

# A LEIPHRON

## IS PEACE WORTH THE PRICE?

Can there ever be peace? If so how can it be obtained? Is war necessary for peace? How can peace be retained once it has been achieved?

There must be peace, we must either live together in the world - at least some humans on earth must live in peace - or destroy the human race. It is unlikely that man would destroy all his kind, it is not natural and man is part of nature.

There have been many attempts to obtain peace. Most religions are directed to fostering a worldly peace but none have worked so far. Napoleon and Hitler, in their own way, were striving towards peace and they may have made it if they had tried longer and harder. I think that there is a formula that may work and I will proceed to outline it.

An important element in the establishment of peace is the individual man himself. To be able to live in peace with others, a man must be at peace with himself. Man is easily tempted to envy and jealousy. The only way this can be overcome is to make every man believe that what he is and does is the only thing that is good for him. He must be so thoroughly satisfied that when he looks at someone else he is unable to say - "I wish I were him."

It is also necessary for a man to be comfortable to be able to live in peace. A man who has all the food, clothing, warmth, respect and enjoyment that he expects, is comfortable. Whether he is a slave from the Old South or a highly-educated engineer, as long as he has as much comfort as he thinks he should have or expects, he will be happy.

War is necessary for the establishment of peace. Everyone in the world is not suddenly going to choose peace. It is too much work and if it wasn't imposed, peace would not last. The Communist theory for establishment of a world-state includes the take over of the different states and countries by force. This theory is superior to others.

Not only is war necessary for the establishment of peace, but for the retention of peace. Some kind of force and a very strong system are also necessary. Immediately after a world-state is formed a very strong system must be established to control the people until a perfect environment has been found for all.

Another condition for the establishment of peace is the presence of highly advanced scientific knowledge and techniques. This superior knowledge is necessary for determining the conditions needed for peaceful living. It is only natural that as scientific advancement develops new techniques the standard of living would increase and the people made more comfortable.

Once peace is secured, it must be retained. People must be conditioned and adapted to living in peace. A highly organized system must be set up quickly and efficiently. The system must be able to control everybody from birth to death and everything from drama to the construction of a sewing machine factory. The controllers must be controlled as much as the ditch-diggers if not more and anyone who is - by some odd circumstances - unable to be controlled must be eliminated - taken care of so to speak!

The history of human conduct, man's envy, pettiness and fear of freedom would seem to indicate that peace can only be obtained by the preceding formula. Is it worth the price?

To be at peace with himself, man cannot be free. He must be controlled by someone or something - even if that someone or something is an illusion. It seems to make man quite uncomfortable to be free. Man needs a force to pull or push him or to fall back on if his life is disturbed. The worship of gods by man is a prime example of man's inability to be free. Man must always have someone or something controlling him; it may be a great national hero, his marriage partner, some material thing or his boss, etc.

In order to be able to have peace, there must not be any national divisions - no economic disputes to cause another war - no different races or at least no distinction between the different races, and in the final analysis there must be only one ruler, dictator or figurehead (e.g. Big Brother in George Orwell's "1984"). With the whole world united, a controlled peace could be established and the economic problem of competing countries would be eliminated. With the elimination of racial distinction or the presence of only one race, there would be a greater possibility of world peace and unity. The presence of a dictator or figurehead ruler is a sign of authority that men need to be comfortable and united.

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Your meaning is forgotten  
Oh golden creation,  
molded messiah.

Xerox-produced son of God,  
they all kneel before you  
and love you  
without knowing you...  
mold ten thousand more  
for the sinner.

I lift my leg on you  
Oh shining madonna,  
I curse your highness...  
untouchable.

Sit above me  
on your pillar of dust,  
they say you save-  
great bronze statue...  
\$49.95 for the son of God.

I know not your face  
for you have not...  
I feel no fear of you  
for you cannot destroy me...  
I love you because you are  
all the love in me.

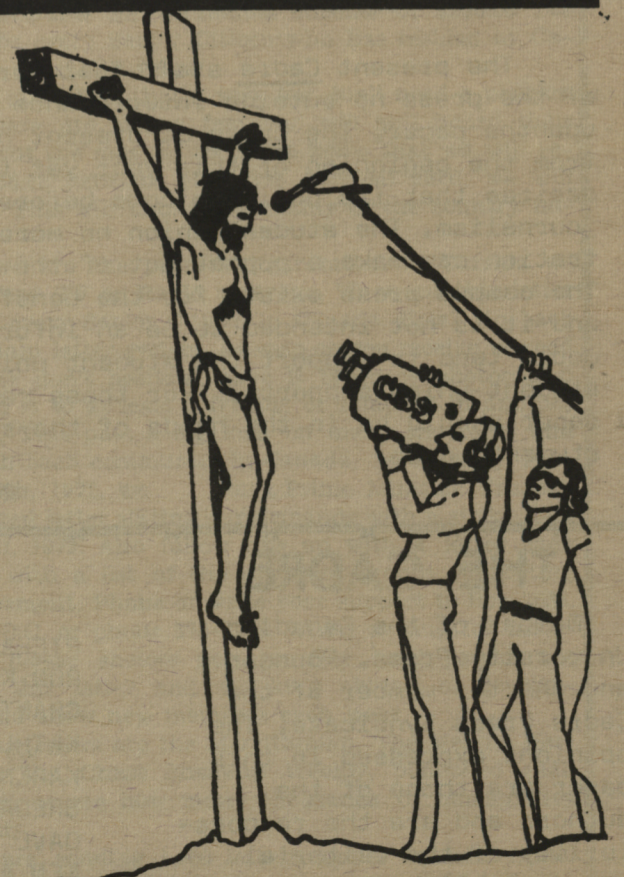
Humble yourself  
to the picture hung in the hall  
go to the church,  
kneel to the invincible marble  
man,

home for turkey,  
back on the stick -  
'till next Sunday.

Dammit,  
why can't people see  
what you are  
and not  
what you have become.

There is a God  
in each of us...  
He is us -  
but so much more  
than we can ever dream to be.

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