

"Sacred Protection"

Kwame.Frempong  Posted: 30 May 2004 04:10 am Post subject: SACRED PROTECTION

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 11

Location: Harvard
School Of
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To My Dear SWA Members

You have the power to change all things, O God. Hear our prayer for peace and place Your sacred protection around those who are in danger. Rescue us from where we have dared to venture and renew our commitment to obey Your command to love. Touch the hearts of those who live to bring about death and enlighten them to the promises that You offer. Increase our faith in the power of prayer and grant that we may honor You in all that we offer.

We must learn as humans to fight for souls and not to perish it.

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Kwame.Frempong  Posted: 31 May 2004 04:29 am Post subject: MEMORIAL

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 11

Location: Harvard
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Marketing-Ghana

To Fellow SWA members

You are the path, the sacred road that leads to true life, dear God. Prevent us from traveling farther on the violent road that we have chosen and give us new direction for the way in which we deal with our problems. With peace as our destination, guide us to bring forth justice. Keep us aware of the travesty of war and the long lasting affects it has for generations. Teach us to forgive, trust and work together to bring forth a true and everlasting peace. Allow us to remember those who have offered their lives in the hopes that others will have a better and more rewarding future. Grant them peace.

We must learn as humans to fight for souls and not to perish it.

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: 31 May 2004 06:29 am Post subject: I can feel you but...

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Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 26

Location: Ile Ile,Osun State,Nigeria

My Friend,

You see prayers can suchly do the magic but it must be marched with actions and good works just as St. Pual say "Prayers without Good Works is Dead..."

I can feel you but just think about it!

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future!We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

“Peace Education Forum”

Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 24

Location: Ile
Ife, Osun
State, Nigeria

This "PEACE EDUCATION FORUM" is going to be a forum where we rub minds and look at issues and tools that can bring out about PEACE that can be sustained. Here I will plea that member give there candid statements on issues posted on this forum. I hope we will learn more from each other here. I do also hope we will take time in reading through.

For a start, I will like us to take a look at this write up by Leo R. Sandy and Ray Perkins, Jr. topiced:

The Nature of Peace and Its Implications for Peace Education

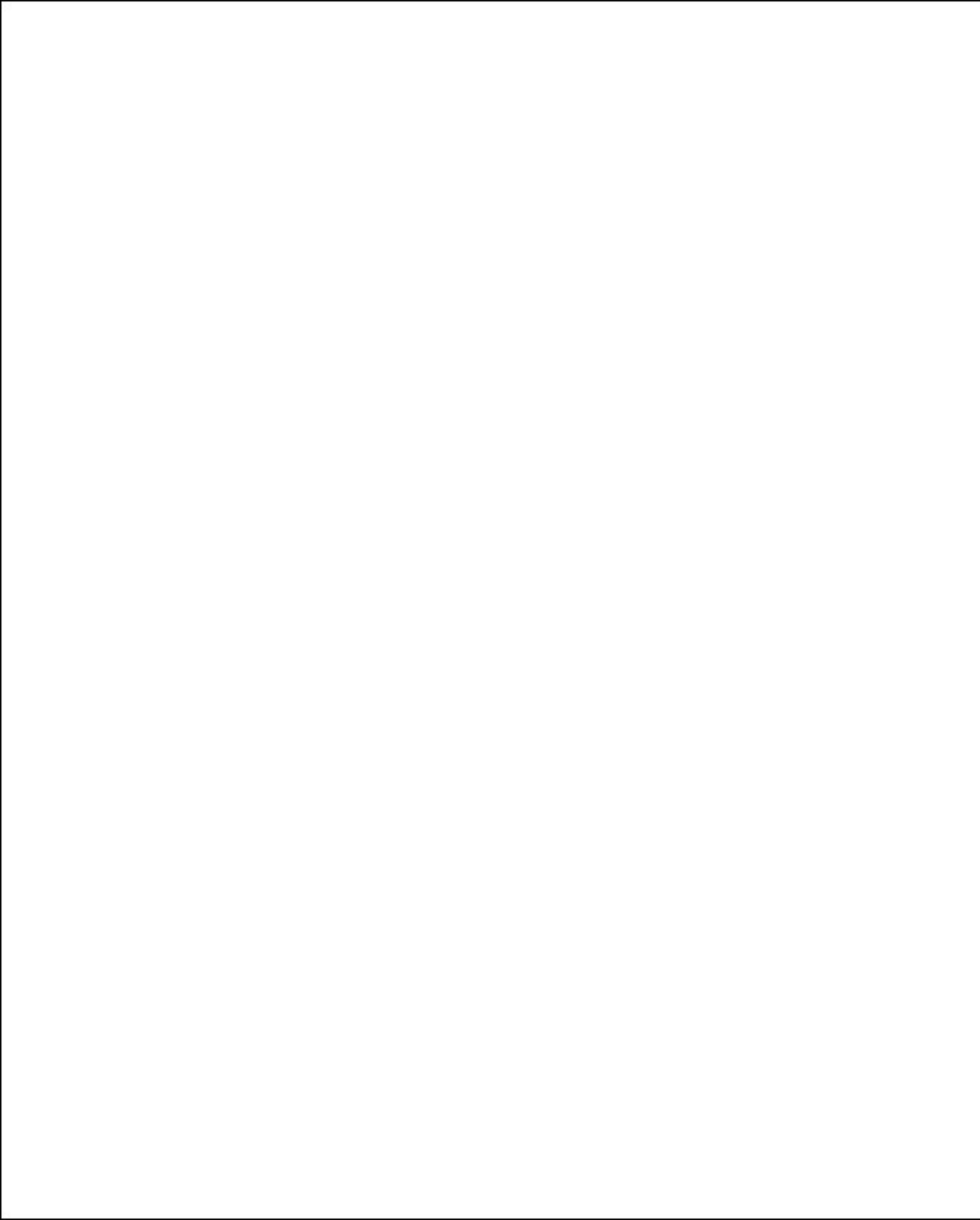
Peace: Avoiding the Way of Negation

"Peace" is a word that is uttered almost as frequently as "truth," "beauty," and "love." It may be just as elusive to define as these other virtues. Common synonyms for peace include "amity," "friendship," "harmony," "concord," "tranquility," "repose," "quiescence," "truce," "pacification," and "neutrality." Likewise, the peacemaker is the pacifier, mediator, intermediary, and intercessor. While some of these descriptions are appropriate, they are still quite limited in describing both the nature of peace and the role of the peacemaker. Any attempt to articulate the nature of peace and peacemaking, therefore, must address those conditions that are favorable to their emergence. Freedom, human rights, and justice are among such prerequisites. Also included are proactive strategies such as conflict resolution, nonviolent action, community building, and democratization of authority.

The peace process additionally must acknowledge and contend with its alternative - war - because of the high value status of violence. For example, while war has brought out the worst kind of behavior in humans, it has also brought out some of the best. Aside from relieving boredom and monotony, war has been shown to spawn self-sacrifice, loyalty, honor, heroism, and courage. It is well known that suicide rates decline during war. Also, war has helped to bring about significant social changes such as racial and sexual integration, freedom, democracy, and a sense of national pride. Because of its apparent utilitarian value and its ability to enervate, violence has been solidly embedded in the national psyche of many countries. As a result, its elimination will be no easy feat. Nevertheless, Reardon (1988) insists that "peace is the absence of violence in all its forms - physical, social, psychological, and structural" (p. 16). But this, as a definition, is unduly negative in that it fails to provide any affirmative picture of peace or its ingredients (Copi and Cohen, p. 195). Perhaps that picture must come, as O'Kane (1992) suggests, from a close examination of the "nature of causes, reasons, goals of war in order that we might...find ways of reaching human goals without resorting to force. That process should help us "uncover" the possible conditions of Peace."

In its most myopic and limited definition, peace is the mere absence of war. O'Kane (1992) sees this definition as a "vacuous, passive, simplistic, and unresponsive escape mechanism too often resorted to in the past - without success." This definition also commits a serious oversight: it ignores the residual feelings of mistrust and suspicion that the winners and losers of a war harbor toward each other.

The subsequent suppression of mutual hostile feelings is not taken into account by those who define peace so simply. Their stance is that as long as people are not actively engaged in overt, mutual, violent, physical, and destructive activity, then peace exists. This, of course, is just another way of defining cold war. In other words, this simplistic definition is too broad because it allows us to attribute the term "peace" to states of affairs that are not truly peaceful (Copi and Cohen, p. 194). Unfortunately, this definition of peace appears to be the prevailing one in the world. It is the kind of peace maintained by a "peace through strength" posture that has led to the arms race, stockpiles of nuclear weapons, and the ultimate threat of mutually assured destruction. This version of peace was defended by the "peacekeeper" - a name that actually adorns some U.S. nuclear weapons deployed since 1986. (2)



“Human Rights Violations in Sudan”

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 9

Location: Harvard
School Of
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Hello Fellow SWA members, i thought it wise to forward to you this article written by (by Alex Alkhouri, Michael Balazic, Justin Losier, and Emanuel Tucsa)

We can have discussions on this article:

Human rights violations occur in many countries throughout the world and are often perpetrated by governments of countries or rebel groups fighting against those in power. Various human rights advocacy groups, including the United Nations, have condemned these violations. Despite this, they continue to persist in numerous countries. One such country where human rights violations are rampant is Sudan. The conflict has been taking place for about twenty years. However, it was only fourteen months ago that the conflict escalated. Within these months, the Sudanese government has committed human rights violations against the rebels and other peoples in southern Sudan as well as against its own people in the north. The human rights violations that have occurred in Sudan are in two different but equally terrible areas: patterns of government attacks, which include forced displacement policies and the bombing of civilians; and abuses by government and allied militias such as killings of civilians and abductions of children and adults.

Sudan's government has inflicted great suffering on its people. A key element of this suffering has been the forced displacement policies. It is through the different types of actions the government has taken against the rebels that forced displacement has occurred. The destruction of civilian property, water sources, crops and the theft of livestock are all different contributing factors to forced displacement. In Sudan, the majority of the population are farmers or nomadic people, who rely on the land and their livestock for food and livelihood. By destroying land and livestock, the government is forcing citizens to move to other areas where they can pursue some form of livelihood, free of government tyranny. Taking this into consideration, it can be concluded that the Sudanese Government is violating Article 51 (Subsections 1-6, Protocol 1) of the Geneva Convention, which describes how individual civilians cannot be subjected to any military attack and should enjoy general protection against dangers arising from military operations. Such atrocious activities cannot be tolerated and clearly outline the government's lack of concern for its citizens.

