

Non-violence Essay

In a world where power is everything, where individuals are defined by their influences and achievements, violence runs rampant. This is the world we live in today. It might not seem so; it might seem that everything is as great as it can be, but that is only an illusion, a luxury inside the border of the U.S. Violence plague the outside world and many people are in constant fear. They are afraid of hunger, afraid of losing their family, afraid of the unknown, afraid of death and even afraid of each other.

All these fears pushes a person to resort to violence. When people are back against the corner the easiest choice, but not always the right choice, is to fight back like what is happening right now in Syria. Syria is currently in the verge of war with Israel. Syria had been pushed against the corner by the action of a few Israeli. The Syrian government is considering the bombing of Damascus as an act of war. But what does war actually achieve? What does war grant the people involved? The only people who truly engage in war are the .01% who run the country, everybody else just gets used as soldiers or get caught in the crossfire. In a way all these people suffer just to preserve the .01% of the population's ego, so that they can save face, claiming that they are fighting for their country when in reality they are just spreading the reach of their power.

For a country to prosper, its leaders must hold an indomitable will of nonviolence. He must be willing to endure hardship that most cannot handle for he is responsible for many. He must settle international problems with diplomacy to avoid sacrificing his soldiers, because these soldiers, like him, are also human beings who have families to return to. instead of leaving a trail of destruction and chaos with diplomacy they can negotiate and ideas become more constructive as a result.

Through negotiations and nonviolent ways of solving problems, both sides can avoid unnecessary destruction and loss of life. Both sides gain a deeper insight into the minds of the

opposition. This insight will allow people to realize that we are in fact not all that different from each other. Everyone cries when they experience sorrow. Everyone yells out of anger. Everyone sleeps out of fatigue. Everyone laughs when they experience happiness. It is our selfishness alone that causes us to forget the universal truth that others feel and experience life in the same ways that we do too. It is our selfishness alone that brings us to the point of violence so that we may strike down someone else for the benefit of our own shallow gains. Empathy is the cornerstone of peace and a staple point of peaceful human existence.