

Ephesians 6 (8-19-12)

THE WORLD'S PEACE SYMBOL

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TEXT: Ephesians 6:23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, **from** God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

Deuteronomy 20:12 And if it will make no **peace** with thee, but will make **war** against thee, then thou shalt besiege it:

2 Chronicles 15:5 And in those times there was **no peace** to him that went out, nor to him that came in, **but great vexations** were upon all the inhabitants of the countries.

6 And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with **all adversity**.

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ:

-The "Peace symbol" was supposedly designed by Gerald Holtom, under Bertrand Russell, in 1958, as they worked to stop nuclear war.

-Russell was a member of the Fabian Society. He was a Socialist, pushing for world government. In 1927, he wrote: *Why I Am Not Christian*. In 1950, Russell was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

-While probably not giving us the whole story, even Holtom admits it is a symbol of dark despair:

"Holtom also wrote to Hugh Brock, editor of *Peace News*, explaining the genesis of his idea in greater depth: 'I was in despair. Deep despair. I drew myself: the representative of an individual in despair, with hands palm outstretched outwards and downwards...'"

(www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/whatever-happened-to-cnd-511009.html)

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: **not as the world giveth...**

"I am afraid that I cannot follow your argument that the ND badge is a death-symbol. It was invented by a member of our movement..."

(Bertrand Russell)

"American pacifist Ken Kolsbun, who corresponded with Mr. Holtom until his death in 1985, says the designer came to regret the connotation of despair and **had wanted the sign inverted.**"

(*BBC News*, "World's best-known protest symbol turns 50," March, 2008)

Bertrand Russell, *The Impact of Science on Society* (1952):

“The populace will not be allowed to know how its convictions were generated. When the technique has been perfected, every government that has been in charge of education for a generation will be able to control its subjects securely without the need of armies or policemen...Where all children go to school, and all schools are controlled by the government, the authorities can close the minds of the young to everything contrary to official orthodoxy. Printing is impossible without paper, and all paper belongs to the State. Broadcasting and the cinema are equally public monopolies...all the researches of psycho-analysis, behaviourism, and biochemistry will be brought into play... All the boys and girls will learn from an early age to be what is called 'co-operative,' i.e., to do exactly what everybody is doing...Diet, injections, and injunctions will combine, from a very early age, to produce the sort of character and the sort of beliefs that the authorities consider desirable, and any serious criticism of the powers that be will become psychologically impossible. Even if all are miserable, all will believe themselves happy, because the government will tell them that they are so...I do not pretend that birth control is the only way in which population can be kept from increasing. There are others, which, one must suppose, opponents of birth control would prefer. War, as I remarked a moment ago, has hitherto been disappointing in this respect, but perhaps bacteriological war may prove effective. If a Black Death could spread throughout the world once in every generation, survivors could procreate freely without making the world too full...The state of affairs might be somewhat unpleasant, but what of it?...a scientific world society cannot be stable unless there is world government...by selective breeding, the congenital differences between rulers and ruled will increase until they become almost different species...”

Ezekiel 13:10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, **saying, Peace...**

Daniel 8:25...he shall magnify himself in his heart, and **by peace** shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 For **when they shall say, Peace and safety**; then sudden destruction cometh upon them...

The Real Meaning of the World's Peace Symbol:

-It likely shares a relationship to the swastika in history, which was used by Theosophists, and Nazis.

-The sign [a P with an X at bottom] appears upon a coin of the Emperor Decius:

"In January 250, Decius issued one of the most remarkable Roman imperial edicts...'All the inhabitants of the empire were required to sacrifice before the magistrates of their community 'for **the safety** of the empire' by a certain day...When they sacrificed they would obtain a certificate...That is, the certificate would testify the sacrificant's loyalty to the ancestral gods...'...Christian followers who refused to offer a pagan sacrifice for the Emperor and the Empire's well-being by a specified date risked torture and execution."

(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decius>)

-An "I" with an "X" at the bottom was one way of writing the name of Horus (Egyptian god).

"In the estimation of certain writers [the swastika] has been respectively the emblem of Zeus, of Baal, of the sun, of the sun god...[It] spread itself practically over the world...[in various, but related, forms]." (Thomas Wilson, *The Swastika, the Earliest Known Symbol*, 1896; Curator, Department of Prehistoric Anthropology, U.S. National Museum)

"In 711 A.D., for instance, when the Saracen [Muslim] hordes crossed into Spain to establish their Moorish kingdom, the shields of the invaders were decorated with that inverted broken cross." (Robert Welch, *American Opinion*, 1970)

-The symbol was used by the Nazis for death (Nazi death notices).

