

Peace, Barriers To and Prerequisites For

Banning nuclear weapons, prohibiting the use of poison gases, or outlawing germ warfare will not remove the root cause of war. Peoples are ingenious enough to invent yet other forms of warfare, and to use food, raw materials, finance, etc. to subvert one another in an endless quest for dominance and power.

It is the root cause of war, and the prerequisites for peace that must be considered. Some of the

barriers to peace are:

Racism: one of the most baneful and persistent evils, racism is a major barrier to peace. It retards the unfoldment of the potentialities of its victims, corrupts its perpetrators, and blights human progress.

Disparity between rich and poor, a source of acute suffering keeps the world in a state of instability, virtually on the brink of war.

Unbridled nationalism, as opposed to a sane and legitimate patriotism must give way to a wider loyalty, to the love of humanity as a whole.

Religious strife, throughout history has been the cause of innumerable wars, a major blight to progress, and is increasingly abhorrent to the people of all faiths and no faith.

A few of the prerequisites for

peace are:

1. Full equality between men and women - Though one of the most important, is the least acknowledged prerequisite. The denial of such equality perpetrates an injustice against one half of the world's populations. There are no grounds, moral, practical, or biological, upon which such denial can be justified. only as women are welcomed into full

partnership in all fields of human endeavour will the moral and psychological climate be created in which international peace can emerge.

2. Universal education - this deserves the utmost support that the peoples of the world can lend it. For ignorance is the principal reason for the decline and fall of peoples and the perpetuation of prejudice. The decision-making agencies should consider teaching the concept of world citizenship as part of the standard education of every child.

3. A fundamental lack of communication between people seriously undermines efforts towards world peace. Adopting an international auxiliary language would go far to resolve this problem, and necessitates urgent attention.

Two points bear emphasizing in all these issues. One is that the abolition of war is not simply a matter signing treaties and protocols; it is a complex task requiring a new level of commitment to resolving issues. The other point is that the primary challenge in dealing with issues of peace is to raise the context to the level of principle. For, in essence, peace stems from an inner state supported by spiritual or moral attitudes and it is chiefly in evoking this attitude that the possibility of enduring solutions can be found.

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Our team of Brian Pirkey and Bob Smith have just returned from Montreal and the McGill Debating tournament. The competition was very strong, and we ended up with a 1-5 record. Although not as high as we hoped we did learn a lot. We placed higher in the standings than teams from McMaster, Coast Guard College, Victoria (VofT), Bates (u.S.), Bronx (U.S.). York Windsor, UNB, and UNBSJ. There were teams at the tournament from as far away as Glasgow Scotland.

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