

What Does Peace Mean to YOU?

To Me It Means: Health, Family, Friends, Love...

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(Preview Sampler)

September 21 is the International Day of Peace a perfect time for the world to Celebrate
People living in Peace. Here is your invitation.

Who: Every living thing on/in/above/below Mother Earth

When: September 21 starting at 12 noon with a Minute of Silence for Achieving Unconditional World Peace

Why: September 21 is the UN International Day of Peace, we strengthen this message- we need it. Do you agree?

Where: Everywhere

What to do: Minute of Silence, Be Peaceful, Loving, Share something/food, Create Practical Acts of Peace, Act Non
Violently, Organize a Human Peace Sign Circle, Say Hello to Someone, Hug a Tree/Animal, and go to
www.PeaceDayParty.org to participate

How: Work together for Peace

RSVP: To Yourself, & Please INVITE EVERYONE.

Dedication

I dedicate this book to every living thing on our Planet Earth who lives nonviolently, especially, to our children who have the right to live in Peace.

I dedicate this book to my family; friends and everyone I met who helped me to reach this point in my life and inspired me to write this book. I dedicate this book to the many great peace slogans and songs I dedicate this book, as they inspire me: War and Violence No More. Visualize Peace, Make Love Not War, Imagine, All We are Saying is Give Peace a Chance, What a Wonderful World, Everyday People. Blowin in the Wind, One Love....

I dedicate this book to everyone who reads the cover and thinks about the title and/or reads a review and/or reads a little of the book or the whole thing or has a conversation about the book or peace at all or says this guy is crazy, won't happen. This is All Good☺ Why? Because you saw the invitation; you can care or not, but you are reminded that Peace is already here. You, my brothers and sisters, are interested in the subject of World Peace, whether you think it never will come, whether you think that war and violence are inherit in humankind and inevitable, or whether you believe as I and millions do that nonviolence and Peace and Love is the only way to live. The Good News—we all can Achieve World Peace and have a Peace Day Party on September 21 if we want to.

Lastly, I dedicate this book to all who join the Peace Day Party in any manner shape or form that suits them, with love, respect, nonviolent peace in their hearts and deeds.

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Introduction

Thank you for taking a look at my/our book. I have already dedicated it to you. I hope and pray that you will gain some understanding of the need for Achieving Unconditional World Peace and some ways we can go about making it happen. World Peace needs a big marketing job, as the title of this book states, “What Does Peace Mean to You? World Peace is Here. We just need more of it. We all know that this statement is true or we would really be in a big mess—just think of the approximately 8 billion people not living peacefully. So the Good News is that most do live peacefully with themselves and with the world around them.

Let’s celebrate these wonderful peaceful people. I hope that this book inspires you and gives you hope to be able to look around you, no matter what the “bang bang shoot em up” media portrays and see the good right next to you. Surround yourself with positive people and those who encourage you to be peaceful and forgiving. Love is the answer; the more we have the more the world is peaceful. Let’s all fill our planet with love, maximize the good, minimize the negative and have a good time. Practice the Art of Positive Thinking. Laugh often and party frequently. Please have a party on September 21, the UN International Day of Peace, which is part of the inspiration for this book. Why, because 193 countries agreed to the Peace Day. Let’s strengthen that message. Tell all your friends to join the party worldwide.

This introduction is to encourage you to read on. I start off with my personal manifesto to give you some background on myself, so you can see where I am coming from. I am as silly as anyone and not so smart at times, and even have been not peaceful, but I continue to do better for myself and the world around me. Please forgive my foibles. I have added the lyrics of sensitive composers of music, the

words of enlightened authors with incorporated quotes, from a Harvard Professor, a CATO Scholar, to several World Leaders, including observations from average sentient beings.

