

War and Peace in Our Time: Mormon Perspectives

War and peace are two of the most important issues facing humanity today. The world is a complex and dangerous place, and it is often difficult to know how to respond to violence and conflict. Mormons have a unique perspective on war and peace, one that is rooted in their religious beliefs and their history of pacifism.



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In this book, a group of Mormon scholars explore the complex relationship between war and peace from a Mormon perspective. The book examines the history of Mormon pacifism, the role of the military in Mormon society, and the challenges of living in a world at war.

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The History of Mormon Pacifism

Mormons have a long history of pacifism. The early Mormon leaders were opposed to violence and war, and they taught their followers to live in peace with their neighbors.

In 1838, the Mormons were driven from their homes in Missouri by a mob. The Mormons refused to fight back, even though they were outnumbered and outgunned. They believed that violence was wrong, and they were willing to suffer rather than take up arms.

The Mormons' pacifism was tested again during the American Civil War. Many Mormons refused to fight in the war, even though they were pressured to do so by both the Union and the Confederacy.

The Mormons' pacifism has continued to the present day. In the 20th century, Mormons were active in the peace movement. They opposed the Vietnam War and the Iraq War. They also worked to promote peace and understanding between different cultures.

The Role of the Military in Mormon Society

Despite their history of pacifism, Mormons have also played a significant role in the military. Mormons have served in every major American war,

from the Revolutionary War to the present day.

Mormons believe that the military is a necessary evil. They believe that it is sometimes necessary to use force to defend one's country or to protect the innocent.

However, Mormons also believe that the military should be used as a last resort. They believe that diplomacy and negotiation should be used whenever possible to resolve conflicts.

Mormons have a long and distinguished history of military service. They have fought bravely and honorably in every war in which they have served.

The Challenges of Living in a World at War

The world is a complex and dangerous place, and it is often difficult to know how to respond to violence and conflict. Mormons believe that the best way to respond to violence is with peace.

Mormons believe that we should love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. They believe that we should be peacemakers and that we should work to build a better world.

The challenges of living in a world at war are great, but Mormons believe that it is possible to overcome them. They believe that by following the teachings of Jesus Christ, we can create a more just and peaceful world.

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