

"Peace." My God, I have come to hate that word. It is meaningless. There never was a time when someone didn't want something from someone else and used violence or the threat of violence to obtain it. Do we have "peace" at home all the time? Do we have "peace" on our playgrounds? On our highways? In our courts? In our boardrooms? On our vestries? In our neighborhoods?

"Peace." It is unattainable in a universal sense, can only be obtained at a personal level, or, when we "rest in peace". So why use this word? Because it is a "word warrior" word. It is used to focus emotions to further an agenda, and 99% of the time the agenda has nothing to do with "peace".

Currently the "peace" agenda is that of the "anti-war" movement. What they want is an isolated, impotent United States of America. What they want is a country that would rather give up than defend itself. What they want is a country governed the way they want it governed, by an elite intelligentsia, a new nobility with a grand sense of noblesse oblige.

"Peace." Why aren't those advocating it first starting with those who attacked us? U.S.S. Cole. 1993 World Trade Center bombing. Khobar Towers. And yes, 9/11. And take a look at the incidents listed at this web site: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/pubs/fs/5902.htm>. Why aren't those advocating "peace" dealing with the people who commit these atrocities?

Because "peace" is not the objective of these so-called advocates of "peace". If it were, we would see them in Tehran, in Pakistan, in Damascus, in North Korea telling Osama, the mullahs, and the leadership of the hundreds of terrorist groups that exist that they should live in "peace". At best, they would be laughed at. At worst, they would be killed as infidels or held as hostages.

The best we can do is to recognize that we are in a war. Not just the war in Iraq. Or Afghanistan. It is a world war against a philosophy, an ideology, that wants to destroy western civilization as we know it.

That wants to destroy freedom of expression, freedom of religion, all the freedoms that we take for granted in our day-to-day lives. It wishes to subjugate women, destroy homosexuals, stifle dissent. It fosters "honor killings" of rape victims and victims of molestation. This is what we are fighting. There is no talk of "peace" with those who would willingly kill you, me, or anyone they feel is inferior. Treaties with infidels are to be honored until one is strong enough to defeat them. With this philosophy, there cannot be "peace".

What peace that can be achieved is achieved through strength. Peace is bought with the willingness to defend ourselves and with our lives if necessary. Peace is not bought through surrender. Peace is not bought through undermining the men and women of our armed forces as Murtha desires to do. Peace is not bought through encouraging our enemies by fostering dissent at home like Cindy Sheehan and the Main Stream Media and MoveOn.org desire to do. Peace is not bought through timetables for withdrawal as Pelosi and her left base want to do.

The only way to obtain "peace" is to stand up to the bullies. And, yes, sometimes we will get an eye blackened in the process, but it will achieve "peace" only until the next bully appears. And there will always be another bully.

So let us hear no more about "peace". Rather, examine those who would use you to further their agendas in the name of "peace". Discover what their true agenda is and whether you can afford to support that agenda. Then answer this question: are you willing to sacrifice your liberty, your country, your life for someone else's concept of "peace"?

Sometimes war is necessary to defend what we cherish most. And war will continue until those who would wage war against us cease waging it.

Or until we surrender.

Peace at that price is no peace at all.