

NKARC Letter: June 2012

(poems and posters from Francisco Gomes de Matos and David Krieger)

Sent: Friday, June 01, 2012 2:46 PM

Subject: Nonkilling Arts Research Committee: Fiction for Nonkilling: A Plea through Rhymed Reflections

Dear friends,

Thank you for your comments on the essay, "Nonkilling Literature: Fiction and Nonfiction". I enclose below the email from colleague Francisco de Matos who sends his thoughtful commentary in his unique "rhymed reflections" format.

Thank you, Francisco.

Look forward to your continual participation.

Nonkilling Regards,

Bill

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"Nonkilling is THE measure of human progress."

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 7:48 AM

Subject: Fiction for Nonkilling: A Plea through Rhymed Reflections

Fiction for Nonkilling : A Plea through Rhymed Reflections

by Francisco Gomes de Matos, a peace linguist. Author of Nurturing Nonkilling: A Poetic Plantation (3rd.ed.,2010)

A myriad characters in world literature we find
How many of them contribute to readers' peace of mind ?

If Literature is a Life-supporting art
How do authors show a peace-promoting heart ?

If fictional literature can make our imagination play
What constructive thoughts-actions do authors convey ?

Why couldn't more Nonkilling fiction works there be ?
The universe of readers a more peaceful world would see

In Nonkilling Literature, all forms of killing will look strange
Nonkilling authors will help life on Earth peacefully change

Nonkilling prose and poetry will leave no psychological scars
In all languages, Nonkilling genres and texts will shine as stars

As universal literature human experience helps us creatively analyze
So global nonkilling literature will help us nonviolent attitudes recognize

One day, in Nonkilling literary art more authors will excel
in nonkillingly showing readers how the Earth to share well

For a Nonkilling Fiction may this be a global Plea
that will sail wide and wisely on every literary sea

So Nonkilling Literature nonviolent attitudes will help us recognize.

----- Original Message -----

From: David Krieger

Sent: Friday, June 01, 2012 8:01 PM

Subject: Never Enough Flowers: The Poetry of Peace II

Dear Bill,

I wanted to share with you and colleagues the flyer for our new book of poems, Never Enough Flowers: The Poetry of Peace II. The book has some great peace (and nonkilling) poetry, the prizewinning poems in our annual peace poetry contest for the past eight years.

Separate from the book, I am pasting in below a recent poem, "On the Balance Sheet."

Best wishes,

David

David Krieger

President

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

ON THE BALANCE SHEET

Add to your balance sheet your share of our nuclear stockpile.

As a citizen, you are a part-owner, a partner, a shareholder in our bombs
and missiles. Claim your share of these magnificent explosive
devices, these incinerators, these shadow and mushroom cloud makers,
these levelers of cities, these threats to our children. Claim your share
of hubris and perceived security, of conflagration, of omnicidal power
to destroy our enemies while we poison our planet and destroy our souls.

You are entitled to all of this, purchased with your taxes and your silence.

David Krieger
May 2012

Dear Bill,

My sunniest thanks for having shared my rhymed reflections on Nonkilling Fiction.
Appreciate your kind interest.

One of my Nonkilling posters ,which I would like you and other friends on the
Nonkilling Arts Committee to have ,

is called The day weapons refused to kill. How could you download it ? Easy...

1. Access www.estudenaaba.com and click on POSTERS

2. Therein you`ll see a list of 16 posters (most of them poem-posters),some of which
on Nonkilling issues.

The next-to-last poster is The day weapons refused to kill. The art work by done by
the design department of

Associação Brasil America (ABA is its acronym). Would like to receive feedback on
that poster,as it is a

Nonkilling-inspired fictional piece.

Could you help me on that ?

Let me multiply my sunniest wishes ,by sending them to all friends on the Nonkilling
Arts Committee

Francisco

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