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# Peace and Global Solidarity

## An Annotated Bibliography

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### Web Links

*American Friends Service Committee* <<http://www.afsc.org/>>

Founded by Quakers in 1917 to provide conscientious objectors with an opportunity to aid civilian war victims, AFSC's work is based on the Quaker belief in the worth of every person and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice.

*Education for Peace in Iraq Center* <<http://www.epic-usa.org/>>

*EPIC* informs policy makers and the American public about political, economic and human rights conditions in Iraq. *EPIC* promotes policy options that can best ensure government accountability and a better future for the people of Iraq in the belief that a secure and democratic Iraq is also important for U.S. security and the safe return of U.S. soldiers.

*Fellowship of Reconciliation* <<http://www.forusa.org/>>

*Fellowship of Reconciliation* sponsors programs and educational projects concerned with domestic and international peace and justice, nonviolent alternatives to conflict and the rights of conscience.

*Foreign Policy in Focus* <<http://www.fpif.org/>>

*Foreign Policy in Focus* is a think tank for research, analysis and action that brings together scholars, advocates and activists who strive to make the United States a more responsible global partner. FPIF provides timely analysis of U.S. foreign policy and international affairs and recommends policy alternatives.

*Institute for Policy Studies* <<http://www.ips-dc.org/>>

For more than four decades, IPS has transformed ideas into action for peace, justice, and the environment. The Institute has strengthened and linked social movements through articulation of root principles and fundamental rights, research and analysis on current events and issues, and connections to policymakers, academics, and activists at all levels.

*Nobel Women's Initiative* <<http://www.nobelwomensinitiative.org/>>

The *Nobel Women's Initiative* was established in 2006 by Nobel Peace Laureates Jody Williams, Shirin Ebadi, Wangari Maathai, Rigoberta Menchú Tum, Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan Maguire. These six women have decided to bring together their extraordinary experiences in a united effort for peace with justice and equality. The NWI's mission is to address and work to prevent the root causes of violence by spotlighting and promoting the efforts of women's rights activists, researchers and organizations working to advance peace, justice and equality.

*Pax Christi USA* <<http://www.paxchristiusa.org/>>

*Pax Christi USA* advocates primacy of conscience, economic and social justice, and respect for creation. Pax Christi USA commits itself to peace education and, with the help of its bishop members, promotes the gospel imperative of peacemaking as a priority in the Catholic Church in the United States.

*Peace Action* <<http://www.peace-action.org/>>

The nation's largest grassroots peace group.

Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace <<http://www.justpax.it/>>

The official website of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

School of the Americas Watch <<http://www.soaw.org/new/>>

SOA Watch is an independent organization that seeks to close the US Army School of the Americas through vigils and fasts, demonstrations and nonviolent protest, as well as media and legislative work.

## **Books**

Patricia Bruno and Ken Butigan, *From Violence to Wholeness: A Ten Part Process in the Spirituality and Practice of active non-violence* (Las Vegas, NV: Pace e Bene, 2002).

*From Violence to Wholeness* is a ten-part study and action program developed by Pace e Bene Franciscan Nonviolence Center. The program explores active nonviolence as a creative, powerful and effective process for addressing and resolving the conflicts in our lives and in the life of the world. Employing small group discussions, role plays, presentations and readings, this program offers participants the vision of a constructive alternative to violence in our world today and practical tools for translating this vision into reality.

Eleanor Corr, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* (New York: Penguin, 1977).

Based on a true story, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* celebrates the courage that made one young woman a heroine in Japan. Hiroshima-born Sadako is lively and athletic—the star of her school’s running team. Soon gravely ill with leukemia, an aftereffect of the atom bomb that fell on her city when she was only an infant, Sadako approaches her illness as she did running—with irrepressible spirit. Recalling a Japanese legend, Sadako sets to work folding paper cranes. The legend holds that if a sick person folds one thousand cranes, the gods will grant her wish and make her healthy again.

John Dear, SJ, *Living Peace: A Spirituality of Contemplation and Action* (New York: Double Day, 2001).

*Living Peace: A Spirituality of Contemplation and Action* is a spiritual handbook for readers who seek to make peace in their lives and in the world. The journey to peace, as Dear describes it, is composed of an Inner Journey (involving solitude, silence, prayer, and mindfulness), and a Public Journey (involving direct political action), which, undertaken together, make possible reconciliation and transformation on a global level.

Thich Nat Hahn, *Creating True Peace: Ending Violence in Yourself, Your Family, Your Community and Your World* (New York: Free Press, 2003).

