

Quotes Reflecting Mediation and Conciliation.
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What we must fight is fear and silence, and with them the spiritual isolation they involve. What we must defend is dialogue and the universal communication of (wo)men."

Albert Camus

"*Politics*, n. A strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principles".

Ambrose Bierce

"The one who throws the stone forgets. The one who is hit remembers forever."

Angolan proverb

"I can't be Japanese and I can't be Western, but I understand both. I am double binded, but...I am also in a position that generates a great deal of energy and creativity."

Arata Isozaki

"The temple bell stops, but the sound keeps coming out of the flowers".

Bascho

"When you say "I would die for you" to those you love, the truth of those words may be not that you give your physical life but that you are willing to die to the past and be born again in the present where you can live fully and freely...where you can give us the love we need."

bell hooks

"Hatred never ceases by hatred but by love is healed."

Buddha

"Do not remove a fly from your neighbors face with a hatchet".

Chinese proverb

"If you haven't fought with each other, you don't know each other."

Chinese proverb

"So finally, where can real peace be found? With us. We ourselves must remain with peace."

Dainin Katagiri Roshi

"A human being is a part of the whole called by us, 'the universe'...She experiences herself, her thoughts and feelings, as something separate from the rest...a kind of optical delusion of her consciousness....a prison, restricting us to our personal desires and affections. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of understanding and compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its society."

Einstein

"Daily the world grows smaller. Leaving understanding the only place where peace can find a home."

Huston Smith

"Equality, with difference".

Helen Cixous

"When any real progress is made, we unlearn and learn a new what we thought we knew before."

Henry David Thoreau

"When we step out of the battles, we see anew, "with eyes unclouded by longing"."

Jack Kornfield, on the Toa Te Ching

"Mature love and healthy compassion are not dependent but interdependent, born out of a deep respect for ourselves as well as for others.

Jack Kornfield

Only by accepting the "otherness" of others can we live in harmony with them."

Jacque Derrida

"The artist appeals to that part of our being...which is a gift and not an acquisition, and therefore, more permanently enduring."

Joseph Conrad

"Take time to listen to what is said without words, to obey the law too subtle to be written, to worship the unnamable and to embrace the unformed."

Lao-Tzu

"One must never be afraid of going too far, for truth lies always beyond."

Marcel Proust

"As you press on for justice, be sure to move with dignity and discipline, using only the weapons of love."

Martin Luther King

"The people you have to lie to, own you... When your children see you owned, then they are not your children anymore, they are the children of what owns you... If your fear of truth owns you, they are the children of the fear of truth."

Michael Ventura

"To stop the war, we need to begin with ourselves. My most formidable opponent is a man named Mohandas K. Gandhi."

Mohandas K. Gandhi

"Do you know what astonished me most in the world? The inability of force to create anything. In the long run, the sword is always beaten by the spirit".

Napoleon Bonaparte

"Start where you are ".

Pema Chodren

"It is not the world that is fractured but our understanding of it".

Physics String Theory

"Only someone who is ready for everything, who doesn't exclude any experience, even the most incomprehensible, will live the relationship with another person as something alive and will himself sound the depths of his own being."

Rainer Maria Rilke

If one is to do good, it must be done in the minute particulars. General good is the plea of the hypocrite, the scoundrel and the flatterer."

William Blake

"When you go to a garden, do you look at thorns or flowers?
Spend more time with roses and jasmine."

Rumi

"And I saw a new heaven and new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away...And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold...I make all things new."

Revelations, 21

"You've got to give to receive, got to open up to yourself to get inside somebody else."

Reverend Jesse Jackson

"Every blade of grass has its angel that bends over it and whispers, "Grow, grow"."

The Talmud

"Don't seek other's pain as the limbs of your own happiness".

Tibetan maxim

"The best thing about Brooklyn? All the countries of the world are here. Worse thing about Brooklyn? None of us get along."

Wayne Wang and Paul Auster

"The one who forgives gains the victory"

Yoruban proverb