

## CREED OF PEACE

I am guilty of war when I proudly exercise my intelligence to the disadvantage of others.

I am guilty of war when I distort other's opinions, which differ from my own.

I am guilty of war when I show disregard for the rights and properties of others.

I am guilty of war when I covet what another has honestly acquired.

I am guilty of war when I seek to maintain my superiority of position by depriving others of their opportunity of advancement.

I am guilty of war if I imagine my kin and myself to be a privileged people.

I am guilty of war if I believe a heritage entitles me to monopolize resources of nature.

I am guilty of war when I believe other people must think and live as I do.

I am guilty of war when I make success in life solely dependent upon power, fame, and riches.

I am guilty of war when I think the minds of people should be regulated by force, rather than by reason.

I am guilty of war when I believe the God I conceive is the one that others must accept.

I am guilty of war when I think that the land of a person's birth must necessarily be the place of his or her livelihood.

The true articles of peace cannot be legislated but are drawn up in the personal aspirations and conduct of the millions of little people. When all people will frankly perceive their common dependence, an understanding will emerge that will transcend the barriers of time and space, creed, and race.

Once we fully understand this then perhaps we can focus on the "Contribution to Peace" alone. Until then it may be best to continue to awaken our self knowledge through Ralph Lewis's "Creed of Peace," while aspiring to the ideals expressed in the "Contribution to Peace."