The bombing of civilians is yet another type of government attack violating the Sudanese people's rights. Examples of recent civilian bombings include those in North Darfur, which have been taking place since 2003. Antonovs, high altitude bombers, MiGs and attack helicopters have all been bombing towns and villages in North Darfur, causing thousands of casualties along the path of destruction. These bombing raids are masked as government attacks on enemy rebels, though these towns often contain innocent people instead of the rebels the government claims are there. The bombings have not only targeted villages but also hospitals, health centres, and schools, causing many people within the towns to flee to nearby countries, receiving refugee status as well as safety. Such actions are clearly in violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states, in Article 3, "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person." Yet again, the government has shown a lack of concern for its citizens and a malicious attitude in looking for ways to solve its problems. Bombing its citizens is clearly a violation of the rights of citizens and a way in which the government has abused its power.

An additional means by which the government of Sudan is violating the rights of its people is through abuses by government and allied militias. In the on-going war between the government and rebels, the government has been making deliberate attacks through allied militias such as the janjaweed. An example of the abuses a government group such as janjaweed would carry out are illustrated in Human Rights Watch reports:

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Bossman.Boakye  Posted: 04 Jun 2004 04:16 pm Post subject: subject of concern

Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 24

Location: University of Ghana, Accra-Ghana

hi Kwarene,i agree with you that something urgent needs to be done.Our fellow human beings are been maltreated in Sudan and it is our responsibility to speak against it through this forum.Let the discussion continue and the condemnation flow

"Introductions"

Benjamin.Yap

2 Posted: 22 May 2004 11:11 pm Post subject: Introductions

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 4

Location: National University of Singapore

Hi everyone!

First of all I'll just like to say that I'm really excited to be part of this great new assembly with the opportunity to make a difference in the world today through international dialogue and resolution.

This forum is an excellent portal for us to air our views, hold discussions on issues of the day and perhaps just to interact.

I've noticed that the forum has been relatively quiet this few days...to add a boost, I'm proposing for everyone of us here to post a short introduction about him or herself. You can write about anything..where you come from, your aspirations, world views, about the swa, etc. We'll then kick off our discussions from there. Hopefully, this would liven up the forum and we will be able to get something concrete out of it.

Let me start... I'm Benjamin Yap Yong Tah from the tiny island of Singapore, which is located at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsular. I'm currently having my vacation and will be going on to my third year come August. Life Sciences is my major and I aspire to be a research scientist after I graduate.

Basically, I feel that a lot of the problems and conflicts that we are experiencing in the world today are due to fundamental faults such as lack of communication and preconceived prejudices. Such basic issues should be addressed first before we try to alleviate global problems. Education is also the key to a better world as mind sets have to change at all levels (citizens, military, governments, etc.) for any sort of improvement to be made. Acknowledgement and acceptance of our differences is essential for global cooperation and understanding to take place.

I'm sure that what I've said above is nothing new to all of us...what is important now is for us to act upon what we know as a united force. Change will come eventually, maybe not in our lifetime but at least future generations will be able to enjoy and maintain the fruits that we are sowing today.

That's all from me for now, hope to here from all of you soon.

The time is now...

Ben

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MattZaksek

Posted: 23 May 2004 01:06 am Post subject:

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Joined: 02 May 2004

Posts: 2

Location: San Luis Obispo, CA

Hi Ben,

Welcome to the Board. This discussion board is fairly new and as of a couple days ago, everyone finally received their account information. I agree that it's been quiet, but hopefully things will pick up a bit with everyone signing on and posting.

Thanks for introducing yourself and we'll look forward to more discussions and see how this new board takes off.

I'm the Webmaster by the way, so I check back relatively often to see how the board is doing.

See you around! 

Matt

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Pius.Opoku

Posted: 06 Jun 2004 05:38 pm Post subject: INTRODUCTIONS.

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 14

Location: University of Ghana

I must say I attest to the belief in the future success of this laudable project. The opportunity to share ideas and be part of this project is uplifting enough. If not for irregular internet services, I think participation would be even throughout the world especially from Africa which is grappling with the digital-divide.

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Charles.Akponah Posted: 07 Jun 2004 01:42 pm Post subject: ...lets keep this dream real and alive!

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Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 24

Location: Ille
Ife, Osun
State, Nigeria

Pals in the house, all you need to know about me you will find on this web site cos am one of your hopeful intending delegate who needs your vote to perform! so pls do vist my forum for more details. As a word of advice to us all esp. those of us just joining the assembly pls. do what you feel should be done for the upliftment of the assembly for we must keep this  dream real and alive 

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future! We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

"The Desert"

Kwame.Frempong  Posted: 26 May 2004 12:07 pm Post subject: THE DESERT

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 9

Location: Harvard
School Of
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Marketing-Ghana

O God, You know how each grain of sand fits into your sacred universe. Bring peace to the deserts of Iraq where death and sadness have come to reside. Quench our thirst to destroy one another and allow us to find an oasis of understanding and common ground. Allow our hearts to burn with the desire to end all battles so that we may come to build, live and trust in one another. Give us the courage to forgive, the wisdom to admit our mistakes and the generosity to share the gifts that You have bestowed upon us. Show the world that even in a desert Your peace can take root and flourish.

Fellow SWA members this is my prayer, how can we make our voices heard in bringing peace to Iraq, Africa and the rest of the world? What do we see and hear anytime we open our TV set? I pause here.

We must learn as humans to fight for souls and not to perish it.

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Joseph.Asiedu

 Posted: 26 May 2004 12:53 pm Post subject: THE DESERT

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 5

Location: Harvard
School of International
Marketing-Ghana

Thank you Kwame for your prayer of peace. Tears sometimes exhibit from my innocent poor eyes anytime i listen to news around the world. About 99.9% of the news given talks on war, poverty or diseases. As student youth activist we have a task ahead of us, lets keep our eyes open wider than and more wiser. What is happening in Iraq, Africa and some parts of the world can happen to any country. The cry of innocent Iraqis is also our cry. The time to act is now.
Shalom

There are things that burn me now which turns golden when am happy

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Joseph.Asiedu

Posted: 26 May 2004 12:56 pm Post subject: THE DESERT

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 5

Location: Harvard
School of International
Marketing-Ghana

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Julius.Olkiran

Posted: 06 Jun 2004 07:21 am Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 9

Location: Obafemi
Awolowo University

when we citizen of this earth fully speak for ourselves directly on issues concerning our welfare, instead of everything being left to the bureaucracy of government alone then there might be a chance for peace in Iraq, Africa and the world in general. Bless that day cause then ur prayer are then answered

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Pius.Opoku

Posted: 08 Jun 2004 08:59 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 14

Location: University of
Ghana

Aside prayers, we can also achieve a lot by making our voices heard in all cradles of society. We must rally support from all corners of the world and build a very large coalition of Young activist. Then would the world have no choice but to listen and listen good. The current leaders and policy makers of the world must be made to know we do know what we are about. We are the future leaders of this great planet!

"Come my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world." -- Tennyson

"Is This Attainable?"

Bossman.Boakye  Posted: 13 Jun 2004 04:58 pm Post subject: Is this attainable?

Joined: 08 May 2004
Posts: 22

Location: University of Ghana, Accra-Ghana
Hello members,

just came across this piece on Environmental sustainability and wanted to ask, are they attainable? Read them

Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes; reverse loss of environmental resources
Reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water
Achieve significant improvement in lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers, by 2020

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Jeffrey.Liang  Posted: 13 Jun 2004 05:10 pm Post subject:

Joined: 09 May 2004
Posts: 5

There isn't enough information here to make a judgement on whether this is feasible.

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Bossman.Boakye  Posted: 13 Jun 2004 05:50 pm Post subject: never needed a judgement

Joined: 08 May 2004
Posts: 22

Location: University of Ghana, Accra-Ghana

hi friend, this was just a rhetorical question. I just found this information and just wanted to share it with all. I just wanted a discussion on the issue issue at stake.

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Benjamin.Yap

Posted: 15 Jun 2004 12:04 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 4

Location: National
University of
Singapore

Hi!

I feel that it is not a matter of whether the statements are attainable but rather whether the proper systems are in place in order to achieve the results.

I believe the problem is that there are flaws in global resource distribution as well as capitalism.

Resources(eg.clean water, food, medicine, technology, etc.) are simply not going to the places which need them the most...there is no reason why safe drinking water can't be accessed by everyone. Also, proper resource distribution should allow all world citizens to have a decent standard of living. Contrary to popular belief, we do have enough resources to go around indefinitely. Even in the case of depleting fossil fuels, we do have the technology to tap into renewable resources(eg. fuel cells). However, economics prevents us from taking advantage of it...which brings me to the next flaw.

The capitalistic ideology benefits the world economy since individuals as well as entities at all levels are compelled to work hard and contribute to the economy since they directly reap what they sow. Emphasis is placed on profits and cost-benefit analysis tend to be for the short term. This could hinder the assimilation of sustainable development into policies, for more often than not the benefits from such a venture will only materialise in the long run. The cost, on the other hand, can be quite significant. You can be surprised how short-sighted capitalistic governments can be. It is the reason why the US refused to sign the Kyoto Treaty.

It is definitely possible to achieve the stated outcomes and more...however to do so, mind-sets and systems have to change. The task at hand is a long and daunting one, but with steadfast perseverance, anything can be accomplished.

"Cultural Awareness"

Helen.Charles

2 Posted: 10 Jun 2004 06:42 pm Post subject: Cultural Awareness

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 07 Jun 2004

Posts: 2

Location: Borough of Manhattan Community College

Hi Everyone,
I recently joined the SWA and I think it is a fantastic forum for initializing world peace. (We need to begin somewhere.)

I am a nursing student and one of the topics that is of utmost importance is cultural awareness. However, it is stressed that one must be aware of one's own belief and culture when dealing with others. I believe that this is a very important aspect of everyday life not just the nursing profession.

We are certainly living in a global village and must be aware that all of us are not the same, but we must take stock of ourselves before attempting to judge others.

It is my hope that the SWA and this forum serve to enlighten us and make us more aware of each others cultures and beliefs and thereby make a start toward global democracy.

