

World Peace Solution

Hi! My name's Bob and here is my 5 minute contribution to the seemingly impossible challenge of achieving world peace.

No one would argue that the whole world is in an incredible mess at the moment. Many countries are constantly living with the threat of terrorist attacks. Millions of people are living under cruel oppressive dictatorships. Tens of thousands of children die every day of poverty related causes and millions of other children are suffering extreme cruelty and injustices.

Throughout the world people are hoping for a national or international leader to emerge who will have the solution to major world problems, (social, economic, and environmental). What people don't realise is that we have already had that perfect leader in the man Jesus, and he left us with an extremely simple but perfect solution to world peace. It can be summarised very briefly in one sentence.

“Love God and love your neighbour.”

How simple is that?

So, how do we implement this simple solution?

There is a story in the New Testament, well known as the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Through that parable Jesus illustrated that loving your neighbour is about responding with compassion to the people you encounter through your life who are suffering or experiencing some form of hardship.

So that clarifies the “love your neighbour” part of the solution.

But what about the loving God part - how do we do that? This is a bit more difficult to understand because we can't see, hear or touch him. Well, there is an answer to this question in a short bible verse that says, “If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, then God lives in him and he in God.”

So, according to that bible verse, and a few others, by sincerely making that one-sentence statement of acknowledgement, we can enter into a loving father-child relationship with God.

Now it seems logical that if God is the creator of life, then that would automatically make him the universal authority on love and wisdom. Therefore, if he lives in us, then surely we can expect him to guide us in the ways of perfect love and wisdom in every situation.

Imagine the positive impact our individual lives could have on others if we were consistently guided and driven by the love and wisdom that is inspired through maintaining a close relationship with the creator of the universe.

Imagine the extreme situation where all national leaders in the world were guided by this same love and wisdom, in developing their government policies and planning

their national budgets. Instead of allocating trillions of dollars to defence, more money would be invested in developing initiatives designed to eliminate homelessness, starvation and every other form of human suffering in the world.

There are various nations in the world where thousands of citizens are starving, while the government leaders continue to allocate enormous amounts of their nations' limited funds to the development of military power.

Can you see how most of the suffering in the world can be related directly or indirectly to the choice of leaders and individuals to ignore Jesus' perfect instruction – love God and love your neighbour?

I'm suggesting that we have access to enormous world transforming power that could be released through the increasing application of this very simple teaching. However, although it is so simple, not many are following it, which is why the world is in such a mess.

Everyone wants to experience fulfilment in life, but this is where I believe the ultimate fulfilment will be found. We can all be part of this solution to world peace and harmony among all people.

Jesus once said, "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world if he loses his soul". When you think of it, we're only on this planet in these bodies for up to a hundred years which is an extremely short part of eternity. So why not use that time to be as much of a blessing to others as possible.

Have a look at a couple of short documents on my website, which expand a bit on what I've said here. The website is www.answers4life.com.au.

If you have any questions or comments about what I've said or written I'd love to receive an email from you.