"Known as the 'peace sign' throughout the 1960's and into the present day, this symbol is the Teutonic rune of death. 1950's peace advocate Gerald Holtom may have been commissioned by communist sympathizer Bertrand Russell to design a symbol to unite leftist peace marchers in 1958. It is clear that either Holtom or Russell deemed the Teutonic (Neronic) cross as the appropriate symbol for their cause."

(Cathy Burns , *Masonic and Occult Symbols Illustrated*)



Manly P. Hall, *The Secret Teachings of All Ages: An Encyclopedic Outline of Masonic, Hermetic, Qabbalistic, and Rosicrucian Symbolical Philosophy* (1928):

“The [occult] Mysteries taught that the divine energies from the gods descended upon the top of the **Pyramid**, which was likened to **an inverted tree** with its branches below and its roots at the apex [cap or top]. From this inverted tree the divine wisdom is disseminated by streaming down the diverging sides and radiating throughout the world...”

“The medieval Qabbalists represented creation as **a tree** with its roots in the reality of spirit and its branches in the illusion of tangible existence. The...tree of the Qabbalah was therefore **inverted**, with its roots in heaven and its branches upon the earth. Madam Blavatsky notes that the Great Pyramid was considered to be a symbol of this inverted tree...The early Fathers sometimes used the tree to symbolize Christ...”



“John Ruysbroeck (1293-1381) employs [the inverted tree]...in writing of **the spiritual efforts of the mystic**...Also, in the chief medieval text of the Kabbalah [*Zohar*, 1280]...we are told of an inverted tree...In Buddhist legend...the whole sense of the teaching is that one should penetrate **that guarded gate** and discover that tree...the tree of the ‘Waking to **Omniscience**’...”
(Joseph Campbell, *Mythic Image*, 1974)

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“Man in his true essence is an inverted tree...”
(Leonora Leet, *The Universal Kabbalah*, 2004)

Proverbs 3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
2 For length of days, and long life, **and peace**, shall they add to thee.
17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths **are peace**.
18 She is **a tree of life** to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

“...the two side branches [represent...**unbalance**...”
(Hall)

“The science of **equilibrium** is the key of occult science. **Unbalanced forces perish in the void**...” (Hall)

“...reminiscence of the inverted Cosmic Tree...and of the inverted tree's **bisexual** symbolism.”
(*The Complete Works of Marcel Duchamp*, 1969)

“...inversion [of the tree] also represents the soteriological path **back to divinity**...The...idea of **physical creation inverted** with respect to heaven also appears in the work of Jacob Boehme (1575-1624)...As discussed previously the...primal man of light and cosmic pillar/tree is **symbolically hermaphroditic, containing the restoration of all opposites in a perfect unity of being**...John Dee (1527-1608), magician, mathematician, alchemist, and Kabbalist, used the same sources in constructing his cosmology and in developing his ideas about magic...He also says that **the union of opposites** of the higher world of light and dark matter **is the source of magic**...The tradition of **uniting opposites** is a very ancient one that dates back to sacrificial rituals to the gods...symbolized in alchemy as the Hermetic **androgynous or hermaphrodite**...This union is frequently represented in tantric statues of diva as half male and half female, and it is shown in the soma ceremony as the union of fire and water in the heart...”
(David L. Spess, *Soma: The Divine Hallucinogen*, 2000)

“MIT Official Feels Society Aimed at ‘Androgyny’...The door of her [Dr. Rowe’s] office is posted with overlapping male and female signs **with a peace symbol** in the center. The password is ‘androgyny’...She said she believes that society is moving, albeit slowly, toward the androgynous goal...It will prepare both male and female students for the androgynous world.”
(*The Telegraph*, Aug. 31, 1973)

“[The Aquarian Age points] to the ‘balance being tipped, so that the whole nation goes through a cleansing process’ [according to astrologer, Charles House.]...‘But we’ll come to grips with ourselves...’”
(*The Telegraph*, Aug. 31, 1973)

“Crows and Ravens were early symbols of the Great Goddess in her destructive, death-dealing aspect...**the crow’s foot**, called Witch’s Foot, was a death sign...”
(Hope B. Werness, *The Continuum Encyclopedia of Animal Symbolism in Art*, 2006)

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"I portray myself in an androgynous way and I love androgyny."

(Lady Gaga, with "her" peace symbol tattoo)

Isaiah 59:8...they have made them **crooked paths**: whosoever goeth therein shall **not know peace**.

Isaiah 48:18 O that thou hadst hearkened to **my commandments**! then had **thy peace** been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

22 There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now the **Lord of peace** himself **give you peace always by all means**. The Lord be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, **live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.**

Psalms 72:1 Give the king **thy judgments**, O God, and **thy righteousness** unto the king's son.

3 The mountains shall **bring peace** to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

Psalms 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in **perfect peace**, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, **Peace** be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even **so send I you**.

Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with **all joy and peace in believing...**

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And **the peace of God**, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things**.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, **do**: and the **God of peace shall be with you**.