Helen Charles

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Pius.Opoku

2 Posted: 11 Jun 2004 05:17 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 12

Location: University of Ghana

Well said... ☺

"Come my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world." -- Tennyson

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Bossman.Boakye  Posted: 12 Jun 2004 03:33 am Post subject: yes

Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 22

Location: University of Ghana,Accra-Ghana

i support your view. We need to know eachothers culture if really global democracy is to be enhanced though this forum. Culture is dynamic and everyones own is different from the other.

In knowing eachone's culture, we will be creating an atmosphere of togetherness and understanding between ourselves.

Global citizenry cannot be achieved if we do not value our respective cultures.

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Julius.Olukiran  Posted: 16 Jun 2004 09:45 am Post subject:

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 8

Location: Obafemi Awolowo University

You certainly got it right. One of the ways this global village which we live in can exist in peaceful harmony is understanding it's diverse culture and respecting them. Hopefully this interaction we do in SWA would take us a step toward world harmony by cultural interaction.

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Pius.Opoku  Posted: 16 Jun 2004 07:06 pm Post subject:

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 12

Location: University of Ghana

I couldn't agree with you more on this issue. Our culture has such a huge impact on who we are or what we become. The food we consider succulent, the music we dance to and our general attitude towards life is a product of our cultural background. And that's what identifies us in the larger society that we exist.

Nevertheless harbouring a healthy respect for the culture of the other person is also a step in the right direction in promoting world peace.

"Come my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world." -- Tennyson

"Youth & Globalization"

Duncan.Moeketse  Posted: 10 Jun 2004 05:47 am Post subject: Your perspective on Youth and globalization

Joined: 01 Jun 2004

Posts: 1

Location: Wits University, Johannesburg, South Africa

Hi there,

I am student at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg in South Africa. I would like to get your point of view pertaining to Globalization and how it affect you as young people in your countries.

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Charles.Akponah

 Posted: 10 Jun 2004 08:20 am Post subject: Globalization?...yes

Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ife,Osun State,Nigeria

Welcome  my friend from SA,thanks to Globalization today you are there and am here; we are both chatting on a "Global Note"  ! What more can we ask of it 

This is not to say it does not have its side effects, it depends on how you look at it and how you want it to affect you and your people. But from my own point of view, Globalization from its simple nature has opened and linked up youths both within and out side my country.

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future! We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Pius.Opoku

Posted: 16 Jun 2004 07:42 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 11

Location: University of Ghana We hear about it on TV, we read about it in the newspapers and we hear people talking about it. If you ask me whether it is a way to go? I will first weigh the consequences on a fragile economy like that of my country Ghana and also it's impact on the environment.

From my perspective, the conditions do not exist for people in certain situations, such as those in my country, to benefit in the same manner as that of South Africa or the United States will. These conditions include certain limitations and disparities established which seems not to be in favour of the poor and vulnerable. Although there are some gains to be made, the poor ones such as those fragile economies in Africa stand to lose a lot. We cannot stop wondering whether these barriers in trade and other issues are intentional or accidental and if so, i think the rich nations who stand to benefit a great deal are certainly not doing enough.

This is a very very serious issue and you can imagine the number of people dying as a result that.

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Anthony.Navatto

Posted: 17 Jun 2004 04:08 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 03 Jun 2004

Posts: 3

Location: LaGuardia community College

In theory globalization is a fine idea, it was suppose to create jobs and unlock new economic boundaries with the rest of the world, it was suppose bridge the gap between the global market and local economies of the world jointly, so both can fiscally flourish, instead it is ostracizing us from the world even more by alienating, contaminating, and enslaving the poorer lesser develop 3rd world while the CEO's of the globe are the only ones prospering from this outlandish idea.

"Human Rights, Human Lives"

Kasi.Kitcheva D Posted: 21 Jun 2004 06:27 pm Post subject: What comes first human rights, human life, or human lives

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 7

Location: Adelphi University We think that we are born with our rights. We make up all those rights and bring up our children making them think that they have those rights or at least the right to have them.

Azimov, wrote "The Empire". In those books people could predict the probability of major world events and could think of solutions to avoid "the bad ones" with minimum sacrifices/lifes/ given.

If you know that if you do not abuse someone's rights /rights of absolutely innocent people/ in the long run there will be lost human lives, lives of people that are not even born yet, do you think that the right of the living innocent people can be abused?

You all are thinking of decision, but aren't you thinking autopically? While you are thinking of current "major issue" this issue grows bigger and bigger.

"Food For Thought"

Charles.Akponah  Posted: 25 May 2004 08:18 am Post subject: FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ife,Osun State,Nigeria Here is something from Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men."

Is the above statement truth my dear friends?if yes what can we do now ?

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future!We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Kwame.Frempong  Posted: 25 May 2004 01:00 pm Post subject: Food for thought

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 9

Location: Harvard School Of International Marketing-Ghana

Charles, thank you for this wonderful piece from martin luther king Jr, and the topic posted, a very interesting one.

Science has to some extend taken away not only spiritual power but also religion. Science is like fire, a good master and a bad servant. I urge members to hold this topic at heart since its a major pressing issue which is facing our world.

I will be back.

peace

We must learn as humans to fight for souls and not to perish it.

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Kasi.Kitheva

Posted: 25 May 2004 07:31 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 7

Location: Adelphi University

May be you can think in a little bit different way. Why are you dividing the spiritual power from the scientific power? Science can give you spiritual power. Energies are never lost, they are just transformed.
Also, spiritual power is not well defined. If you manage to define it, then I will manage to prove that spiritual power is a case of the scientific power.

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Kwame.Frempong

Posted: 31 May 2004 04:41 am Post subject: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 9

Location: Harvard School Of International Marketing-Ghana

thank you Kusi for enlighten us on science and spiritual powers. Can you pls explain further why science and spiritual powers are similar in context and application? And pls do define spiritual power to us and how can science give one a spiritual power. Thank you, I love to learn

Shalom

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Pius.Opoku

Posted: 06 Jun 2004 05:08 pm Post subject: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 11

Location: University of Ghana

Well it depends on how one looks at it. Opinions differ from one person to another regarding the proper use of our science faculty. For instance look at the role the first nuclear bomb played in ending World War II.

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: 07 Jun 2004 12:55 pm Post subject: ...!!??

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Joined: 19 May 2004
Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ile, Osun State, Nigeria

My dear friend, please make me clear on what you are trying to say; are you saying that science did well by the use of nuclear bomb that kill so many people during the World War II? or that it helped in ending the war, in what way? Please educate us !

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Pius.Opoku

Posted: 07 Jun 2004 06:04 pm Post subject:

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Posts: 11

Location: University of Ghana

I must make myself clear here. I said "Opinions differ from one person to another regarding the proper use of our science faculty". I'm not advocating for the use of nuclear weapons. We must learn from our experiences. However, the use of a nuclear bomb in the second world war taught us one hard lesson that we cannot forget. And that is the extent to which we can harm ourselves with science. The technology to make nuclear weapons was already available and the powers that were ready to test it anyway. I think it generated a lot of disinterest in further fighting so that the war had to end. All parties had to pause and reflect on the damage it had caused. Unfortunately this "beast" in the name of science is available to many countries now and since "everyone" has it, it's no more a deterrent. we have enough nuclear arsenals to completely wipe out our cities from the face of this planet. Taming this "beast" is all we got now and we must pursue it diligently.

"Come my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world." -- Tennyson

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: 09 Jun 2004 10:54 am Post subject: I can feel u but...

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 19 May 2004
Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ife,Osun State,Nigeria

I can feel you my friend, but should we "Tame or kill the 😡 beast 😡"

❓Which ever way;how do we go about it?This should we all ponder about and see if we can make out some helpful solutions.

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future!We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Kasi.Kitcheva

Posted: 21 Jun 2004 06:05 pm Post subject:

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004
Posts: 7

Location: Adelphi University

I am sorry for the delay of my answer.

Spiritual power? What is spiritual power but certain state of mind? What is certain state of mind but the influence of certain bio-chemical balances in the organism of a given person? This bio-chemical balance can be altered from external factors/like experience, memories, if somebody has hit you on the head etc/ but it also can be altered "artificially"/with chemistry, pills, surgeries/. What I am saying is that we do not have all that knowledge, to alter our spirit absolutely empirically. If we have it then science would be able to give spiritual power. Wouldn't it?

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: 21 Jun 2004 06:19 pm Post subject: Science a + ...

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 19 May 2004
Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ife,Osun State,Nigeria

Friend, its a fact that science can not and would not be able to give spiritual power cos its comes only from the most high one. If this is then so, we do then through science way?

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future!We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Ryan.Ihm

Post: 23 Jun 2004 04:12 pm Post subject: science and spirituality

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 6

Location: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Science is a great tool that can help move our cultures forward, but I would argue that if technology continues to be used for weapons (Stealth Bombers, Nuclear Weapons, "Smart bombs", ICBMs, Laser weaponry, EMPs, etc...) then science will make people more spiritual as we will all soon be meeting our maker.

"Palestinian-Israeli Conflict"

Pius.Opoku

2 Posted: 08 Jun 2004 08:45 pm Post subject: PALESTINIAN-ISREALI CONFLICT.

[quote](#) [L](#) [edit](#) [X](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 10

Location: University of
Ghana

I saw this documentary on TV the other day and I am totally shocked at the way and manner isreal continiously subjects it's neighbour, the palestinians, to such aggression in the name of fighting terrorism. It was so sad to see the way bullets hit young students in their classrooms. Although Isreal has a right to protect itself, it should however excercise some circumspection in such activities.

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Bossman.Boakye

2 Posted: 14 Jun 2004 12:32 am Post subject: serious

[quote](#) [L](#) [edit](#) [X](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: University of
Ghana, Accra-Ghana

hi friend,i share the same grief and concern. I sometimes think the world is not doing enough to end the war in the middle east. It is just signing of documents and peace talks and we think we are doing enough.

The war is more than a war and the world should show concern like how we rallied and condemned the US war on Iraq.

