

Imagine Peace

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Imagine peace and if it was used to solve all the problems. Then:

- Teenagers in Chicago would not die of drive-by shootings
- Over 3,000 people would not have died in World Trade Center in 2001.
- Many thousands of people would not have died in Israel and Palestine
- Many civilians would not be killed in suicide bombings in Iraq

A guy takes a gun and pulls the trigger, killing the man in front of him. The dead man lays in front of him still and the street is now filled with the man's blood. "You shouldn't solve matters like this by taking a life of another person." An elderly person arrives at the scene and explains to the killer. "Killing a human is not going to solve anything, it's just going to cause problems to you and to the family of the one you have killed. Solve matters with peace, not violence." The underline is a quote from the famous Peacemaker Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhi was a gifted individual who always solved problems with peace, meaning that he used words to show to people that violence will only lead to further violence. He is known for all the contributions he had made to bring peace to India from control over the British. His tactics were so useful that people started following his actions which made a big difference in Indian society. Mahatma Gandhi's actions to use words instead of violence brought India freedom as a peaceful country and saved it from further violence with the British forces.

Martin Luther King, an African American, fought his way to eliminate segregation by peace. He shared his belief with many people saying that humans shouldn't be punished because of color or race. However, he was a follower of Mahatma Gandhi, so he took actions with peaceful means. For his peaceful methods to solve these problems, he became the youngest man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Even today, because of him, many choose peace over violence to solve major issues.

Japan, after WWII, made a commitment to peace, so they did not spend any money on military, but focused on the country's peaceful development. Very quickly, they became the most developed countries in the world. And now, they are among the top three.

Peace can make all the difference in the world. All it takes is for someone to take enough time to realize how easy the solution is just by words. People don't realize that violence doesn't take the situation anywhere, it only leads to trouble. If human beings could just understand the importance of peace, more people would be alive today than the people who have given their lives, to those who do not want to know the importance of peace, and that is what affects us the most.

Imagine peace and maybe one of the kids killed in Chicago would have lived to be the doctor who found cure for cancer or found the solution for poverty.