*Creating True Peace* is filled with meditations and practices for individuals and families; since relatively few people choose monasticism as a lifestyle, the practice of household peace through deep listening and loving speech is eminently useable. Moreover, as Nhat Hanh shows in his stories and examples of working with people in conflict, such techniques underlie peace in the political arena as well.

Peggy Rosenthal (Ed.), *Imagine a World: Poetry for Peacemakers* (Erie, PA: Pax Christi, 2005).

<[http://paxchristiusa.3dcartstores.com/Imagine-a-World-Poetry-for-Peacemakers\\_p\\_7.html](http://paxchristiusa.3dcartstores.com/Imagine-a-World-Poetry-for-Peacemakers_p_7.html)>

The poems of such luminaries as Daniel Berrigan, Barbara Kingsolver, Wendell Berry, Lucille Clifton, Martin Espada, Thich Nhat Hanh, Alice Walker and more are featured in this anthology, which can be used as a great resource for peacemaking and justice-seeking, in personal meditation or reflection, at prayer services or rallies, in small groups or in meetings.

## **Articles/Papers/Study Guides**

Anonymous, “The Secret Letter from Iraq,” *Time Magazine*, 6 October 2006,

<<http://www.time.com/time/world/printout/0,8816,1543658,00.html>>

This straightforward account of life in Iraq by a Marine officer was initially sent to a small group of family and friends. His honest but wry narration and unusually frank dissection of the mission contrasts sharply with the story presented by both sides of the Iraq war debate, the Pentagon spin masters and fierce critics. Perhaps inevitably, the "Letter from Iraq" moved quickly beyond the small group of acquaintances and hit the inboxes of

retired generals, officers in the Pentagon, and staffers on Capitol Hill. *TIME* was able to track down the author and verify the document's authenticity. The author wishes to remain anonymous but allowed *TIME* to publish the letter with a few judicious omissions.

Joan Chittister, OSB, "Just War Theory is Obsolete," from *Becoming Full Human, The Greatest Glory of God* (Erie, PA: Benetvision. 2005) <[http://www.beliefnet.com/story/159/story\\_15995.html](http://www.beliefnet.com/story/159/story_15995.html)>

Since Augustine developed just war theory, the nature of weapons has changed bringing into question these criteria for war.

Marjorie P. Lasky, "Iraqi Women Under Siege," *Code Pink*, April 2006, <<http://www.codepinkalert.org/downloads/IraqiWomenReport.pdf>>

This report shows that from 1958 to the 1990s, Iraq provided more rights and freedoms for women and girls than most of its neighbors. Though Saddam Hussein's dictatorial government and 12 years of severe sanctions reduced these opportunities, Iraqi women were active in all aspects of their society. After the occupation, with the exception of women in Iraqi Kurdistan, women's daily lives have been reduced to a mere struggle for survival.

The National Religious Partnership on the Nuclear Weapons Danger, "Breaking Faith With Nuclear Weapons: A Guide for Religious Communities," *Faithful Security*, April 2006 <[http://www.faithfulsecurity.org/pdf/tool\\_kit.pdf](http://www.faithfulsecurity.org/pdf/tool_kit.pdf)>

This twenty-page organizing resource for religious communities contains a model resolution, sample sermons, organizing tips, prayers of different faiths and much more.

Rockefeller Brothers Fund and The Aspen Institute's Global Interdependence Initiative, "U.S. in the World, Talking Global Issues with Americans: A Practical Guide," *U.S. in the World*, 2004 <[https://www.usintheworld.org/download/thanks.php?src\\_file=usintheworld.pdf](https://www.usintheworld.org/download/thanks.php?src_file=usintheworld.pdf)>

"U.S. in the World" supports the work of advocates of pragmatic, principled, effective and collaborative U.S. engagement in the world. It draws on the latest communications research and the insights of experts to outline convincing facts and arguments, and offer effective ways to put them across to non-expert American audiences. The Guide flows from a straightforward core vision: an informed, empowered citizenry is needed to encourage policymakers to support the sustained investment, involvement and leadership needed from the United States to tackle 21st-century challenges effectively.

USCCB Migration and Refugee Services, "Escaping Mayhem and Murder: Iraqi Refugees in the Middle East" *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*, July 2007 <<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/Trip%20Report%20on%20Iraqi.pdf>>

The USCCB organized a delegation to the Middle East. in July of 2007, on a fact-finding mission concerning the more than two million Iraqis who have now fled their homeland and taken temporary refuge in surrounding countries. Its purpose was to see their situation first-hand, assess needs and service gaps, and make recommendations. This report is a summary of this trip.

