



Launch of the  
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**“Nonkilling and peace.  
Creative junction and effective implementation of  
fundamental values:  
Thinking big to act precisely.”**

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Dear Human Beings,  
Dear friends,  
Greetings of peace, of joy, in understanding and reverence for life.

“How many of you are aware that on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, the Security Council adopted the first ever world ceasefire (resolution 2532)”?

“If we were to put all humanity into Lake Geneva: how much would it rise?”

The calculation is (approximately) 6 billion humans (we are a bit more), ten humans per cubic meter (sorry, this is mass) and the lake is 600 million square meters. Ten humans per one square meter (sorry again) makes 6 billion humans and a rise of one single meter for Lake Geneva.

Please enjoy the next question: “If we were to take out of the oceans one single meter of the sea rise caused by climate change and to put all that water (ideally desalinated) into the Sahara desert, how high would the water go?” I’ll spare you the math: 14 meters only. Some water would sink, flow away or evaporate.

This needs to be confirmed by being done. This is big thinking: huge engineering, a whole lot of resources and consensus needed, in my opinion perfectly feasible.

All the more, if we convert military means and might, into a world-like non-militarised cooperative peace force.

I am not here to talk about disarmament, climate change, or the fact that we shall all participate and avoid the sea from rising even one single meter.

I am here to say that the “Nonkilling paradigm” is big thinking: “Humanity, uniting on Earth, to sustain itself, for all of us to fully respect life!”

Humanity, “sustaining” itself! I did not say to “save” itself.

First, because our situation is only, in my humble opinion: “*a natural step in our evolution*” Said sharp: “It is time for us to learn nonkilling regarding the survival of our own species”

Secondly, no single person, or group of persons is going to “save” anyone else, all of us or itself, from anything or everything.

We are all creative beings; we all have a share, a stand, a say and a responsibility in human History and destiny, we are going to give ourselves a future, individually and collectively, as peacefully as possible, together.

Doing so, giving life a universal value and worth, we stand at the front row of our lives to make them beautiful and bountiful.

As well, we can rejoice in our honest and earnest jobs and deeds. (*Instead of piling up, for nothing, in Lake Geneva !*)

“What is the best time to plant a tree? It was twenty years ago!”

This is the time we have, some 20 years, to fulfill that part of the nonkilling paradigm.

Now I name it “A life saving program saving human life and culture on Earth”!

The greatest challenge of all times!

What will *life* be thereafter? Well, simply more living and less surviving; more dignity and more happy relationships, more peace, enjoyment and fulfillment, for each and all.

The time will come: because, we have the tools. I am confident.

The first of our tools, foremost, is “values”. Write large: humanism. Values are proactive – not defensive, alarmed, moral or whatever – participative, to be lived together; they are inclusive and uniting, joyful and life creating.

Written small, values are expressed rather well by human rights and by the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, and values flourish in peace.

“When every life is given worth, the life of all is given span”.

Please enter now, with me, into the peace zone: one of the most beautiful places on Earth! Let me give you a glimpse of its geography, starting from the center.

Feel serene, test the harmony, be in tune, be happy with the universe, be happy with your kin of all sorts, be happy with the human purpose and with our capacities, be happy with our kind and

efficient right of participation.

Now slowly look towards the outskirts of the zone. The farther you go, the greater the need arises for life preserving tactics and for peace teaching and peacemaking, peace by peaceful means, peaceful methods.

Do not go farther or too far.

Remember: "Happy people breed a happy world"!

There is no need to face, or to put ourselves in danger: with nonkilling, the time for sacrifice is over, totally.

The second and only other tool we need is method.

We choose methods within our values: expressing these values.

Gandhi insisted a lot on this: "means matching our ends"!

We have "fundamental" human rights and now we also have and need "fundamental" human methods.

Fundamental, because in tune with our values and rights.

Fundamental, because they are the only methods capable of being life-enhancing and life-preserving, now and forever. Nonkilling again, ever better, evermore.

Fundamental methods established and mainstreamed: this is our work for our future, to conceptualize and implement fundamental lively and peaceful methods, to make an inventory, to refine them and to monitor their progress.

There are many such methods, education for a start, and usually science not too far. Peace and nonkilling, prospective, participation and sound human policies. Name them and use them!

With values and methods, we face the future with the best of our knowledge, our deepest care and the gentle touch of our kind: human kindness, for the best of our future.

"Big thinking: values. Small and precise acting: methods".

Here we are again, now well equipped, at the heart of the "life and peace" zone.

There is no fear or want, no strife or conflict; just peace and joy.

We are still pioneers, but still we will be plenty.

Now looking at nonkilling, with values and methods, we are working, humbly, on ways to expand this life and peace zone.

Standing more or less midway between the center and the border of the zone, nonkilling is a value giving meaning to life, a behavioral guidance preserving life: it stands as an example for the continuity of life.

Between values and methods, exemplarity of deeds is very important, especially from officials and influential people: no one kills!

Nonkilling is also at the border of the zone, as a life-guard, as a valid practice: nonkilling working to preserve and to improve life, nonkilling working to save as many lives as possible, nonkilling as a measurable choice and an meaningful practice.

Thank you Glenn Page, in these two positions, as a value and a method, nonkilling is indeed a paradigm.

Rising from the age of Enlightenment, when philosophers said “the greatest good for the greatest number”, with human rights, we change it to “sufficient good for all”. And that is also the nonkilling paradigm: life for all, and a good life for all.

Please enjoy!

Before concluding, first I would like to make an abstract request: that is to see the Nonkilling noun enter into dictionaries. Please report, once you have done so or if you have found it somewhere. We might consider giving a nonkilling prize to the first dictionary to include it or the first person reporting it.

Secondly, I would like to offer you one last riddle. I will give my answer only at the end, after the Q & A session; you can also give your answer at the beginning of your question: “What is the best of all human values and virtues?”

### Summarizing

Using the peace zone concept – thank you Johan Galtung – a fulfilled core and a border where there is a need to grow, I hope to have shown you where and how nonkilling stands and works (or how I understand it) and where and how life, peace and nonkilling stand together as mutually reinforcing concepts and processes, as values and methods.

There is still plenty of work to be done.

I also hope I have succeeded in giving you some enthusiasm, the means to compare and explore, courage and insights for the work ahead and for the Students, for your nonkilling studies.

As a human rights activist, working at the United Nations for the betterment of life and as a person wanting results from my thinking, I’ve already pushed back the killing border and I am still making progress at that.

San Marino is now a nonkilling country, we are waiting for more of them to do so. Suicide prevention is now, worldwide, under the right to life, a legal State duty. We succeed at establishing this at the UN’s Human Rights Council.

As we open a new nonkilling center of excellence, I do expect you to do the same, in your own future, in your own lives: to give value to life and to express its worth and doing so, to push back the killing border as far as possible.

I'll be doing my part, when and wherever I can, and I will be supportive everywhere else.

Last, to remain lucid, given the fact that nonkilling awareness will always be needed as a value, I nevertheless wish for a time when the nonkilling work will cease to be as necessary as a method: a time when we will all live safely, fully living the nonkilling paradise, in life and peace.

Thank you friends,  
Have a good life !  
The Floor is yours!

PS: The best of all human qualities and virtues?  
Many people say love, and nonkilling should come high on the list, but in fact, second degree thinking, it is to "know and practice as many or all human qualities and virtues".