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Ryan.Ihm

Posted: 27 Jun 2004 08:43 pm Post subject: conflict in palestine

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 5

Location: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

The conflict in palestine (isreal) will never be resolved as long as the US supports the israelis, even though they continue to violate the oslo agreements by creating new settlements in the west bank and the gaza strip. The Israelis must also stop limiting palestinians right to speak out publicly by knocking down the houses of those who publicly oppose their aggression. When peaceful means of protest to Israeli policy is suppressed the protestors (now without a home) are more likely to join Hamas and suicide bomb (which is wrong) to get their point across. The palestinians also need to form a new group to replace the corrupt PLO who oppresses those who speak out against it as much (if not more via assassination) as the israelis. The "security fence" also must be rerouted to the stated agreements of the Oslo agreements and must not cut of palestinian farmers from their olive orchards and family (the condition known as apartheid, which is the current state of the palestinians). Security is important (for the Israelis), but not at the expense of the basic human rights (shelter, food, mobility, life, free speech) of the palestinians. Until then "terrorism", both palestinian and israeli will not end. ☺

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Bossman.Boakye

Posted: 28 Jun 2004 12:12 am Post subject: the palestinians can help

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Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: University of Ghana, Accra-Ghana

I share your concerns that Israel needs to abide by some conventions and peace plans drafted. I think the Palestinians should also make way for dialogue to work. They have been using suicide bombing to settle scores and this is not helping. Remember, anytime they come out with such retaliation, Israel also tries to do something. I expected the world leaders (Ghana) to call the world leaders to the conference that just ended to see how best they can help bring peace to the middle east. That could have worked out well. ☺

But whatever happens, the people in the middle east should see themselves as one people and should not let conflicts separate them forever.

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Ibraheem.Bukunle Posted: 29 Jun 2004 08:04 pm Post subject: The World needs to Talk !

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 16 Jun 2004

Posts: 1

Location: Ladakh
Akintala University of
Technology

I think its a sad happening in the world that we keep on losing innocent young souls to death caused by issues that could have been amicably settled if not for what i refer to as "Life consuming politics".

Politics in the sense that every leader that comes in on both sides finds a way to outdo past leaders through frequent violation of peace meeting resolutions etc. Its no more interesting when you here that there was a peace talk process between these countries 'cos you are bound to be confronted with a suicide bomb attack the next morning.

I wonder when "PEACE" will be restored to this country with the "BIG BROTHER" playing a partial role in resolving the crisis. The UN is becoming powerless when it comes to issues involving the USA and this has made situation worse in that part of the World. I think its not oil again USA is looking for in Israel because America can never have a genuine concern for you if you do not have something to give back.

We are the World, we are the people who can end this MADNESS in the Middle East, Arise and lets get something done my folks....

...ibghandi !

Enough..... No more WARS,CORRUPTION,INFANT MORTALITY etc, YOUTHS have risen against you scourges...

Its time for PEACE, DEVELOPMENT and LOVE in the WORLD.

"Clear and Present Human Existence"

Julius.Olukiran 2 Posted: 01 Jul 2004 05:32 pm Post subject: Possible avertion to CLEAR & PRESENT human existing line

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 8

Location: Obafemi Awolowo University

It is wonderful when discussion like this happens cause problems that seem to have no definite answer suddenly have very simple solutions.

Call me a cynic or not but i'm one of those who when u engage in an argument u might be frustrated because of the fact that i point out and defend the idea that nuclear holocaust on this earth is inevitable and the survival of humanity bleak after all nobody really know for certain what caused the extinction of the dino maybe it was not a natural thing but something of their own doing.

Now i see the possible survival of humanity from 'the nuclear holocaust' from my little participation in SWA and the actual grasping of it's objective. A world assembly might actually be able to avert the world from a nuclear holocaust in it fully developed state afterall what would individuals like me then need a nuclear weapon to defend myself from a fellow individual being take for instance from a fellow chinaman or a greek. I think with the full development of a world assembly then one of the greatest threat to humanity the 'Millions of killing capable weaponry' becomes obsolete. THEN WE CAN ALL SIT AND TACKLE OTHER HUMAN EXISTENCE THREATENING PROBLEMS LIKE POVERTY, DISEASE etc

Here i would like to enjoin all SWA members who believe in the objective of SWA to enhance the creation of a world assembly through a more vigorous approach of enlightenment, recruitment for a trully globalised assembly.

THE ABILITY TO ENSURE OUR SURVIVAL LIES STILL DORMANTON OUR FINGERTIPS.

"Stability & Democracy in Iraq"

Ryan.Ihm

2 Posted: 07 Jul 2004 04:28 pm Post subject: Some thoughts on bringing stability and democracy to Iraq.

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 5

Location: Cal Poly

San Luis Obispo

After the invasion of Iraq by the United States all of its ministries (accept the ministry of oil) were destroyed and the US attempts to rebuild the country have been marred by insurgency. I feel that the first thing needed in the process of rebuilding is a new US president who is trusted by the international community and can get real international (especially Arab nations) support into the process. The second step to gaining stability is probably kicking out Halliburton and Bechtel and letting the Iraqis rebuild their own oil fields (they built them first, they don't need Halliburton to rebuild them now!).

I have many other ideas, but I want to hear what my international colleagues think, so fire away and let's get some constructive ideas out there.

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Bossman.Boakye 2 Posted: 11 Jul 2004 01:05 am Post subject: my view

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Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: University of Ghana, Accra-Ghana

Well, as the issue of getting a new US President, the American people need to take up to take up this issue. I believe some love Bush and his ideas while others don't. That is democracy you know?

Iraq can manage its own affairs, that is right and I believe the US have handed over power to them. Let us see how they fare.

Bush and his government know why they invaded Iraq in a matter of some few years, we will see the results of this action. Although lovers of democracy frown to this, we feel we need to keep our fingers crossed for sometime, lest we judge wrongly.

Arabs are their own enemies if I am asked. Just take the Middle East issue into focus, they should be prepared to come together and also love Americans and stop hating them. They are their own enemies and not America. Who committed the 9/11 attack?

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Ezekiel.Kofi

Posted: 14 Jul 2004 12:49 pm Post subject: Re: my view

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Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 3

Bossmann.Boakye wrote:

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Hi my good friends,

I will love it most if SWA members will tend to discuss general issues like peace in our regions rather than focusing on one particular country. Nice having a divergent views from you guys keep on keeping on .

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Julius.Olukiran

Posted: 16 Jul 2004 08:40 am Post subject:

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 8

Location: Obafemi Awolowo University

Basically in our world with the present situation of world governance there is bound to be conflict if not for anything but for the show of might. Maybe as ezekiel rightly said we should be more focused on discussion that would at least bring peace and development to the people of the world including the middle east, or at least let's criticize policies of this system with alternative idea's (constructive criticism), if only we can achieve through this forum to bring about a change to this present system of government then we can look forward to a brighter tomorrow.

THE TIP OF MYPEN I BELIEVE IS GREATER THAN A THOUSAND SWORD

"How Can SWA Create a Change?"

Stephen.Kwaw

Posted: 21 May 2004 12:05 pm Post subject: HOW CAN WE STUDENT IN THE ASSEMBLY GO OUT TO CREATE A CHANGE

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 3

Location: NELT-ACCRA
GHANA

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Alan Hunt

Posted: 23 May 2004 08:24 pm Post subject: communication

Guest

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We need to start the ball rolling by using this site as a discussion board. We need "talk" to each other. 

I would like to see each of the issues that concern us.

On my priority list of concerns is the environment and sustainability of the remaining resources we have left.

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: 25 May 2004 07:00 am Post subject: I agree but...

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Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ife,Osun
State,Nigeria

I agree with you Alan,we need to set the ball rolling by using this site as a discussion board.Like I have said before "communication is the life line of any organization because it is the core process which enables the organization to engage their member's intellectual and creative assets/abilities to produce and deliver".Indeed there is an urgent need for improvement in our communication level/habit within the assembly.

But tell me do you think we can achieve environmental sustainability of resources without PEACE ?

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future!We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: 25 May 2004 07:08 am Post subject: Re: HOW CAN WE STUDENT IN THE ASSEMBLY GO OUT TO CREATE A CHA

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ife,Osun State,Nigeria

Quote:

Its simple,The Change must start with ourselves - leadership by example!

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Guest

Posted: 25 May 2004 08:07 pm Post subject:

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Ledership? I think that the will for a dominance of many people and nations is the problem. Leadership is just the kind side of the dominance. Don't you mean involvement? Involvement does not necessarily is caused by a leader. For example can't we say that American society is involved into their economy? They are involved through their culture, the culture of the shopping, consumer type of society. Following the same logic we can have a peaceful type of culture, can't we?

My point is that indirect approach, that is less agressive is better. The approach that the industries use to make you buy their products. Approach that acts on the individual not on the masses, as in elections 😊.

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Joseph.Asiedu

Posted: 26 May 2004 05:21 am Post subject: HOW CAN WE STUDENT IN THE ASSEMBLY GO OUT TO CREATE A CHANGE

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 5

Location: Harvard

School of International
Marketing-Ghana

Good day fellow student activist of this great network. I believe most of us here do share similar vision and dream, hence if we should then brainstorm seriously in most of the topics posted by members of this network i can prove with a shred of no doubt that we can make a change in our respective environments. We can only achieve environmental sustainability of resources if there is the presence of peace, equal rights and justice. 😊 I will be back.

There are things that burn me now which turns golden when am happy

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Joseph.Asiedu

Posted: 26 May 2004 05:26 am Post subject: HOW CAN WE STUDENT IN THE ASSEMBLY GO OUT TO CREATE A CHANGE

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 5

Location: Harvard

School of International
Marketing-Ghana

Thank you kwame for your views on how we can go out as student youth activist to create a change. Without peace, justice and the existance of human rights we can never achieve our said goals. As youth student activist i believe this should be our key words. If we should take the discussions here into action i believe nothing can stop us in achieving our goals in making the world a peace free environment. Shalom

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Kwame.Frempong  Posted: 26 May 2004 05:42 am Post subject: HOW CAN WE STUDENT IN THE ASSEMBLY GO OUT TO CREATE A CHANGE

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 9

Location: Harvard
School Of
International
Marketing-Ghana

Greetings fellow SWA members. Yet another day has come and am glad to be allowed room to make my contributions to this interesting topic on how we can go out to create a change. It must first start with ourselves. We are the future leaders, and to me the future is NOW. We have been betrayed by our so-called leaders and its time we change the trend. We have a task ahead of us and its no joke, i will always feel honoured to be part of this network. nothing can be achieved without the presence of peace, justice, respect for human rights and above all equal rights. It must all begin with love. One for all, all for one.

