Lord the head of a band of wrongdoers, if He had permitted it? Think of the defeat which His cause would have suffered, had the disciples made such use of the carnal sword. Such is the absurdity of the opinion that they were to use the two swords for self-defense and that Jesus here taught against peace and nonresistance.

Clearly, Jesus' words, "It is enough," could not have meant that the two swords were "enough" for self-defense, or were to be used for such a purpose. But they were enough to give occasion for an impressive object lesson to the disciples concerning the use of the sword: "Put up . . . thy sword." Besides, the two swords may have had some symbolic significance as is the opinion of various commentators.

It is of interest to note that in recent decades various prominent theological writers in this country and Europe have admitted that war is sin, that it is indeed the most appalling outbreak and manifestation of sin in the world. And yet they do not disapprove of military service. It is a distinctive principle of Mennonitism that there never can be an excuse for sin.

If participation in warfare were consistent with Christian principles, war could not be so great an evil as it is generally recognized to be. Without question anything one may do that is consistent with true Christianity cannot be an evil. As already stated, the causes of war are ever present among the nations of the world. It is not within the power of the Christian Church to change the nature of the world and to remove the causes of war. The practical and highly important question is, What is the Christian to do in case of war, when he is bidden to have a part in it? It is an easy way out to say, as some do, that the Sermon on the Mount was not intended for this age. Any one reading this sermon carefully must realize that Christ asked His hearers to make it the rule of their lives. And the plain fact remains that war is absolutely and intrinsically contrary to Christian principles. It is the very opposite of what Jesus taught concerning practical Christian duty. If He had never preached the Sermon on the Mount, this would not change the fact of the anti-Christian character of war. The unsophisticated Christian conscience revolts against participation in war.

To say that war is consistent with Christian principles means that the Christian Church of the first three centuries misunderstood Christ's teaching. It is an established historical fact that the early church did not permit participation in war.

### **Nonresistance of the Early Christians and in Pre-Reformation Times**

Until about two generations ago the Mennonite people were a unit in the belief that the Scriptures of the New Testament teach the principle of nonresistance, and that the early Christians accepted and defended this principle. We notice with regret that, with the growth of militarism in certain European countries, the opinion has been advanced, even among Mennonite people, that the church of the first centuries failed to take a decided position against war. This opinion is based principally on the writings of the late Professor Adolf von Harnack of the University of Berlin, Germany. Since this question does not fall under the scope of the present treatise, it must suffice to call attention to the standard work on this subject, namely, the book, "The Early Christian Attitude to War," by Professor C. John Cadoux of Oxford, published in 1919.

It is of particular interest to notice that in a review of this book Professor Harnack stated that it is thoroughly reliable; in fact, he uses the expression that the book is "the last word on this subject." This admission by Professor Harnack is the more remarkable since, as already intimated, he had previously held the contrary opinion. In his book, "Militia Christi," published in 1905, he had attempted to show that the early Christians' attitude in this regard was one of comparative indifference. The book of Cadoux furnishes conclusive evidence that the Christian Church of the first centuries took a decided position as regards the principle of nonresistance, taking substantially the same attitude toward violence and war as did the early Waldenses, the Mennonites, and other nonresistant Christians. Participation in war as well as suing at law was forbidden.

The Waldenses have just been mentioned as a nonresistant sect. Their history dates back a number of centuries before

the time of Martin Luther and Menno Simons. The question has been raised, How is it to be explained that the modern Waldenses (in Italy and America) do not object to military service, while in medieval times the Waldenses held the principle of nonresistance? The answer is that during the Reformation period the Waldenses yielded to influences of one of the leading Protestant churches which defended the rightfulness of a union of church and state and of war. In 1532, after the Waldenses had been in touch with theologians of the Reformed Church for a number of years, they held a synod at Angrogna in Northern Italy in the presence of William Farel and other theologians from Geneva. With the exception of a small minority they repudiated those doctrines and principles in which they differed from the Reformed Church including the rejection of the oath and military service, and accepted the doctrine of predestination. They became a branch of the Reformed Church.

