What’s at stake: Peace starts in our communities with our rejection of the beliefs and structures of our society that urge fear, hatred, and revenge. As we approach the 14th Commemoration of 9/11, we seek to honor all of the victims of the plane bombs, not by upping the violence ante, but by rejecting revenge and fostering peaceful communities—local, national, and global—that embrace compassionate service rather than violence. We would serve as practical ambassadors of nonviolent peace. Building the peace and justice movement.

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Remembering the Sept 11th Attacks

Submitted by VFP Board President, Gerry Condon

On the 14th anniversary of the notorious September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, killing nearly 3,000 people, the mainstream media is full of the usual infotainment, with virtually every possible point of view, except for the truth. Many people question the official story of 9/11. There are certainly many reasons to doubt that story, and many contending theories for what actually happened on September 11, 2001.<a>Full Story</a>

9/11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows DAY 2015 against War

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Peaceful Tomorrows is an organization founded by family members of those killed on September 11th who have united to turn our grief into action for peace.

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Abstract:

National security policy in the United States has remained largely constant from the Bush
Administration to the Obama Administration. This continuity can be explained by the “double government” theory of the 19th-century scholar of the English Constitution, Walter Bagehot. As applied to the United States, Bagehot’s theory suggests that U.S. national security policy is defined by the network of executive officials who manage the departments and agencies responsible for protecting U.S. national security and who, responding to structural incentives embedded in the U.S. political system, operate largely removed from public view and from constitutional constraints. The public believes that the constitutionally-established institutions control national security policy, but that view is mistaken. Judicial review is negligible; congressional oversight is dysfunctional; and presidential control is nominal. Absent a more informed and engaged electorate, little possibility exists for restoring accountability in the formulation and execution of national security policy.

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This decisive account of the role of nonviolence in Islam and Muslim societies, both historically and in current times, chronicles an often-obscured but longstanding pacifist tradition.
From the Crusades to September 11th, the prevalent notion among non-Muslims is that Islam was largely spread by the sword and continues to be defined by violence. In fact, that belief is a distortion of the religion's tradition, of its history, and of the actions and beliefs of countless Muslims around the globe today.

**CRESCENT AND DOVE: Peace and Conflict Resolution in Islam.**

Edited by Qamar-ul Huda. Preface by HRH Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad bin Talal

October 2010.

Crescent and Dove looks at the relationship between contemporary Islam and peacemaking by tackling the diverse interpretations, concepts, and problems in the field of Islamic peacemaking. It addresses both theory and practice by delving into the intellectual heritage of Islam to discuss historical examples of addressing conflict in Islam and exploring the practical challenges of contemporary peacemaking in Arab countries, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, and Indonesia.

**Nonviolence and Peace Building in Islam: Theory and Practice**


"Abu-Nimer has given us a wide-ranging and thoroughly researched study that will be of interest to scholars and of use to peace builders."--Michael Nagler, University of California, Berkeley

Written by a Muslim scholar, lecturer, and trainer in conflict resolution, this book examines the largely unexplored theme of nonviolence and peace building in Islamic religion, tradition, and culture. After comprehensively reviewing the existing studies on this topic, Abu-Nimer presents solid evidence for the existence of principles and values in the Qur'an, Hadith, and Islamic tradition that support the application of nonviolence and peace building strategies in resolving disputes.

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TOLSTOY VS. PATRIOTISM by Dick Bennett

Patriotism, the preference for one’s own country, typically expresses one or both of these two feelings: the superiority of your country and the desire for your country to flourish. These are separate issues. Ask these questions: Does either attitude mean you would have your country flourish and be superior to another country? I suspect most citizens would answer yes, though their reasons might vary considerably. But if the question was: Would you have your country flourish and be superior at the expense of another country, of another people, then many would hesitate and even say no. One might wish well for your country, for the people, for enough food, shelter, and health for all in your country, without wishing less for another, and sincerely, without cant.

But is that actually possible? Tolstoy believed not. You may intend to be sincerely loving of all, but patriotism inevitably becomes exclusive for the well-being of one’s own nation. It is this that makes one a patriot, argues Tolstoy in his essays “On Patriotism” and “Patriotism, or Peace?” Comparatively, patriots have no effective concern for other countries, and in practice prefer their countries to those of others exclusively.

But is Tolstoy being himself too severe, too narrow in defining patriotism, by assuming inevitable national indifference to and desire for dominance over others? The question carries great importance because Tolstoy believed that war is the inevitable consequence of patriotism.

Might we find a solution by defining three types of patriotism? A special, a higher concern for one’s country? An exclusive concern that adds indifference or hostility to others? And an aggressive concern, requiring benefits to one’s country as part of dominance?

Not to Tolstoy. All three patriotisms violate the fundamental moral law of the Golden Rule, which asserts the equality and fraternity of all men. All three justify better treatment for “our” people than for others. The Golden Rule does not say “do unto your countrymen” but “do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” It’s a universal rule, just as are the Ten Commandments, applying equally
to all nationalities.

And to Tolstoy patriotism is inescapably hierarchical, even in its milder manifestations promoting one country over another, that is, valuing egoism, inequality, and dominance, and sometimes war, appropriation, destruction, slaughter over brotherhood and peace. There is no way a person can simultaneously claim adherence to patriotism and to concern for the people of the world because national egoism and universal altruism are incompatible.

So what are conscientious, thoughtful people to do—and not only Christians, since the Golden Rule exists in all religions?

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