

UNITED STATES PACIFIST PARTY READING LIST

The following list of books and pamphlets about pacifism, nonviolence, world government, and other elements in the USPP's platform, may be useful to people interested in the USPP. The list only touches the number of works available on these subjects, and will be periodically enlarged. The USPP welcomes suggestions concerning additions. In regard to pacifism and nonviolence, the following considerations have influenced the selections. Pacifism is the belief that all forms of military power are "wrong." "Wrong" in this context can have a conventional religious meaning, which is usually oriented toward a concept such as "the will of God", or an absolute moral code that's been "revealed", or it can have a broader philosophic meaning, in which military force is seen as incompatible with universal principles such as love and truth, and incapable of producing overall beneficial effects. Usually, concepts of pacifism combine several of these ideas.

Nonviolence may be considered the theory of political action that's harmonious with pacifism. Nonviolence is a large part of pacifist politics.

Studying works on either pacifism or nonviolence won't necessarily give one the deepest insights concerning the other idea. In the past, some pacifists have believed that nonviolence is irrelevant to pacifism. Some current advocates of nonviolence believe that nonviolence can be studied and understood apart from pacifism. While both positions can be argued, the USPP believes that pacifism and nonviolence are fundamentally harmonious, and that the most effective resistance to war can be developed around a viewpoint that employs the full meaning of both ideas. With a few exceptions, the following works are compatible with this perspective.

Most of the works are available in the library at the USPP's national office, and at good public and college and university libraries. The following code explains where some of the works can be purchased: AH = Arthur Harvey, Poor Farm Road, Weare, N.H.; FOR = Fellowship of Reconciliation, Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960; USPP = The United States Pacifist Party, 5729 S. Dorchester, Chicago, IL 60637. The code is given in parentheses at the end of the listing.

Pacifism

1. For Pacifists; M.K. Gandhi; 106pp.; (AH)
2. The Iliad or, The Poem of Force; Simone Weil; 39pp; Pen-Hill Pamphlets, Wallingford, Pa.
3. The Kingdom of God Is Within You; Leo Tolstoy
4. The New Testament Basis of Pacifism; G.H.C. Macgregor; 160pp; (FOR)
5. Speak Truth to Power, A Quaker Search for an Alternative to Violence; American Friends Service Committee; 71pp; \$3.00; AFSC, 15 Rutherford Pl., NYC 10003
6. A Crucial Quandary in Heaven, or God and Nuclear War; Walter A. McCleneghan; 31pp; \$1.00; (USPP)
7. The Case Against Pacifism; John Lewis; 238pp. (Included to give perspective)

Nonviolence

1. Conquest of Violence: The Gandhian Philosophy of Conflict; Joan V. Bondurant; 256pp; (FOR)
2. Force Without Firepower; Gene Keyes; 27pp; \$2.00; (USPP)
3. From Yeravda Mandir; M.K. Gandhi; 67pp; (AH)
4. Nonviolence: A Christian Interpretation; William R. Miller; 380pp; (FOR)

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