### **The Peace Testimony of Peter Chelchitzki**

Peter Chelchitzki, a farmer of Chelchitz in Bohemia, was born about 1395. Little is known of his life and his religious connections. He was probably connected with one of the Hussite groups, the followers of John Huss who was burned at the stake at Constance, Germany, in 1415. That Chelchitzki was a consistent defender of the principle of nonresistance is evident from a number of his extant books. The following quotations will serve as evidence that about a century before the rise of the Mennonite Church there were, even outside of the Waldensian Church, those who maintained a strong and consistent testimony against violence and war. Chelchitzki says:

Worldly rulers have contentions for the sake of material wealth and worldly honor. Let some one threaten their sovereignty, and at once they engage in war. They seize the men and bring them together like a herd and drive them into the conflict where those on the one side kill and rob those on the other. . . . And the worst is that they undertake to compel Christians to engage in such conflicts, for on both sides there may be a few who cannot with a good, clear conscience kill and rob others. Yea, brother goes against brother to harm him, when according to the Christian faith he should be ready to die for him. Compelled by self-seeking authorities he goes out to kill and rob his brother, and does not have the conviction and the love to follow the Lord unto death rather than become guilty of such evil deeds.

The one party is praying for their armies and the other party for theirs that they may be victorious. Each party prays for victory against the other. And both are named Christians though each one is wishing well only to his own party. The Christians on both sides engage wrongfully in the bloody strife and pray that they may be victorious over the other side. Whom, now, will God hear? Since on both sides there are Christians, they combat unlawfully with each other and theirs is not a prayer of faith. God does not hear them. The faith of these Christians is as if torn to shreds and their prayer is powerless since it is aimed at shedding the blood of brethren. And if those with whom they are engaged in such conflict are not brothers, they may be enemies and God has commanded to pray for such and to do them good.

The whole rabble of these divided multitudes are called Christians and together they pray: Our Father which art in heaven. They approach God in this way while each party has in mind the destruction of the other. They think they are serving God by shedding others' blood. And on both sides they say: Forgive us as we forgive. And every party seeks to increase its military force and never thinks of forgiving the other so long as they can hope to overcome them. Therefore their prayers are blasphemies against God.

### **The Original Position of the Earliest Protestant Leaders on the Principle of Nonresistance**

It is interesting to notice that both Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli (the founder of the Reformed Church), in the earliest period of their labors as reformers, were advocates of the principle of nonresistance. This was the period before they consented to the compromise of a union of the church with the state, or in other words to the establishment of all-inclusive state churches.

Luther, in the year 1520, wrote to his opponent, Dr. Johann Eck: "You say that I would give room to the peace-breakers and murderers, because I have taught that a Christian should abstain from violence and should not fight to recover his belongings of which he was robbed. Why do you not rebuke Christ who has taught this?" Again, in his booklet, "Why the Pope's Books Have Been Burned," written in the same year, Luther gives many reasons for committing these books to the flames. His twenty-fourth reason is, "Because the pope teaches that it is right for a Christian to meet violence by violence, contrary to Christ's teaching who says, 'Whoever will take thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.'"

Ulrich Zwingli also, in the first period of his reformatory labors, taught the principle of nonresistance. One of the editors of Zwingli's Complete Works, Professor Walter Koehler of Heidelberg University, concedes that Zwingli was in that period a pacifist. Zwingli wrote in 1522: "Considered from the Christian point of view it is by no means right to have a part in war

. According to Christ's teaching we should pray for those who despitefully use us and persecute us, and if an aggressor smite us on the right cheek, turn to him the other also." Again, in one of his largest books, published in 1523, Zwingli says: "Christ commands that we should not go to law nor engage in carnal strife, but if one take away our coat, let him have our cloke also, and He has taught this by His own example as well. He also forbids all oaths." How radical was the change in Zwingli's attitude toward war in a later period. He personally took part in war, and died on the battlefield of Kappel in 1531.

Johannes Oekolampad, the Zwinglian reformer of Basel, who, like Zwingli, in a later period renounced pacifism, wrote in 1524:

How can a Christian approve of lawsuits and war? The approval of war among Christians is a doctrine of devils. Christians abhor hatred and war. Or show me a war that is waged in love! . . . What shall we say about those whose lifework consists of shedding blood? We are bidden to give our life for the brethren, and to consider even our enemies as brothers. But we go to war and wound and kill those whom we have never known, yea, who may have done us some good service. How is it that there are so many who make less of taking the life of a man than of killing a goose! [bibleviews.com/Nonresistance-Horsch.html](http://bibleviews.com/Nonresistance-Horsch.html)

**Re:, on: 2007/10/8 20:01**

How is it that there are so many who make less of taking the life of a man than of killing a goose!

moe wrote: nobody said that. I certainly did not.

If you are against Christians being in authority in government. Does that mean you are for the wicked ruling in government?

Prov 29:2

2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;

But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

NKJV

Please don't answer that with another goose statement that has not been spoken in anyway shape form or fashion by me.

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