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War is contempt for life

An essay on peace



War is contempt for life. Winning a war means destroying as many people, houses and infrastructure of the enemy as possible. If we want to end all war, we must start talking about the realities of war and learn about all those who have fought for the cause of peace, writes Linn Stalsberg in this book.

The fight for peace can be based on religion, ideology or a political direction. Important tools are pacifism, non-violence and military refusal. What do we really know about the big ideas behind the struggle for peace? How many of the brave people who refused to go to war, and who were punished for this, do we really know about?

The rampant militarization of our time is taking place in the middle of a major climate and natural crisis. There is hardly anything as destructive to the planet as the arms industry. Both the labor and women's movements have traditionally fought the cause of peace. Today, the peace movement must also ally itself with the environmental movement, in the fight for all living things. Peace is to create.

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