"Those who love deeply never grow old; they may die of old age, but they die young."

We must learn as humans to fight for souls and not to perish it.

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Kasi.Kitcheva  Posted: 26 May 2004 07:24 am Post subject:

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 7

Location: Adelphi
University

I do not feel honored to be part of this, yet. I do not think that repeating that someone's honored can make the given association honorary . I am sure that everyone thinks that peace is a good thing. The difference in all your views is the method through which to achieve that peace. And I think that this is what the discussion has to be about, since we all agreed on that environmental problems can be decided with the peace.

P.S. Excuse me for writing anonymously up. I did not know that I had not signed in. That leads me to the thought wouldn't it be better if only registered users could write in?

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Joseph.Asiedu

Posted: 26 May 2004 12:10 pm Post subject: Re: HOW CAN WE STUDENT IN THE ASSEMBLY GO OUT TO CREATE A CHANGE

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 5

Location: Harvard

School of International Marketing-Ghana "Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no help at all."

There are things that burn me now which turns golden when am happy

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Kasi.Kitcheva

Posted: 26 May 2004 01:21 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 7

Location: Adelphi University

You can't go out to create a change by citing famous people thoughts, better explain what they mean for you...

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Kwame.Frempong

Posted: 27 May 2004 09:14 am Post subject: HOW CAN WE STUDENT IN THE ASSEMBLY GO OUT TO CREATE A CHANGE

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 9

Location: Harvard

School Of International Marketing-Ghana

Kasi, i think we should rather congratulate Joseph for his wonderful contribution through the citing of famous peoples thoughts. There are so many ways to kill a cat and if this is the channel he wants to use in reaching us why not we rather encourage but tends to discourage. We are here to learn from each other, so we can in one accord create a better world. Lets learn to criticize constructively and not destructively. I believe there is an iota of politics in advocacy but this is not the right approach.

I have deduce a lot of meanings from this thoughts. Thank you Joseph.

"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no help at all."

We must learn as humans to fight for souls and not to perish it.

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Stephen.Kwaw

Posted: 27 May 2004 10:30 am Post subject: HI ALL

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 3

Location: NIIIT-ACCRA HI ALL SWA MEMBERS , I HOPE EVERY ONE IS DOING WELL GHANA

THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRUBUTED TO THE TOPIC HOW CAN WE IN THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY CHANGE THE WORLD. 

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Bossman.Boakye

Posted: 27 May 2004 12:51 pm Post subject: as we dialogue.....

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: University of Ghana,Accra-Ghana hello Fellow members,

As we try to make a better world with our intellect,let us also think about the poor students and those in the remote areas in the world who cannot join this discussion.The SWA should also plan to reach out to these students who can also contribute to the change that we all seek.

The discussion is lively and thanks to the organisers of the SWA.

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: 27 May 2004 01:08 pm Post subject:

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ife,Osun State,Nigeria

Indeed my brother I feel you but I think we should move one step at a time,soonest we will get there its just a matter of time.

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future!We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

Kwame.Frempong Posted: 30 May 2004 10:29 am Post subject: HOW CAN WE STUDENT IN THE ASSEMBLY GO OUT TO CREATE A CHANGE

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 9

Location: Havard School Of International Marketing-Ghana

To my fellow colleagues, the discussion room is becoming interesting day in and day out. I want to go back to the suggestion made by Bossman on how those in the remote part of our respective countries can make their voices heard through this medium. ICT has come to stay, but not all people especially those in the remote part of our continent do have access to it. I want to remind fellow SWA members that the mission of SWA is to provide an open internet forum where students from all over the world can engage in an open dialogue about world issues. My question is how can we reach out to those who do not have access to Internet? As instrumental players in the game of student youth advocacy our anchor shall hold the task ahead of us despite the storms.

We must learn as humans to fight for souls and not to perish it.

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: 31 May 2004 06:47 am Post subject: ...Take the message to them!

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ife,Osun State,Nigeria

How do or can we reach out to those who do not have access to Internet? Is indeed a very good question, but its indeed a simply one, all we need do is take the message to them, where ever they may be! Yes, I say take it to them!! If indeed we are instrumental players in the game of student youth advocacy and we still have the dream of one day becoming the voice of the people then we should be able to carry them along despite the storms it may bring.

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future! We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Kwame.Frempong

Posted: 31 May 2004 09:08 a.m. Post subject: BRAIN STORMING

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 9

Location: Harvard School Of
International Marketing-Ghana

Thanx for your most loudable solution as to how we can go out as members of SWA to impact our knowledge to the less previlage(those who do not have access to internet services). I thought i left out something which am oblige to add now. What we need know is the MECHANISM of reaching them, moving from the talk to talk, to the walk to talk. We have to set up an action plan, base on this action plan we will then know which mechanism will best suit our outreach program.

We must learn as humans to fight for souls and not to perish it.

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Julius.Olukiran

Posted: 05 Jun 2004 01:06 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 8

Location: Obafemi Awolowo
University

when it come to leadership i know it goes with service so i know what should be paramount in our minds is encouraging our fellow students to come on board to join the discussion with progressive contributions and see if we can definetely make positive changes

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Pius.Opoku

Posted: 07 Jun 2004 06:32 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 10

Location: University of Ghana

I do not know how passionate we are about influencing and changing the world in which we live in for the better but I believe members of the SWA are committed enough and bent on achieving the objectives of the SWA. We belong to one world with a common destiny. This destination could be of the worst kind imaginable or the very best in which freedom, justice and democracy rules. But it all has to start from somewhere. I can only imagine all students of higher education and the very immediate future leaders united together in this common goal. In unity lies our strength. And it feels good to know that one is not alone.

"Come my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a new er world." -- Tennyson

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Bossmann.Boakye

Posted: 08 Jun 2004 12:15 pm Post subject: that is the spirit

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: University of Ghana, Accra-Ghana

hi pal,that is the ley to achieving the aims and objectives of SWA. We need to forge ahead in unity. They may be divers view s but we should all note that,our world is of major concern to us. We are all global citizens and we should contribute our quota to development. Now is our time and soonw e will be out of this world. Let us use this opportunity immensely to benefit our world.

My best regards to all. Any ideas for the Ghana event?

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: 15 Jun 2004 11:12 am Post subject:

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 19 May 2004
Posts: 21
Location: Ile Ife,Osun
State,Nigeria

My Friend I agree with you,"now is our time and soon we will be out of this world" So if we must not live to give excuses tomorrow to our children,let us then say no and act right by trying spread the goodnews of SWA EVERYWHERE WE GO!

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future!We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Kasi.Kitcheva

Posted: 21 Jun 2004 05:53 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004
Posts: 7
Location: Adelphi University

do you really think that you can change something. I have the feeling that what we are doing here is more like trying to build up our own point of view about certain topics, since clear one usually is missing. It is not that I have read a point of view on the current topic. Even if there was any expressed somewhere, the only thought left in my head after reading this topic up to its current state is how ready all here are to do something. It even seems that all want to do something in the sake of doing whatever. Proove me wrong?

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: 21 Jun 2004 06:59 pm Post subject: Expline pls...

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 19 May 2004
Posts: 21
Location: Ile Ife,Osun
State,Nigeria

Friends I do not really understand what and where, you are getting at. Please expline further with me.Thanks.

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future!We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Kasi.Kitcheva

Posted: 22 Jun 2004 11:15 am Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 7

Location: Adelphi University

What I mean is that it feels like there is a lot of tension for action here. However, you cannot stop wars now, you cannot stop all the kinds of discrimination and you won't stop pollution, neither tomorrow, nor in the next year, nor in the next five. We cannot change anything else but ourselves. We have to change our thinking in terms of rights, our expectations, our set of mind. We have to stop thinking of ourselves as citizens of the country, representatives of certain religion or ethnicity, but on the first place as citizens of the world. And we have to do all that, not because it will change anything now, but in order for us to have benevolent influence on our children and grand children. So one day for them it would sound rational and they would give up living "necessities" just to stop pollution. Would you give up your car and use the safe for the air busses and trains etc? We do not have the culture to manage with problems like that, yet. The only change we can make is to create that culture for your heirs.

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Julius.Olukiran

Posted: 01 Jul 2004 06:02 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 8

Location: Obafemi Awolowo University

Are you talking of change in our society or change in SWA, well talking about societal change we can do that by a lot of ways. Dialogue instead of force being one of them because force seems to be the standard way of ascertaining leadership in recent times. That now takes us to understanding that leadership is really all about service. Thank you

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Naganivetha.Thiyagarajah ✉ Posted: 14 Aug 2004 09:24 pm Post subject:

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 3

Location: National University of
Singapore

Hi,

I am new to this and Im not sure whether I should take up a formal language or not but I will just put down what I feel. Instead of thinking of trying to change the world or going in to the major issues like world peace etc shouldn't we concentrate on things we can do now like someone said think of getting information to those who dont have internet - try printed newsletters that can be sent out everywhere. I do not wish to offend anyone but after reading this thread all i see is a lot of opinions on leadership and involvement and lots of words being thrown around but no one has actually answered to question as to what we can do and i mean action! Can't we use this network of people to say collect funds or supplies for people who have just gone through a disaster - it may not work solely on our own but we can always contribute it through an arm of the ICRC or something.

"World Peace and Nuclear Weapons"

Julius.Olukiran

Posted: 05 Jun 2004 01:42 pm Post subject: World peace and nuclear weapons

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 8

Location: Obafemi Awolowo University

Nuclear weapon on earth have not reduced considerably after the end of the cold war in fact they have mostly been upgraded, though people feel relatively safer that nuclear holocaust is not forthcoming.

This is an erroneous believe by most people partly due to ignorance and misinformation.

I believe if there is going to be another great war it would not be based on ideology but based on trade issues

There is a trade war on between the E.U and U.S both nuclear powers. I don't think that is good for world peace and nobody really needs nuclear weapon to secure its citizens on the contrary it endangers the world citizens and even mother earth in general.

What do you think about a campaign to ban all nuclear weapons, even if governments are against the ban they would have no choice once the world citizens wants its ban [/b]

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: 10 Jun 2004 08:37 am Post subject:

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Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ife,Osun State,Nigeria

The million dollar question is "**WHO WILL START AND LEAD THIS MOVEMENT AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS?**" Do you think the World citizens are ready for this battle? Get me right please, am not saying its impossible but all want you to know is that its going to take a lot fighting to stop it not **LIPS SERVICES AS IN THE PAST** !

