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"Blessed are they who advance toward the spiritual path without the selfish motive of seeking inner peace, for they shall find it."

Peace Pilgrim

NEW: Peace Pilgrim Documentary in Spanish

The documentary film, "PEACE PILGRIM: An American Sage Who Walked Her Talk" will soon be available in Spanish upon request in DVD. First released in English in 2002, with the leadership and coordination of Mary Newswanger the film, approximately one hour in length, has now been translated and equipped with an excellent sound track and narration in Spanish.

The film was translated with the capable help of Montserrat Arribillaga and narrated by well-known Costa Rican documentary filmmaker José Cortés. Filmmakers, Khashyar Darvich and David Mueller, tracked down previously unknown archival footage of the very earliest years of Peace Pilgrim's pilgrimage—beginning in 1953 and continuing through the '60s and '70s—as well as the more familiar images of her later pilgrimage. Drawing on the late filmmaker Claire Townsend's documentary work, they chronicle the early years of Peace's life with intimate interviews with Peace's family and friends which are sensitive and insightful.

Peace Pilgrim's life and work is placed in the greater historical context illustrating the relevance of her life and teachings to our world today. While filming new material for the documentary, Darvich and Mueller interviewed the Dalai Lama, world religious leader from Tibet, and Robert Muller, former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and chancellor emeritus of the U.N. University for Peace.

Inspiring interviews were also filmed with well-known North Americans—author and environmentalist John Robbins, actor Dennis Weaver, and poet Maya Angelou, among others—each affirming the depth of her message for peace and its significance to the entire world.

Mary Newswanger shares about this project, "I spent most of this week in San José working on the film with Fabio. We did it! The Spanish version is finished!!! I finally saw the entire film with José's narration and that was very moving to me after imagining how things might be for so long. I love the result. After this intense, shared work experience, I have a better understanding and appreciation of what Peace Pilgrim may have meant."

When I finally saw the end result of our work on the Spanish version of the film I began immediately thinking of how to use it. José Cortés offered, when we first talked about the project a few years ago, to arrange for it to be shown on television in Costa Rica and a friend of his in California who does all the programming for Latin America will arrange for it to be shown in the Americas."

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She continues, "I feel full to overflowing with wonderful things happening on all sides. I feel very satisfied and fulfilled in this work. The synchronicities abound in so many marvelous ways--both small and mind-bogglingly huge and miraculous. I'm just glad we are part of this flow of life and the impulse toward PEACE on this planet. It feels good to be at this point and feel everything unfolding effortlessly on its own."

This idea, like a seed in a hard shell lying long in the darkness of the earth, has suddenly emerged, and can now break through the surface like a flower unfolding and growing toward the light to be an inspiration for all to

behold and to enjoy. I felt Peace Pilgrim very close all this week with profound thankfulness that our small part has been played and that her work can now continue to go forward on its own and continue to grow as a living, breathing organism in a completely interconnected world."

The DVD contains the full version of the film in both English and Spanish. When finished it will be available at:

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Sabian Corner



"Everyone lives in everyone else and everyone lives in him in a family unity of the absolute."

Marc Edmund Jones

The awe of what should be

"When the soul quickens to the presence within and finds expression in some act of special creativeness the aspirant finds consummation."

Helen Rentsch



The Newswanger Family: Mary, husband Elias, and children David and Amos in Costa Rica

The 100th Anniversary of Gandhi's Work

September 11, 2006 represented the beginning of Gandhi's mission and the birth of Satyagraha 100 years ago. Peaceful ways lead to peace.

www.nvpf.org/np/english/workadayforpeace/briefhistory.pdf

Extracts from a document adapted by Nonviolent Peaceforce volunteer Derek Mitchell and Nonviolent Peaceforce staff from the writings of Professor Michael Nagler, Professor emeritus and founder of the Peace and Conflict Studies program at University of California, Berkeley.

One hundred years ago a historic meeting took place in Johannesburg, South Africa, that would change human history. Mohandas K. Gandhi, at the time a struggling lawyer, had arrived in South Africa in May of 1893 to serve as legal adviser for an Indian merchant. He quickly ran headlong into "man's inhumanity to man" in the form of racism in the African colonies. He was thrown off a train scarcely one week after his arrival for presuming to sit in a first-class compartment for which he had a valid ticket. The affront precipitated "the most creative night of his life," as he struggled with his feelings at the cold, mountain station of Pietermaritzburg.

