



PEACE MANIFESTO

DON'T KILL YOUR BROTHER

Every Enemy Is Kin

We, the signers, make this conviction public in a year when numerous wars burn. This manifesto asks no promise of future conduct; it records a recognition. We affirm these articles as already true, and we add our names so the affirmation is public, countable, and shared — because the preparation of war works by persuading each person that their objection is theirs alone, and a signed page is proof that they are not. The signers constitute no organization, no party, and no membership beyond this: the family, on record.

ARTICLE ONE — COMMON DESCENT

We recognize one ancestry behind all human beings — confirmed by genetics, affirmed by the great religious and ethical traditions. Every human being is a relative of every human being.

ARTICLE TWO — THE KINSHIP OF ADVERSARIES

We recognize a truth that war obscures: adversaries remain kin. Peoples in conflict often share ancestry, language, faith, custom, migration, trade, or generations of intermarriage. Beneath these nearer bonds lies the deeper fact that all belong to one human family. War does not erase kinship; it turns kin against kin.

ARTICLE THREE — THE CHARACTER OF WAR

We name war what the record shows it to be: killing within one family — fratricide. We count its dead, all sides, in one column of family loss; responsibility we assign separately, and it is not equal.

ARTICLE FOUR — REJECTION OF THE JUSTIFICATIONS

We reject the seven historical justifications of war: religion does not sanctify killing; scarcity is answered by production and distribution, not conquest; enrichment rewards the few while the graves go to everyone; commerce grows through peace, not war; honor cannot be restored by repeating injury; political power has no claim on lives merely to preserve itself; and fear deserves truth and vigilance — never command of policy.

ARTICLE FIVE — RECOGNITION OF DEHUMANIZATION

We undertake to recognize the preparation that mass killing requires — the label, the erased face, the rehearsed grievance, the orchestrated consent — and to counter it by the means that defeats it: restoring names and faces to those being prepared for killing.

ARTICLE SIX — REFUSAL OF PARTICIPATION

We refuse to begin violence, to call for war, or to lend our labor, our voices, or our votes to starting one. This refusal binds first acts; it judges no one defending themselves under attack — their situation was made by others. Whether an act began the violence is a question of public record — dates, borders crossed, orders given — not of the belligerents' claims.

ARTICLE SEVEN — NATIONS WITHIN THE FAMILY

We hold our love of our nations legitimate — and we hold that it grants no claim on the lives, the land, or the self-government of others. Kinship between peoples is never a ground for possession; invoking brotherhood while committing aggression deepens the offense.

ARTICLE EIGHT — SOLIDARITY IN LOSS

We refuse indifference to the far war's dead. They are the family's dead, and we count them so.

ARTICLE NINE — INITIATIVE

Peace requires a first mover; we accept the role in every sphere we hold: we open the closed conversations in our own families; we decline the hostile category in our own communities; we ask our representatives, on the record, to justify every preparation for war — and we do these things first, without waiting for the other side of any divide to begin.

ARTICLE TEN — AGAINST SILENCE

Silence, while a people is being prepared for war, functions as consent. We withdraw ours in advance: we will state our dissent plainly, where we live and where we work.

ARTICLE ELEVEN — TRANSMISSION

We teach these recognitions to the children, in plain words, before hostile categories reach them.

ARTICLE TWELVE — SIGNATURE

We sign before we are asked to hate, because an unsigned conviction is deniable and a signed one is not. Each signature adds one name to a public count.

AFFIRMATION

I affirm the twelve articles above as my own conviction.

A signature here has one cost, and it is real: the signer can no longer claim not to have known, and cannot be recruited quietly.

This is already mine. Add my name.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signatures are valid in any language.

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The count is public, and it grows.

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