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future! We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Bossman.Boakye

Posted: 10 Jun 2004 05:03 pm Post subject: we can Yes,yes,.....in a way...read

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Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: University of
Ghana,Accra-Ghana

hello friends,

I fell so sad whenever i hear this whole story or idea about nuclear weapons. Many are the great nations that are producing them for their safety. In this world of uncertainties and terrorism, every nations is preparing to face such unwelcome attacks.

Thus, they are manufacturing these weapons.

We can stop as global citizens. The only way to do this is to intensify our campaign against such activities. Let me tell you, some people go on hunger strike and the like to back their demands. Some use strikes. We as a people should be united to stop our leaders from manufacturing these weapons, but to rather channel these resources into economically viable ventures.

We should now begin to realise ourselves as global citizens and plan a strategy to campaign against societal ills.

More views.....

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Bossman.Boakye

Posted: 10 Jun 2004 05:08 pm Post subject: we have even started

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Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: University of
Ghana,Accra-Ghana

hi Charles and everyone,

the campaign has even started indirectly. We have been able to identify the issue as very bad. Therefore, we have to now come out with ideas to launch an effective campaign. Only if we feel it is bad for our living on earth.

Imagine your father doesn't cater for you, rather, he uses the money for other "unwanted" needs..... abominable too.

What will you do? Sit down and look at him waste the resources, and also endanger your education, life and so on.....?

Let us plan to stop this now. That is the essence of this discussion board and the SWA.

more IDEAS.....

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Benjamin.Yap

Posted: 12 Jun 2004 07:55 am Post subject:

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Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 4

Location: National University of Singapore

Hi!

I agree that it is about time we do something to contain the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

But I do not think it is sufficient for us to launch a direct campaign to push for the eradication of nuclear arms. Doing so would most probably be ineffective as the primary cause of such proliferation would still be present.

What we should do first is to promote mutual understanding and cordial relations between the global citizenry and hopefully this will expand to include our governments as well. After all, the main reason for countries to take up nuclear weapons and other WMDs is to gain leverage on the 'enemy' and for deterrence. There should not be any enemies if we are successful in the above-mentioned.

Nuclear technology will always be around with us...we must try to eliminate the impetus for nuclear-capable countries to use such technology for destructive means.

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Bossman.Boakye

Posted: 13 Jun 2004 04:19 pm Post subject: north korea defies G8 nuclear weapons plan

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Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: University of Ghana, Accra-Ghana

i just read the news that North Korea has defied a plan proposed by the G8 on nuclear weapons. If that is true, then this is a plea to N.Korea to reconsider its decision. Also, the G8 should sit with N.Korea and dialogue over this nuclear weapons issue.

Hope this helps and we solve the issue once and for all.

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Jeffrey.Liang

2 Posted: 13 Jun 2004 05:13 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 09 May 2004
Posts: 5

Benjamin is right. No matter how well we mean it is impossible(read IMPOSSIBLE) to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons. As long as the conditions exist that force nations to build these weapons then they will always exist and become more and more terrible as time passes. You don't fight cancer by fighting the symptoms, you fight cancer by going after the tumor.

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Pius.Opoku

2 Posted: 14 Jun 2004 01:50 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004
Posts: 10
Location: University of Ghana

No matter how many years that will pass I think the world will never forget Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It is unfortunate the world still faces the threat posed by nuclear arsenals. Even though the cold war has ended, the nuclear powers continue to maintain their arsenals. The world must be made aware that stockpiling of weapons does nothing to guarantee our security. When we have to use nuclear weapons, it will be against ourselves and not invading alien forces. But I know we shall overcome someday my brothers and sisters.

"Come my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world." -- Tennyson

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Ryan.Ihm

Post: 23 Jun 2004 04:42 pm Post subject: North Korea and Nuclear Weapons

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 5

Location: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

The first thing that must be done to end the North Korean nuclear program is to end the american nuclear program. In the recent 25 billion dollar bill to fund troops in iraq, the president of the united states used 5 billion of this to research "bunker busting nuclear weapons". These weapons destroy anything above and below (something like 100 yards) the earths surface. These new nukes are being developed for conventional war against countries that dont have nuclear weapons, as a means of assassination. This was added to politicize the bill so that democrats could not support it, allowing Bush to say (falsely) that Kerry doesnt support the troops during an election year. As a member of the G8 how does America lecture North Korea when they have an arsenal and are still developing nukes? Nukes are not necessary in todays world and America certainly doesnt need to protect itself by using bunker busting nukes.

Terrorism will not be stoped with a nuke, only elevated. Terrorism is not going to be stoped by killing people, you must first kill thier idea by helping the disenfranchised and not supporting regimes that oppress (Israel, Iraq, Iran, Guatemala, Chile, Saudi Arabia etc... all regimes once, or still supported by the United States). Terrorism is a biproduct of cold war capitalist "interest protection", and until we care more about people, and less about our greedy interests, terrorism will only escalate, no matter how many Saddams, or Osamas are killed. If the United States dropped food instead of bombs on the people of the middle east then Osama is not going to find to many people willing to die to fighting the country that helps them.

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Rahul.Vanjani

Posted: 10 Jun 2004 08:43 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 25 Jun 2004
Posts: 1
Location: Washington

I am quite impressed by this message board and the willingness of so many across the world to engage in the exchange of information about nuclear arms with others. I feel proud to be able to contribute to this discussion.

I agree that it is quite difficult to put forth a movement powerful enough to directly force the United States' government to lessen its nuclear arms. However, I have never believed that from today onward the amount of WMDs can only increase. This is a frightening thought. It seems that if, as Benjamin comments, the world can work together to build friendships and promote cooperation with one another, then the reduction of nuclear weapons will be a natural side effect. If countries are truly willing to accept former enemies' ways of life, and thus build new friendships, it seems only logical that, with the understanding of other cultures, nations will have far less to fear. Hence, there will no longer be any reason for a plethora of WMDs within our world.

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Naganivetha.Thiyagarajah Posted: 14 Aug 2004 11:53 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 19 May 2004
Posts: 3
Location: National University of Singapore

Hi,
One country or group cannot possess nuclear weapons and order another (in this case North Korea) to disarm. What reason does the G8 have to allow US and other such countries to possess nuclear weapons but not every other country in the world? If the actual wish is for total disarmament then it should be done unanimously and there should be transparencies to all the countries.. weapons inspectors should inspect all countries with nuclear capabilities and then only can we say that we are actually trying to disarm.

"Opportunity to Discuss the Future"

Bossman.Boakye

Posted: 04 Jun 2004 04:19 pm Post subject: Let us use this opportunity to discuss our future

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: University of
Ghana, Accra-Ghana

Young people are the most vulnerable to the devastating effects of violence, and war. Global warming and the depletion of natural resources threaten our future. Solutions for global problems such as these will require the collaboration of peoples from all regions, religions, cultures, genders and ages to ensure the prosperity of the world. While the global community and its governments have begun to pave the way, a brighter future lies in the hands of the next generation. Technological advances and communication have brought young people from across the globe closer together. Media, the Internet and transportation have helped to cross the traditional borders. Let us use this opportunity to discuss our future.

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Julius.Olukiran

Posted: 05 Jun 2004 12:25 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 8

Location: Obafemi Awolowo
University

What I still cannot envision is a situation where through electronic media and all other sorts as it is happening now the world become an actual global village not just in trade but also communication. I cannot envisage the youth's contribution shaping anything in the present community no matter how positive the contributions might be, the state never really gives the youth a chance. Well maybe I'm being too pessimistic and my scope is being restricted to the local but you cannot blame me the local is my immediate environment.

Poverty has been identified as one of the major causes of conflict in the world but still the situation is not being checked, then there is the issue of the ever widening gap between the rich and the poor not just in countries but also individuals, in fact a recent survey I saw said, the world's poorest 20% share of world wealth declined in ten years by about 20%, at this rate what do you think is the fate of conflict in the world is it not to project an escalation. Then consider the fact that the youth are the most economically unempowered

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Bossman.Boakye

Posted: 05 Jun 2004 01:20 pm Post subject: i share the same idea

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Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: University of
Ghana,Accra-Ghana

i do not know why the youth are not given the oportunity to express their views or help in decision making in some countries. The older folks have taken everything upon themselves and still messing up. When you ask, they tell you they have grey hair which means wisdom. I cannot believe this. They should give us the youth and students the opportunity to share our ideas and thoughts with them

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: 06 Jun 2004 09:54 am Post subject: WHY ARE WE Complaining?

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Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ife,Osun
State,Nigeria

Friends why are we complaining? why are we crying over spilted milk? Thank God we already know the problem; what should be thinking about is how we can solve this problem. Tell me, are we not the ones they use all the time to get to power? Are not the ones that go about singing there praises? Are not the ones they always use to carry out dirty jobs? Are we not the ones they use to sell and run there drugs on the streets? Friends please give me a brake! We need to change and act right!!! The solutions to the above problems are within us all!!!

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future! We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Naganivetha.Thiyagarajah  Posted: 15 Aug 2004 12:00 am Post subject:

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Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 3

Location: National University of Singapore

Hi,

I agree with Charles, there is no use in pointing the finger at adults and doling out blame. As youth do your part in correcting the problems. I can think of many ways:- Dont litter, those of you lucky enough to have running water - use it wisely turn off the taps when your not using it, dont over use in water laws etc, Volunteer in your local charities and help the poor of your societies - share you time, money resources and knowledge with others, Recycle, The list goes on!

Stop trying to say the world has problems, other people have messed it up, its not up to us to discuss what is wrong or discuss what to do but actually go there and do it without expecting reward.

"Meeting of the Minds; Good Initiative"

Pralhad.Karki

Posted: Sun Jun 06, 2004 11:15 am Post subject: good initiative

 quote

Joined: 27 May 2004

Posts: 1

Location: Tribhuvan University Good initiative.

