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The Healing of the World: A Path to Peace

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Based on the text by Roberto Mancini, Professor at the University of Macerata.

Peace: An Issue That Concerns Everyone

We learned that for Mancini, peace is not merely a political topic, but a profound issue:

Philosophical

Ethical

Anthropological

The decisive question is: Is a healing of the world still possible?

Peace is about our way of thinking, living, and existing in the world,
not just the decisions of governments.

The Myth of the “Just War”

One of the points that struck us most is the critique of the “just war” myth. We understood that:

The idea of a “necessary” war stems from the right to defense.

However, this fragment of truth is used to justify every war.

Thus, war becomes “normal.”

We realized that this mentality makes us morally blind.

The Duty to Think

A central idea is that good faith is not enough. Many atrocities were committed by people “convinced they were doing good.”

Critical thinking is a moral duty.

To discern
means to
distinguish

Causes

Responsibility

Alternatives

Peace is born from critical thinking, not from ideological adherence.

Peace as a Method

Peace is not just a final goal.
We understood that:

You cannot arrive at
peace using war.

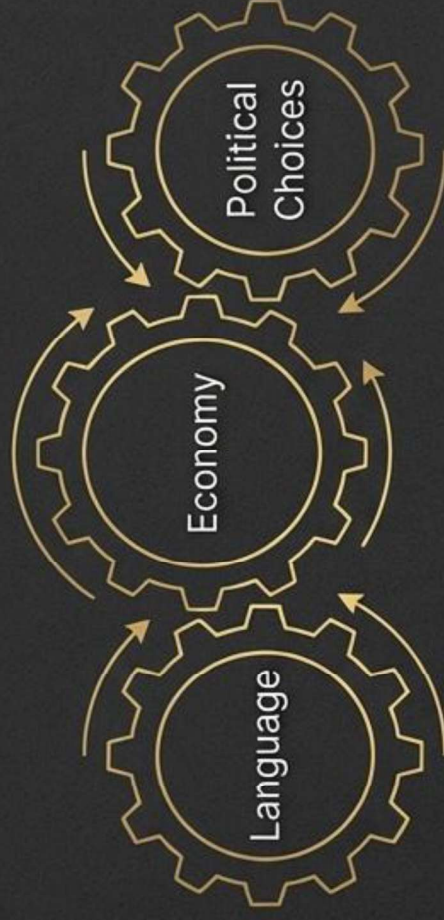
Means and ends
must be coherent.

Nonviolence is a lifestyle,
not an occasional strategy.

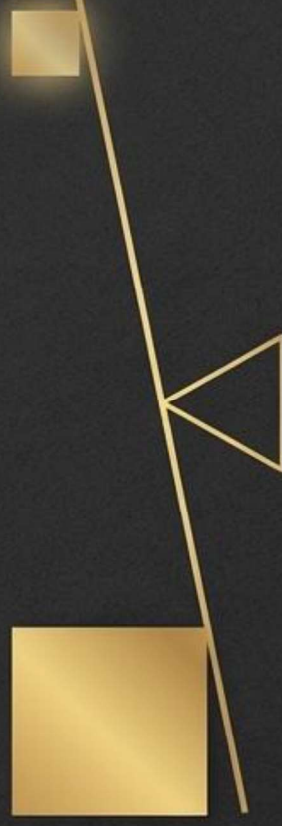
Peace begins with daily choices.

War is Not Inevitable

Another point we re-elaborated: War is not a natural fatality. It is prepared in our:



Little investment
in prevention



Heavy investment
in armaments

We understand that preventing is more effective than reacting.

Power as the Root of War

According to Mancini, the deep root of war is power when it becomes domination. We understood that:

~~The problem is NOT "human nature".~~

**It is the dehumanization
produced by systems of power.**

When power eliminates relationships, it generates violence.

Two Ways of Being Effective

A distinction that struck us deeply:

Necrophilous
Effectiveness



domination,
force,
destruction.

Biophilous
Effectiveness



care,
responsibility,
service,
freedom.

We understood that the true alternative to war is not another, stronger power, but a different way of living and relating.

A Conversion of Civilization

The conclusion of our work: Peace requires a conversion of civilization. This means changing:



We understand that peace is not an abstract utopia, but a personal and collective responsibility.

The healing of the world begins with us too.