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Lavendar Field with Ghosts. - Anon



Every have one of those days oh, months...

Every have one of those months when your brain wants to take a break or just break down. But this is the beginning of the holiday season, you know Halloween to New Years. Happy, happy, buy and buy those saccharine and toxic laced candies for the kiddies. Buy and buy food for all the relatives to eat after laboring over the stove while they watch football on the tv, and then again buy and buy them all gifts for the sacredness of all holidays, Black Friday, and then Christmas as an afterthought. But of course, nothing ends a year out right than a final day of drunken bacchanalia. Chill out! Can't we just take it easy. Kick back and relax, **DON'T BUY ANYTHING**. Is giving a box of raisins for Halloween so bad or just a nice simple meal with those you really care about opposed to the whole ridiculous familv?

For whatever spiritual deity one needs to acknowledge, couldn't we all be nice to each other. Of course, no one wants to start the year off with being unemployed or forced to out of your home because you can't pay the bills. Ay, but there's the rub that makes us rather bear those ills we have than to try other methods that we know not of. Cowardness, conscience or rather a lack of education or simply following the crowd keeps us in our place. Yet no animal, human nor beast was meant to stay in one place without going mad or worst: bored.

Of course, what good would our economy be without all of our Banker's Wars? The most favored excuse to give entitled hand-outs to the rich, like Pandemics or various forms of financial collapse. Barely a dime for the poor that make the rich, wealthy but billions for their wars in the Ukraine, Yemen, Palestine, Haiti and yes, in Fresno too. Maybe people should consider what this economic system does to us and all existence. Can you live with what it does to the majority of people in this world. Sacrifices are hard especially when those who have yet to born will be the only benefactors. If you haven't noticed, don't worry, you are only asleep. Oh, but could we not put away the weapons of conveniences for the month? Oh by the way, **EVERYBODY!** Let War, of all kinds, take a vacation. No wealth for the rich, they can afford it. No dying for the Poor, they have done enough. I grant one and all permission to stay alive.

I know that if everybody would do exactly as I say, then this world would be a happier place. But **NO**, they got to do things their own way. Whatever happen to "knowing that love is to share." Instead, it's armies here, there and everywhere but then that's why authoritarian or dictatorships (even those disguising themselves as democracy or republic) need armies. Somehow the idea that you need so many people trained in killing regardless of whom they point their weapons at doesn't sound like freedom or living a good life to me. Does it to you? I know, if they are not pointing them at me.

Make what you will of my rantings and ravings. If you can do better, **PLEASE**, submit an alternative to me soon for November or December. No ads, or political commentary since I don't trust anyone in our government or those oppose to it. They are liars and thieves and the fact that one day you will have to vote for one of them is comical if not pathetic. -RG



A message from our past leader.



For many years I was on the Board of the Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Unlike my other colleagues I had no problem asking for money! So, by default I became the fundraiser for the Center, and I gave myself the official name of Development Director. I was also one of the few members who enjoyed our once monthly meetings. And why not? Working with such talented and friendly people was a joyful experience. It was also the only one that I had been part of that worked amicably together and came to a consensus on projects being discussed. I was pretty good at asking for donations too and tried to make my fundraising letters easy and interesting to read and, more importantly, make people want to support the Center and keep the doors open.

Though I am no longer on the Board, I follow its work with admiration - what a great anniversary they put together this year. I was often told that what we did was insignificant in the community. I remember in one fundraising letter I quoted Portia in the Merchant of Venice "*How far that little candle throws its beams*". Many years have passed since I wrote that letter and more people know about the important work that the Center does, and the 'candle's' beams shine much further.

In November the Board will be sending its bi-annual, tax-deductible appeal for funds to continue our work. I'm joining with them in asking you to consider making a donation to the Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Large or small, all donations are appreciated and important to us.



In peace, Angela Price.



88.1 FM KFCF



Stir it, UP!



Our next show is Wednesday October 11th at 3pm.

Our next radio show will be with our host Joshua Shurley and his guest Ashley Rojas and Morning Star Gali, both from the group *Indigenous Justice* on the subject of the epidemic of missing and murdered indigenous persons, and its effects both nationally and locally. For more information call on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at (559) 237-3223 or check our website at www.centerfornonviolence.org.

Our September show with our host Joshua Shurley and his guest Bob McCloskey where they discussed the human impacts of mass incarceration in California and in the Central Valley. To hear it again go to: <https://on.soundcloud.com/ZL9Cj>

Our August radio show our host Joshua Shurley spoke with his guest Gary Butterfield from the San Diego chapter of Veterans for Peace and of the Steering Committee for the National Veterans for Peace Climate Crisis and Militarism Project. They discussed the looming existential threat posed by the intersection of militarism and climate emergency and what can be done about it. To hear again go to: <https://on.soundcloud.com/uu7Wj>