

This Holiday Season, Remember: Peace comes through Awareness

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Worldwide, the mass commercialization of the holiday season is hitting a fever pitch as people who are indebted, facing foreclosure and unable to make ends meet are told to spend, spend, spend to help the economy and spread festive cheer. The paradox is clear: spend money you don't have in order to save the economy that was [cruelly and fraudulently bankrupted](#) on your behalf. And do it with a merry smile.

For all but the 1%, this is a tall order, indeed.

Regardless of belief, geography or history, there is something special about this time of year when we look back on our accomplishments of the past months and consider how to face the future. Optimism is sorely lacking in this day and age and the festive spirit is a hard pill to swallow for many families worldwide this holiday season who are grappling with financial pressures and the prospect of ever-increasing militarization across the globe. While taking stock of a year that has been plagued by illegal war, humanitarian crises and financial degradation, many are feeling the weight of the world on their shoulders.

If there is to be hope for peace, however, it has to come through responsible engagement, through active and thoughtful social participation and above all, through real awareness.

Therefore, we have a suggestion for you this holiday season: instead of bleeding your bank accounts on disposable commodities that are obsolete before the red ribbon is even off the package, why not help others understand the workings of the world so that they can feel empowered in taking steps toward, real sustainable peace? And how about doing it for little to no cost?

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