Student world assembly is a good initiative and would like to thank s a lot to the initiator originator. Present young are the future of the world development. The direction of thinking of the world young can exchange each other and can get a chance to correct themselves for the matured one. On this globalizing phase young responsibilities towards the world would also be explored. I would come again with my personal views.

pralhad karki ,Nepal

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Charles.Akponah

Posted: Mon Jun 07, 2004 8:11 pm Post subject: Welcome!

 quote

Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ife,Osun State,Nigeria

Welcome  my friend to the assembly of the young and powerful thinking minds,its indeed also a "Good initiative" on your part to have joined us,we hope you will stay and be active in this movement.Indeed I shall come back to this forum to see and contribute to your personal views.Once again I say  welcome my friend 

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future!We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Bossman.Boakye

Posted: Fri Jun 18, 2004 7:16 am Post subject: exchange

 quote

Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: University of Ghana,Accra-Ghana hi,

Just read that the Nigerians have met Great by all standards and this is all about SWA. Exchange of ideas in a democratic manner,promoting the idea of global citizenry and total participation.

Hope we will all live to help achieve this dream

Charles.Akponah  Posted: Tue Jun 15, 2004 6:18 pm Post subject: Meeting of like minds!

 quote

Joined: 19 May

2004

Posts: 21

Location: Ile
Ife, Osun
State, Nigeria

Hi Friends,

I am  happy and excited today that after a long time of emailing and chatting, Onuoha Anozie Chukwuma and I finally met today in Lagos. Indeed there could not have been a better time for us to meet for it was a coming together of like minds. We talk about so many issues that bordered around the progress of SWA Nigeria and global. It was interesting to know that to a very great extent we had a lot in common. Thanks to SWA! like minds like the two of us would not have met!! Okay that's about us meeting, I hope all is well with the "TEAM SWA"? yes I say TEAM SWA cos its only team work that can see us through now, so all hands has to be on the desk and the very best is what is demanded and needed of us all. See ya, remember team work does it!!!
Cheers

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future! We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Bossman.Boakye  Posted: Fri Jun 18, 2004 7:11 am Post subject: Historic meeting

 quote

Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: University
of Ghana, Accra-
Ghana

hi,
that is the spirit. It takes team work to conquer. We here in Ghana had a meeting and are trying to do something for SWA. Why not try, may be after the convention. Hope to see you guys around.

Truly, team work pays.

"War"

Percy.Ritho

 Posted: 20 May 2004 01:48 am Post subject: war

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Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 1

Location: EGERTON
UNIVERSITY, KENYA

Yes Jeffrey, I agree with most of your views. I agree water isn't really free, so many other things are not either. For example, talk of democracy. It is quite expensive. There are so many moves of strategies and counter strategies. you are a soldier, congratulations. So how would we enact international laws? How would you help enact them considering that you are trained to follow orders not your conscience? And this would automatically put you off your profession.  [/quote]

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2 Posted: 01 Jun 2004 10:51 am Post subject: I'm sorry it took so long

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Joined: 09 May 2004
Posts: 5

I'm sorry it took so long to respond to this, the army has been making crazy demands on me the past 3 weeks. I can't believe I managed to pass all my finals. Anyways to answer your question:

Yes democracy is expensive, but democracy is not the only valid form of government in the world. All peoples pay a price to have their sovereignty. It is important to remember that before you disregard their wishes in the name of your sovereignty. Any actions that are directed against another nation with the express purpose of causing harm(economic, political, or military) must be validated. This can be done by either proving that the nation in question is a threat to the security of your own or by a general consensus with other states that the nation in question is a threat to the stability of the world.

War is ugly and war is expensive. The soldiers who defend you are not blood thirsty creatures who want nothing more than to kill the enemy. They are fathers, brothers, sons, mothers, sisters, daughters. This is the same in every country, it is important not to dehumanize(is that a word?) others in an attempt to justify your own actions.

And to answer the last portion yes I am trained to follow orders no matter how silly they are sometimes  I mean what exactly is the purpose of digging holes and filling them up again  At any rate, we are trained to think as well as follow orders. An army of robots will lose a battle to an army of highly trained soldiers who can take their own initiative without the need for orders. We are also trained in international law and are able to disobey orders that we believe to be illegal.

Bossman.Boakye

2 Posted: 21 May 2004 05:18 am Post subject: Wars?

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Joined: 08 May 2004
Posts: 20
Location:
University of Ghana, Accra-Ghana

hello fellow members, just to pose this question to you all. Are we safe in this world of conflicts and Wars? Middle East, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Etc. Let us condemn such acts and unfortunate events with our Minds, and I believe this is what the SWA is all about. With enough dialogue, we can find appropriate ways to help stop wars and environmental degradation all the world over.

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Kwame.Frempong

Posted: 28 May 2004 04:17 am Post subject: WAR

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Joined: 23 May 2004

Posts: 9

Location: Harvard School
Of International
Marketing-Ghana

Prayer For Peace

You nourish our souls with pure and perfect love, O God. Bless our leaders with the wisdom to end war. Push us to take actions that build, rather than destroy. Renew our true spirit which encompasses faith in one another, remorse for our wrong doings and forgiveness for the tragedies that have been imposed upon us. Allow us to see the growth that comes from pain and teach us to work for the cause of justice, peace and hope. Allow Your children to live in respect for one another and end our determination to foster that which can only come from You. Our prayer is for peace.

We must learn as humans to fight for souls and not to perish it.

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Ezekiel.Kofi

Posted: 08 Jun 2004 01:48 pm Post subject: Re: War?

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Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 3

Hello fellow,
that is a good question, but i also want to pose another question to that
....when is those who manufacture those bombs and guns will stop since it
is not made for killing beasts and strange animals in the bush.
when will those people come to realization to invest the money in the
human development...fellow s we have a work to do.....lets sit up.

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Bossmann.Boakye

Posted: 20 Jun 2004 06:25 am Post subject: n:

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Joined: 08 May 2004

Posts: 20

Location: University of
Ghana, Accra-Ghana

i side with you. Please get in touch with me now.

"Introductions"

Khagendra.Dahal  Posted: 22 Jun 2004 04:40 am Post subject:

Joined: 10 May 2004

Posts: 5

Location: Institute of Medicine, Kathmandu, Nepal

hi friend,

This is Khagendra from small country of Nepal. As a friend from China I would like to ask your stance on democracy, if you do not mind.

Many people have defined democracy according to their needs and interests. Here in Nepal, the governments of different times have talked about democracy trying to mould it according to their vested interests. Even truly autocratic regimes have said that they have stood for people's democracy. And, even now the democracy is at stake while the king toppled the people elect government to be replaced by the government nominated by him. He also talks about democracy and the people fighting for it also talk of the same.

But unless we come to a understanding of democracy we cannot work together for it.

I want you to help me with your views on how can the people in china like you lead china tow ards the path of democracy. Maybe it is difficult to transform china into a democratic one at present, the ultimate system of humanity seems to be democratic rule so far. Can you tell me something what the youths like we can do to achieve that goal? Or, that is too early to ask that?

I have hoped to get response on this from you and other friends as well.

Regards,
Khagendra Dahal
From small country of Nepal

"Let's Think beyond Caste, Religion, Ethnicity and Nationality
Let's Be the Global Citizen, with Global Democracy"

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Ezekiel.Kofi

Postied: 14 Jul 2004 12:37 pm Post subject: Re: Hi

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Joined: 19 May 2004
Posts: 3

Wenhong.Cai wrote:

are you the one who is in charge of the stuffs in China ?

nice to meet you here

Hi my good friends,
nice having a chat with a Chinese from Africa that shows the length SWA has come
and i think that is a process of democracy ..it allows human pride to be the first
thing to be considered in ruling of a Nation any government who disallows human
pride to prevail is a traitor to democracy.

"Start Within"

Allison.Harry  Posted: 23 May 2004 08:51 pm Post subject: Start within

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Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 2

[b]Hello Fellow SWA Representatives,
I just thought that I might share some thoughts with you. The news of war and malicious crimes seem endless and more outrageous as every day goes by. How are we going to accomplish Global Democracy, when the people of our own nations have no respect for each other? I think that the first step towards forging a Global link, is to start with the people of our own countries, for how can we respect others when we don't appreciate our country men  Life is too precious to be wasted fighting wars, we need to work together to raise awareness. We need more news of PEACE and LOVE, not WAR and CRIME!

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Helen.Charles  Posted: 10 Jun 2004 06:16 pm Post subject: We Must Start Within...

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Joined: 07 Jun 2004

Posts: 2

Location:
Baraugh at
Manhattan
Community
College

Allison,
I like the title of your post and I do agree that we need to respect each other as start to global peace. However I think we need to take one step further back and start by respecting ourselves, for only by respecting ourselves can we truly respect others. After all war and crime are a direct result of inner conflicts. We need to achieve peace within ourselves before we can even begin to think about peace on the a global scale.

Helen Charles

Allison.Harry 2 Posted: 22 Jun 2004 10:54 pm Post subject: What do you do when there seems to be no hope?

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Joined: 19 May
2004
Posts: 2

What do we do when the idea of peace in the world seems unattainable? When men are beheaded so often that soon it will soon become a normal act of war and such an atrocious act no longer pulls at our heart strings? Do we give up all hope for world peace and allow ourselves to be unaffected by such acts, or do we try to take a stand against war and encourage the people around us to do the same in hopes that if each one can reach one we can make a difference! But the real question is: can we do anything that will really have an impact on the people around us and ultimately war? Or has mankind's morality deteriorated so much that we can no longer inspire hope and change, can we no longer respect another's right to live? I think that even though man's morality has somewhat deteriorated there is always some hope left and we as global citizens are the ones who have to take the first step(if none else will) to inspire hope and change in our fellow men, if we can learn to respect ourselves and others then the world would be a much better place! So let us try our best and start with ourselves, respect each other and maybe we can spread inspiration in others to do the same! Let us all be good global citizens! However let us not be naive, while respect is a good thing, we could respect each other as much as we want (though it will be the answer in the long run) and that will not change the present conditions of war. The root of this problem is the government, a government who thinks that it is too powerful to respect any one else's policies and judgments if it doesn't suit them. Therefore, we cannot get rid of the war until we get rid of the government.

“Peace Education”

Charles.Akponah Posted: 28 May 2004 05:14 am Post subject: The Nature of Peace and Its Implications for Peace Education

[quote](#) [edit](#) [IP](#)

Joined: 19 May 2004

Posts: 21

Location: Ile Ife, Osun State, Nigeria

Hi friends, I was going through some works and write up on peace and come across this one by Leo R. Sandy and Ray Perkins, Jr. I think its something we can ponder about. Let me know how you feel.