In Chapter 45 we ask you to consider joining our outreach by volunteering for our World Peace Leadership Committees. We are looking for people who base all their actions and deeds on love and peace. We need Peacekeepers, and we need you: a friend! Of course, we need many more like you and your entire family, including the animal and plant kingdom, who maybe are hearing us! We want everything in the world to become Peaceful and everyone to agree to take on the responsibility of a Peacekeeper.

Here are the “Worker Bee” Committees

- A. Lovers - Help the world understand: by loving—you are set free.
- B. Sharers - Help the world understand: by sharing what we all have—we have all we need.
- C. Respecters - Help the World understand: by respecting each other equally—we are respected in return.
- D. Care Givers – Help the World understand: by giving—we get.
- E. Protectors - Help the World understand: by protecting others—we are all protected.
- F. Visualizers - Help the World understand: by visualizing Peace—we are all closer to Peace.
- G. Friends - Help the World understand: by being a friend—you are never lonely.
- H. Brave Hearts - Help the World understand: by being brave—we are strong

Peacekeepers - Help the World understand. By pledging to be Peacekeepers, you are encompassing all the committees above (A-H) and you know by doing so, along with everything you do already, you will have a wonderful and fulfilling life. To sign up and receive a FREE Downloadable Peace Day Award Certificate go to www.peacedayparty.org.

Thanks for being part of my life. Right on, I mean, please read on. Also sometimes I repeat myself. In advertising psychology it has been proven that a message sometimes is not received until the third time; please pardon me, as our Peace message is so important.

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Part One

Peaceful Beginnings

If someone thinks that love and peace is a cliché that must have been left behind in the Sixties, that's his problem. Love and peace are eternal"- John Lennon

"Peace is not merely a distant goal we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal"
Martin Luther King Jr

"Peace is always beautiful"- Walt Whitman

PROLOGUE

MY MANIFESTO

Today July 14, 2014 I start my book to share with the world. I do this because I feel that, with my 65 years on our planet, I have gained some knowledge worthy of sharing.

Now the question is can I write a book to express these Good Thoughts? I don't know, but I tried and tried before so this time I actually finished the book. I like that, finishing anything anytime is marvelous. By the way, now is my chance to say, You Look Marvelous, Billy Crystal. I succeeded with a lot of help from my friends and family and because you are reading this now and that makes me happy, and *happy is good*. Thank you. Both my business motto, www.goodnewsplanet.com and my own personal life's motto is *All We are is What we are for Each Other*, an expression shared with me by Zeal Greenberg, whose wedding I recently officiated.

I was born in Tarrytown, New York a kind, sweet little town in Westchester, NY on the Hudson River. My mother was a librarian and my father had a shoe store in town. If he knew what was going on with women's shoes today he would flip☺ I loved my parents and my wonderful sister Toby, as well as all my relatives. Our grandparents came from Europe as immigrants and worked hard as butchers, egg sales people and community leaders. I was blessed to grow up in a safe, loving home and community.

I share the poem, "Children Learn What They Live," by Dorothy Law Nolte, in Chapter One as it is a definitive statement for children and adults (who are merely big children) regarding what creates world peace. The poem expresses beautifully what it takes to have world peace. We used this poem for the closing of our World Peace Day Party, Education for Children World

Broadcast that we did last year in Times Square, New York. We celebrated the United Nations International Day of Peace on September 21. It is the heart of world peace and the closing for our peace day party broadcast.

As a child, I grew up playing music, like my mother. From the age of seven, I played in various bands and continued throughout my childhood. Through my experience with music and bands, I learned teamwork that has helped me in my work to this day. I encourage everyone that it is never too late to play an instrument, any instrument, even spoons, from bells to the piano. If you don't play music than draw a picture, write a letter, just be bold and share the creative part of yourself with others.

