



*Crisp Questions...  
... Fresh Answers!*

## **WHEN IS VIOLENCE THE RIGHT RESPONSE TO CONFLICT?**

We are advocates of the abolition of war, we do not want war; but war can only be abolished through war, and in order to get rid of the gun it is necessary to take up the gun.

*~ Mao Tse-Tung*

We know more about war than we do about peace – more about killing than we know about living.

*~ General Omar Bradley*

Peace is that brief glorious moment in history when everyone stands around reloading.

*~ Anonymous*

The purpose of all wars is peace.

*~ Augustine*

The purpose of peace is not just to mark time till the next war. Rather, war itself is the undesirable situation. ...If the aim is peace, war is simply the wrong way to go after it. You cannot paint a wall white with black paint.

*~ Denis Byler, Mennonite Theologian*

The Christian principle, 'Love your enemies' is good. There is nothing to be said against it except that it is too difficult for most of us to practice sincerely.

*~ Bertrand Russell, Philosopher, Atheist*

The case for biblical pacifism begins and ends with Jesus. It is the Christian belief that Jesus fully reflected the nature of God and that Jesus is what people will be like if they bother to do God's will.

*~ Denis Byler*

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

*~ St. Francis of Assisi*

**God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.**

*~ Jesus, Matthew 5:9 (NLT)*