USCCB, "Torture is a Moral Issue: A Catholic Study Guide" *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*, July 2008 <<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/TortureIsAMoralIssueCatholicStudyGuide.pdf>>

What does the Church have to say about torture? This four chapter study guide offers reflections on torture as a moral issue. Get a group together to discuss this timely issue and what you can do to stop torture.

## **Periodicals/Newsletters**

The Catholic Peace Voice: The magazine of Pax Christi USA <[http://www.paxchristiusa.org/news\\_thecatholic\\_pv.asp](http://www.paxchristiusa.org/news_thecatholic_pv.asp)>

## **Audio/Visual/Interactive Resources**

*All Quiet on the Western Front*. Prod. Universal, 1930

. The film follows a group of German schoolboys, talked into enlisting at the beginning of World War I by their jingoistic teacher. The story is told entirely through the experiences of the young German recruits and highlights

the tragedy of war through the eyes of individuals. As the boys witness death and mutilation all around them, any preconceptions about "the enemy" and the "rights and wrongs" of the conflict disappear, leaving them angry and bewildered. The film is not about heroism but about drudgery, futility and the gulf between the concept of war and the actuality.

*The Fog of War*. Prod. @radical Media, 2003

Winner of the 2004 Academy Award for best feature length documentary, *The Fog of War* chronicles the life and career of Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, and finds a uniquely unsettling viewpoint on much of 20th-century American history. Employing archival material, including President Johnson's fascinating taped conversations from the Oval Office, director Errol Morris probes the reasons behind the U.S. commitment to the Vietnam War – and finds a depressingly inconsistent policy.

*Gandhi*. Prod. Goldcrest Films International, 1982

Superb portrait of India's great political and spiritual leader comes to life in Ben Kingsley's authoritative yet sensitive performance. Director Richard Attenborough's epic-scale production re-creates Gandhi's life and times, especially his use of non-violence and hunger strikes to bring together the diverse peoples of India and unify them as a nation.

*The Ground Truth: After the Killing Ends*. Prod. Radioactive Film

*The Ground Truth* follows ordinary men and women who heeded the call for military service in Iraq - as they experience recruitment and training, combat, homecoming, and the struggle to reintegrate with families and communities. The terrible conflict in Iraq is a prelude for the even more challenging battles fought by the soldiers returning home - with personal demons, an uncomprehending public, and an indifferent government. As these battles take shape, each soldier becomes a new kind of hero, bearing witness and giving support to other veterans, and learning to fearlessly wield the most powerful weapon of all - the truth.

*Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers*. Prod. Brave New Films, 2006 <<http://iraqforsale.org/>>

*Iraq for Sale* takes you inside the lives of soldiers, truck drivers, widows and children who have been changed forever as a result of profiteering in the reconstruction of Iraq. *Iraq for Sale* uncovers the connections between private corporations making a killing in Iraq and the decision makers who allow them to do so.

*Hotel Rwanda*. Prod. United Artists, 2004

Don Cheadle stars in the true-life story of Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager who housed over a thousand Tutsi refugees during their struggle against the Hutu militia in Rwanda.

*No End in Sight*. Prod. Red Envelope Entertainment, 2007 <<http://www.noendinsightmovie.com/>>

The first film of its kind to chronicle the reasons behind Iraq's descent into guerilla war, warlord rule, criminality and anarchy, *No End in Sight* is a jaw-dropping, insider's tale of wholesale incompetence, recklessness and venality.

*Peace X Peace: Women on the Front Lines*. Prod. Peace X Peace, 2003 <<https://www.peacexpeace.org>>

This feature-length documentary, narrated by Academy Award-winning actress Jessica Lange, premiered at the United Nations in 2003. It celebrates the unheralded work of women peace builders worldwide. Filmed in Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burundi, Argentina and the U.S., this documentary takes viewers into the lives of courageous women working to build peace out of conflict and crisis.

*Why We Fight*. Prod. BBC Storyville, 2005

*Why We Fight* is an unflinching look at the anatomy of the American war machine, weaving unforgettable personal stories with commentary by a "who's who" of military and beltway insiders. The documentary surveys the scorched landscape of a half-century's military adventures, asking how and telling why a nation of, by, and for the people has become the savings-and-loan of a system whose survival depends on a state of constant war.