Peace: Avoiding the Way of Negation

"Peace" is a word that is uttered almost as frequently as "truth," "beauty," and "love." It may be just as elusive to define as these other virtues. Common synonyms for peace include "amity," "friendship," "harmony," "concord," "tranquility," "repose," "quiescence," "truce," "pacification," and "neutrality." Likewise, the peacemaker is the pacifier, mediator, intermediary, and intercessor. While some of these descriptions are appropriate, they are still quite limited in describing both the nature of peace and the role of the peacemaker. Any attempt to articulate the nature of peace and peacemaking, therefore, must address those conditions that are favorable to their emergence. Freedom, human rights, and justice are among such prerequisites. Also included are proactive strategies such as conflict resolution, nonviolent action, community building, and democratization of authority.

The peace process additionally must acknowledge and contend with its alternative - war - because of the high value status of violence. For example, while war has brought out the worst kind of behavior in humans, it has also brought out some of the best. Aside from relieving boredom and monotony, war has been shown to spawn self-sacrifice, loyalty, honor, heroism, and courage. It is well known that suicide rates decline during war. Also, war has helped to bring about significant social changes such as racial and sexual integration, freedom, democracy, and a sense of national pride. Because of its apparent utilitarian value and its ability to enervate, violence has been solidly embedded in the national psyche of many countries. As a result, its elimination will be no easy feat. Nevertheless, Reardon (1988) insists that "peace is the absence of violence in all its forms - physical, social, psychological, and structural" (p. 16). But this, as a definition, is unduly negative in that it fails to provide any affirmative picture of peace or its ingredients (Copi and Cohen, p. 195). Perhaps that picture must come, as O'Kane (1992) suggests, from a close examination of the "nature of causes, reasons, goals of war in order that we might...find ways of reaching human goals without resorting to force. That process should help us "uncover" the possible conditions of Peace."

In its most myopic and limited definition, peace is the mere absence of war. O'Kane (1992) sees this definition as a "vacuous, passive, simplistic, and unresponsive escape mechanism too often resorted to in the past - without success." This definition also commits a serious oversight: it ignores the residual feelings of mistrust and suspicion that the winners and losers of a war harbor toward each other.

The subsequent suppression of mutual hostile feelings is not taken into account by those who define peace so simply. Their stance is that as long as people are not actively engaged in overt, mutual, violent, physical, and destructive activity, then peace exists. This, of course, is just another way of defining cold war. In other words, this simplistic definition is too broad because it allows us to attribute the term "peace" to states of affairs that are not truly peaceful (Copi and Cohen, p. 194). Unfortunately, this definition of peace appears to be the prevailing one in the world. It is the kind of peace maintained by a "peace through strength" posture that has led to the arms race, stockpiles of nuclear weapons, and the ultimate threat of mutually assured destruction. This version of peace was defended by the "peacekeeper" - a name that actually adorns some U.S. nuclear weapons deployed since 1986. (2)

Also, versions of this name appear on entrances to some military bases. Keeping "peace" in this manner evokes the theme in Peggy Lee's old song, "Is That All There Is?" What this really comes down to is the idea of massive and indiscriminate killing.

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Jeffrey.Liang

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Lee Harris describes in his philosophical book Civilization and its Enemies, The Next Stage of History that any form of social order within a single society must be enforced by an entity of authority. In America our entity of authority is the police and for the most part we accept this authority because we want the police to ensure that laws are followed. It is the sacrifice any society must make: freedom for social justice. But in any society there will always be those who are not willing to give up their freedom for social stability.

However, in order to preserve a stable society everyone inside of it must abide by the social or written laws. Otherwise anarchy would ensue if individuals were allowed to pick which laws and customs to follow and which to ignore. The easiest example of this is religion. Within a religion you have an extremely rigid set of morals, ethics, and beliefs. Far more rigid than most societies. If one were to break from the church and ignore the laws that they must follow they can expect some form a punishment ranging from loss of social status to expulsion from the religion. However in society we cannot just expel someone for breaking laws. Instead, if they break a high enough law they are imprisoned or fined.

Now imagine this on a much larger scale. Imagine this on a global scale. There is no international authority but several agencies have stepped up to try and piece together an international society that can co-exist in relative peace. Examples include the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, World Bank, and The International Monetary Fund. These organizations have built international financing, lending, and social laws that every nation in the world is expected to follow. However, in this case these organizations are not democratic. They are controlled or significantly influenced by the military and economic powers of the world. The UN might not agree with the US on some issues, but one cannot argue that the US has the strongest voice in the council. The IMF, World Bank, and WTO respond to US demands to cut or increase aid to certain nations with almost instantaneous speed(example, Chile 1980).

All this being said, let's discuss how this effects the world situation. Certain nations or states do not wish to be governed by the major powers of the world. If not overtly than they are still heavily impacted by any economic decisions made by these powers. It is no secret that the United States will use military, intelligence, and economic force to support its private business interests abroad. It is inherent in the capitalist form of society. Capitalist economies must continually expand or else they face eminent collapse. It is impossible to "maintain the status quo" in a capitalist society. It can survive for a number of years that way but sooner or later it must expand. Unfortunately capitalism works well, members of capitalist economies enjoy the highest living standards in the world so it is the most politically viable system to use in any society. It is also the best system we have currently until someone can develop a better one. I won't get into an economics lesson, but suffice it to say that some people don't like being expanded on to nor do they like the private American businesses having the backing of several thousand heavily armed US Marines.

The whole point I'm making here is education will help, however it is not enough. The only thing I've done in this entire post is show how our system is set up in a way that total "hot peace" cannot exist. The world has not seen peace since man realized the scarcity of resources, natural and human. Until changes occur at the fundamental level of how our societies exist, there will always be conflict.

As a final thought; just because we cannot avoid conflict does not mean we should give in to it. It is always more noble to pursue a peaceful solution than to give in to the urge to force your dominion on others through strength of arms.

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Location: Ile Ife,Osun " Thanks pal I'll respond in due time but for now let hope more comments come in. State,Nigeria

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future!We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Joined: 08 May 2004

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Location: University of Ghana,Accra-Ghana hi,

That was a great lecture indeed.You do political science?

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Location: Ile Ife,Osun State,Nigeria

Friend, we may not all do Political Science but remember that "all humans are all Political Animals" this has been proven in our day to day activities. We just can not but face it one way or the other.

"We must change so that we can change the changes that have changed our now and future!We are the architect of our now and future!! Now is the time to act!!!"

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Jeffrey.Liang

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If that question was directed at me then yes, I am a poli sci major.

"Let's be Active Friends"

Khagendra.Dahal

Posted: 21 May 2004 05:36 am Post subject: Let's be active friends!

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Joined: 10 May 2004

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Kathmandu, Nepal

Dear friends,
I have realised that this forum has become rather passive. We should utilise the technology to share our views on various issues which are relevant for us.

We can talk on youth participation to conflict resolution and peace to establishment of global democracy or various other topics.

Please write to me anything that is in your mind. I would be happy to receive your mails.

Let's energize ourselves to lead the world!!

Yours,
Khagendra Dahal
From small country of Nepal

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Let's Be the Global Citizen, with Global Democracy"

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Benjamin.Yap

Posted: 21 May 2004 01:37 pm Post subject: Democracy

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Hi there!

I agree with you that it is really impt for us to look beyond our differences in order to achieve the reality of a global democracy.

Coming from a multi-racial, multi-religious and multi-cultural state, I feel the effects of differences in being almost every single day. It is fortunate that racial and religious harmony is greatly promoted and practised in my country and its importance is strongly reflected in the national pledge. However, racial and religious tensions still exist all the same.

I've got nothing much to say at the moment but I'll just like to add that communication is very impt when it comes to breaking down barriers and fostering global kinship which is essential for democracy to happen.

Let us start small by interacting amongst ourselves and developing good relations with each other. With that, we will be better able to bring our voices across to the wider global community as one united entity.

UNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION!

Benjamin Yap

From the ever sunny, tiny island of Singapore.

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Guest

Posted: 21 May 2004 09:35 pm Post subject: Thank you for your views!

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Hi friend,

Thank you for your nice views. You are true that the way we can break the barriers around us is by communication and dialogues. Technological advancement has endowed us the opportunity to dialogue, share our views and do something for future.

I am sure our involvement in World Assembly will create a promising present for a promising future.

Let's join our hands for global peace and democracy.

Khagendra Dahal

From a small country of Nepal

Khagendra.Dahal Posted: 05 Jun 2004 05:14 am Post subject: Youth participation in south asia

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Joined: 10 May

2004

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of Medicine,
Kathmandu, Nepal

Dear friends,

Only around a month is left for the convention. How is your preparation going for the convention? I am working for the presentation on Democratic process in south asia.

South asia has one of the largest youth population in the world but they are rarely truly represented in the decision making and other democratic processes. People vaguely talk that youth are the energy of the society but they do not recognise their potential while it comes to decision making on various issues pertaining to them.

I think similar is the situation in many parts of the world. So, it is under our shoulder to ensure that every youth in the world is represented in the process of global peace and democracy.

Let's devise some ways to ensure that each and every youth in the world participate to build a new world of peace and democracy.

Hoping to read your views.

Khagendra Dahal
From small country of Nepal

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Khagendra.Dahal Posted: 23 Jun 2004 07:22 am Post subject: Future in our hands

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Dear friends,

Many friends have time and again raised their concerns about the present situation in the world. Specially they are concerned with the ongoing violence and conflicts in different parts of the world.

It's a reality friends that the seeds of hatred to humanity that our old generation sowed in the hearts of youth and the children are showing their fruits now. The old generation declared wars, bought us the guns and destructive weapons and taught us how to fight against the so-called and self-made enemies. And, there are many who are following their old generations.

But friends, a hope has come from the organisations like Student World Assembly which tries to gather young people from around the world and tries to instil in them the sense of global democracy and peace. And as the leaders of the future, we have in our shoulder great responsibility to start awaring the youths and the children on the importance of human dignity and values, peace and democracy.

Youths and children are the real hopes of present and future as well. Because only these are the people who can be educated with the values of self-respect and human dignity. And, these are the people who can really transform today's world into a democratic and peaceful world.

Do you have that courage my dear friends to walk hand in hand to make this world a better one?

Hoping to read your viewpoint,

Khagendra Dahal
From a small country of Nepal