During that night, Gandhi overcame both his impulses to run back to India and to fight the railway company. He decided instead to turn his attention to the much larger questions of racial prejudice, injustice and exploitation directed against his fellow Indians by the European colonists. Gandhi launched a careful, stepwise campaign to rescue the dignity and the rights of the 100,000 'free' and indentured Indians in South Africa. The struggle was to last eight years. There were many ups and downs and more than one bitter occasion when only Gandhi's vision kept resistance alive, but in the end it conceived a new relationship between Indians and whites in South Africa -- and a new method of struggling against violence.

On September 11, 1906 Satyagraha was born.

What is Satyagraha?

The term was coined after the Johannesburg meeting, when the Indians realized that the prevailing expression for the campaign they sought to wage, 'passive resistance,' failed to convey the active vitality of their method and could also lead to fatal confusion (as passive resistance, in the manner the term was used at the time, did not rule out the use of violence). Satyagraha literally means 'clinging to truth.' But 'truth' (satya) has broader meanings in the Indian languages than it does in English. It does mean truth as opposed to falsehood; but it also means 'the real' as opposed to the unreal or nonexistent, and the 'good' as opposed to 'evil.' The tremendous work Gandhi would go on to launch in India was based in this vision.

Satyagraha is a kind of force. It changes people for the better through nonviolent persuasion. No matter how brutal and dehumanized people become, the capacity for what Gandhi calls reason (or a kind of personal sensitivity) is always there.

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One of the basic principles of Satyagraha establishes: "Our actions have far more consequence than the immediate, visible results." In fact, it is perfectly possible that our efforts may 'fail' to deliver the immediate result we want but succeed in doing more than we may have dreamed of.

"I offer you peace. I offer you love. I offer you friendship. I see your beauty. I hear your need. I feel your feelings. My wisdom flows from the Highest Source. I salute that Source in you. Let us work together for unity and love."

~ Mahatma Gandhi's Prayer for Peace
shared by Janine Fafard in Costa Rica



Welcome

A warm welcome to our newest friends in the *Enlace Internacional* circle: Harriet Sheeley and Tony Marino in the United States and Daniel Navarrete in Ecuador.



Connecting to the Internet



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Spanish - www.peacepilgrim.org/news_sp/enlace37.htm

English - www.peacepilgrim.org/news_sp/enlace37e.htm

Alliance for a New Humanity

www.anhglobal.org/

Culture of Peace Initiative - United Nations

www.cultureofpeace.org

International Day of Peace

www.worldpeace.org/peaceday.html

The Meaning of Relinquishments

Based on an interview with Mayte Picco-Kline by Charito Calvachi-Mateyko on 'Radio Centro' WLCH, 91.3 FM in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with coverage in 4 eastern states of the United States.

When we speak of relinquishments, are we saying that we will relinquish worldly things?

It means that we learn to live with things we really need, whatever our needs might be. As Peace Pilgrim said: "material things have to be put in their proper place. They are here to be used, to be used well; that's why they exist. But when they are no longer needed, we should be quick to give them away, perhaps to someone who needs them even more. Anything you cannot relinquish when it has exceeded its usefulness possesses you; and in this materialistic era of ours we are very much possessed by our possessions".

Let's speak of another type of possessiveness. Peace said to us: "When we think we possess people we have the tendency to direct their lives, which leads to extreme disharmony. Only when we realize that we do not possess others, that they must live according to their own internal motivations, only when we let them direct their lives do we discover that we are able to live in harmony with them". Here we are speaking of a true respect for others. In fact each of us is solely responsible for our own life. As the great Mexican leader Benito Juárez said so wisely, "respect for the rights of others is peace".

Our mass media world sends us the message to monopolize everything and to have everything. Does this mean that the spiritual world, characterized by abundance, affectionate caring, and sharing with everyone must be antagonistic with the 'real' world, characterized by material scarcity and the constant drive to have as much of everything as possible?

A remarkable British economist, E. F. Schumacher, has written a book about this from the perspective Small is Beautiful.

True success, independent of our economic resources, is to dedicate our life to activities that encourage and support the spirit, independent of isolated profits. Truly successful people have profits that involve all their being and obtain a style of life that benefits, in addition to a the individual, all to those around him. As David R. Hawkins puts it, in its book, Power vs. Force, truly successful people are courteous and considerate with everyone, treating all as equals. "Truly successful people are not inclined to act arrogantly, because they do not consider themselves better than others, only more lucky. They see their position as a responsibility, an obligation to exert their influence for the greater benefit of all". He clearly explains, "Success elevates us or destroys us, depending not on the success itself, but on how we integrate it in our personalities. If we are proud or humble; if we are egotistical or thankful; if we consider ourselves better than others because of our talents or we consider our talents a gift, and for them we are thankful -- these are the determining factors".