Later on in life, after my mother, who was a librarian at Temple Emmanuel in NY, NY, and Elmsford Public Schools, shared with me the book, *The Power of Positive Thinking*, by Reverend Norman Vincent Peale,¹ I became an interfaith, spiritual, no faith, ordained Reverend a few years ago. Since birth, I have personally followed Judaism, holding a strong belief that everyone is my brother and sister within humankind, no matter what race, color or creed. I was born an American and proud of it, but consider myself a man of the world who believes in "one world," even no countries, as everyone is a world of and unto themselves. So my belief is that our land belongs to everyone, as the Native American Indians believe. I am a yogi, an athlete, a grandpa, father, friend, husband, a single man who is balding and a little overweight, who is consumed with love and respect for everyone and everything, including our animal and plant kingdom. I started working at CBS in 1972 and then went to PBS/Channel 13/NYC TV, helping to create many wonderful TV Shows, in my small way, such as All in the Family, Carol Burnett, Sonny and Cher, Love of Life and the Nature and Brain Series. In 1985 I began Milestone Broadcast Corporation, MBC, our multi-cultural marketing and advertising organization helping large companies, such as Citibank, Delta Airlines, IBM, Sprint, US Postal Service, Western Union market to the various ethnic and niche groups. In 1998, we started broadcasting on the WEB and multi-media with www.goodnewsbroadcast.com, with our mission being to find, create, and receive "Life Affirming,

Thought Provoking Good News, Entertainment, Events, Products and Services.” We were early adaptors of new technology in sharing the *good of the world using media*. We are proud of what we have accomplished with thousands of good people doing good things for the planet. In 2002, we created our nonprofit, Good News Corporation with our www.peacedayparty.org.

This book is not about me, it’s about “all of us.” I know I just shared my background with you, but it is only to give you an opportunity to familiarize yourself a little with where I have been☺ mainly, so you can know a little about me, to feel comfortable with what I will be sharing with you in the ensuing chapters. Actually I am more interested in *you*. Just email me, paul.sladkus@goodnewsbroadcast.com, and, if you want, I will broadcast your comments on our network. Also you can go to our *Facebook* goodnewsplanet page or *Twitter*, #goodnewstogo. I am far from perfect. I try hard not to be full of myself, and, as most men, I am not always so smart or sensitive. I’m just a man amongst men for, as the saying goes, no man is an island, which is something I could never be. Bottom line for me: I love people and love to share with them. I respect people, and try my best to do so, which is why I am sharing my thoughts in this book—for I know we are all one.

As I’ve indicated, this book is not about me—it’s about us. There is no me without us and I love you. I embrace you. I respect you, and I will try my best not to judge you. You are “Good News.” You are *peace*. You are love, and, I hope, trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. Why do I reference the Boy Scout Code? Because I believe in it; I memorized it as a boy and used it at my daughter’s wedding as my speech, comparing it to what marriage is all about, and she is my most important fatherly love. I love her husband as well and now the grandkids—my love for them is off the charts! I am a very fortunate man.

I pray everyone has love in their life, including, most importantly, love for oneself. Why love they self? I have learned only through self-love can anyone feel worthy of loving another and being totally at peace, or at least closer to being truly peaceful.

Also, our book is not too long because what I have to say about world peace can be boiled down to this basic thought: respect each other with nonviolent communications, with love and peace in your heart, and in all your actions/deeds☺

Another note, and I don't mean to be annoying with all my notes, (actually this is my third note, I've just added a note to each note, but now I am annoyed with me, I get less obnoxious, starting now), but it has been three months, July 14, 2014, since I started writing, typing and editing this book, a book that has been sixty-five years in the making, which includes many peace initiatives, including our recent Peace Day Party events, and it is time to share and hear from those who are open to share their thoughts on "What peace is for them." So go to the web site so we can all share your audios, videos, text comments with you. Your thoughts mean the world to me. Go to www.peacedayparty.org/share

Today is 9/4/15 I have added the words on my cover, What Does Peace Mean to You? and have deemed this the main titled the book. This is what I ask people to think about, internally and externally. This is what life is about, felling peaceful. So I hope that my story helps you to enhance your understanding of What Peace Means to You. This would give me more peace knowing that maybe in my own little way I helped someone.