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After our short break in the program, we've returned to our topic, Mayte. Must the spiritual world, characterized by abundance, be antagonistic with the everyday world in which we live day to day?

Each is a marvelous complement with the other when we remember the presence of God in our lives. A fundamental element to be truly successful is the knowledge that all we do is by the grace of God. God is the power that moves the world. We are all ONE with GOD. True success in life happens when we profoundly understand that we are an instrument of God to do good, to bring peace and harmony to others, to do the best we can for the benefit of humanity. This happens when we understand from the depths of our being that we are messengers of the divine word, and when we live to give the meaning of success is transformed into a sublime activity full of love.

Can speaking of relinquishments be something that produces a fear to give away joy in life? Do you think we can feel happy for relinquishing certain things?

The word relinquishment has a great variety of meanings. It can be interpreted as to give, to surrender, to stop, to leave, to dedicate or to sacrifice. It can also be interpreted as to stop doing something that causes great personal joy and from this perspective perhaps we could use another word that better describes what we are speaking about. In fact what I'm talking about is to consider the meaning as to dedicate oneself to serve others, to reflect on making possible pertinent life changes which facilitate a more profound spiritual encounter with God, from the highest part of ourselves and from the inner being, the soul, with the people we relate to and to those we have an opportunity to serve. There is great joy in service to others.

What is it that I can achieve when relinquishing certain aspects of my life?

Inner peace is the single and only source of happiness and each step we take, each new activity we initiate and each thought and positive feeling we have, allows us to bring harmony into life which will lead us to reach inner peace. Peace comes to us when we learn to live according to the laws of God and the universe.

Let us consider how each living entity on the planet evolves and develops - "from a seed to a flower and seeds for new life again". This model of life in balance can teach us something on how we can plan and allow our lives to unfold - day to day. We can begin by asking ourselves, does each day unfold in a balanced way? Are we making our lives more complex than need be? If we found that this can be improved, what opportunities exist to re-establish balance? In the book The Tao of Inner Peace Dianne Dreher suggests we have these questions in mind:

Is there anything you wish to delegate, eliminate or in any way simplify?

Is there anything lacking in your life?

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Can you create space for it by reducing involvement in other areas?

She sees us as architects designing a beautiful structure which we call - our life.

On this beautiful day I want to close this interview by sharing phrases of the Sabian Assembly that encourage me to live a life of abundance based on service to others.

I dedicate my world to God in every thought and act.

Whatever I take from life I accept as high responsibility.

The goods for which I strive are of eternal worth.

My riches have their source in God's abundance.



Artistic Expressions

"There are people who cry knowing roses have thorns. Others smile because thorns have roses".

Confucious
Shared by Guillermo Calderón

Prayer is essentially an act of love.

Zeferino Cisneros
Chihuahua, México



2006 Winter Olympic Games ceremony

To learn to co-exist peacefully is to participate actively in the generation of an amiable climate in the every place we find ourselves.

Flory Mata
Oklahoma, USA

I think peace is what every soul longs for. For most of us it is something we have to keep inventing as we go along. Because it means different things at different times.

Florence Petheram
Washington State, USA

Peace is the Way

"The emotions of peace are compassion, understanding, and love.
Compassion is the feeling of shared suffering. When you feel someone else's suffering,
understanding is born."

*from "Peace is the Way" by Deepak Chopra
shared by Patti Hudson
Pennsylvania, United States*



Appreciating Peace and her Work

I believe that Peace Pilgrim's work was so immensely great and wonderful that in some form it invites to us to follow in her steps, in my way of seeing, an absolute necessity if we want to be one with God. *(Adrianna María, Spain)*

Reflections

(We invite you to participate in this section by selecting a phrase or sentence from the Peace Pilgrim materials. Please indicate source and page.)

-  We must continue to pray for peace and to act for peace in whatever way we can. *(Emilia Kuri Cristino, México)*
-  Ultimate peace begins within; when we find peace within there will be no more conflict, no more occasion for war. *(Zoraida Consuegra, Estados Unidos)*
-  God is revealed to all who seek; God speaks to all who will listen. *(Rosemary, South Africa)*



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