

# Nonkilling posters by Francisco Gomes de Matos

## HUMANKIND IN NONKILLINGLAND: a need dreamed-of

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One day, Humankind wanted Nonkillingland to enter to share and enjoy all of its life-supporting places so an application was made to the NKL Center stating that all human beings had nonkilling faces

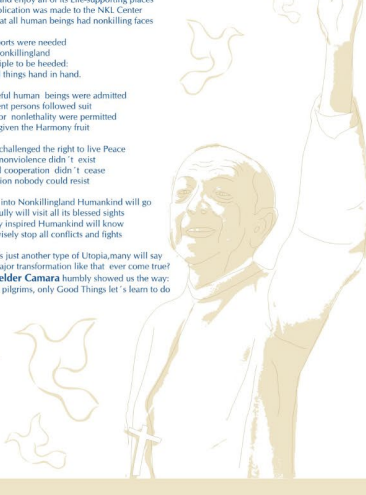
No passports were needed to visit Nonkillingland the principle to be heeded. Doing all things hand in hand.

All peaceful human beings were admitted Nonviolent persons followed suit Groups for nonviolence were permitted all were given the Harmony fruit

Nothing challenged the right to live Peace forms of nonviolence didn't exist Universal cooperation didn't cease Compassion nobody could resist

One day into Nonkillingland Humankind will go and joyfully will visit all its blessed sights spiritually inspired Humankind will know how to wisely stop all conflicts and fights.

But that's just another type of Utopia, many will say Can a major transformation like that ever come true? Dom Helder Camara humbly showed us the way: As Peace pilgrims, only Good Things let's learn to do



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## PRAYING NONKILLINGLY a mosaic of poetic pleas

by Francisco Gomes de Matos a Peace Linguist and President of the Board, Brazil America Association, Recife, Brazil

**Plea One**  
For PEACE we can pray  
Let's add one more way  
For NONVIOLENCE we can pray  
Let's add another way  
For HARMONY we can pray  
Let's add one more way  
For COMPASSION we can pray  
Let's have one more way  
What way? For NONKILLING let's pray

**Plea Two**  
Let's pray for Nonkilling  
Let's pray for No more killing  
Let's pray for NO to killing  
Let's pray for Nobody killing  
Let's pray for Nobody being killed

**Plea Three**  
For all persons killed or being killed violently, let's pray  
For all persons killed in self-defense, let's pray  
For all persons killed in conflict and war, let's pray  
For all persons killed in all kinds of violent actions, let's pray

**Plea Four**  
Let's pray for the Nonkilling of People  
Animals  
Plants  
Trees  
Water  
The Air we breathe

**Plea Five**  
How to conjugate the verb TO PRAY nonkillingly  
For those who KILL or ARE KILLING, let's pray  
For those who KILLED, let's pray  
For those who WILL KILL, let's pray  
For those who HAVE THOUGHT OF KILLING, let's pray  
For those who COULD HAVE PREVENTED KILLING, let's pray

**Plea Six**  
Let's pray for all who pray NONKILLINGLY  
Let's pray for all persons who don't pray  
Let's pray for all who NONKILLINGLY practice what they pray  
Let's pray for a world praying NONKILLINGLY in all faiths, religions and spiritual traditions  
Let's have NONKILLINGLY pray NONKILLINGLY for a NONKILLING WORLD



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## Nurturing Nonkilling. A Poetic Plantation

by Francisco Gomes de Matos a peace linguist  
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Praise for the 3rd Edition of Francisco Gomes de Matos' "Nurturing Nonkilling", by Professor Morton Deutsch

I first heard of Francisco Gomes de Matos when I asked a professor of linguistics at Columbia University to write a chapter for our Handbook of Conflict Resolution, 2006 edition. She declined and said that the best person to write such a chapter would be Francisco. He wrote a very fine chapter.

Ever since then, I have been receiving from him more than a poem each week. These well-written poems have covered such important topics as human dignity, peace, nonkilling, and other important human concerns.


Although we have not yet met in person, I feel that his poems and writing portray him to be a very creative, humane, warm-hearted person who embraces the world with joy, care, and a sense of responsibility.

I have felt that his poems deserve a wide public audience. They could play an important role, along with the effort of many others, to move us all toward the development of a world community in which such values as human dignity, peace, nonkilling, and a sustainable planet are central to its people, its institutions, its nations, and all its religions.

Knowledge of the inspiring poems in this book, I hope, will be made available to people using the Internet (e.g., Facebook and Twitter), to the professions addressed in the poems, to the delegates and officials of the United Nations, and to the leaders of our educational, economic, religious, and governmental institutions throughout the world. Also, I hope a special edition for children will be prepared.

Francisco's poems are a valuable contribution to the world!

Morton Deutsch  
E.L. Thomas Professor Emeritus of Psychology  
Director Emeritus of the International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution (ICCCR), Teachers College, Columbia University



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## TESOLers as appliers of Nonkilling

by Francisco Gomes de Matos, an applied peace linguist, President of the Board, Brazil America Association, Recife, Brazil.


When the English language we teach our responsibilities multiply besides educational goals to reach there are humanizing values to apply

Let's teach words that **edify dignify qualify unify**

Let's **not** teach expressions that segregate separate denigrate devastate

Let's **not** use English to humiliate depreciate infuriate vituperate

Let's **always** use English to change **FIGHT** into **LIGHT**  
**FOE** **FRIEND**  
**FEAR** **FAITH**  
**HARM** **HARMONY**  
**KILL** **NONKILL**



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## The day weapons refused to kill

by Francisco Gomes de Matos, an applied peace linguist, President of the Board, Brazil America Association, Recife, Brazil.

The day weapons representatives decided to meet at the Global Weapons Assembly (GWA) in Nonkillingland. After a brief discussion, they decided to launch **Weapons Refusing to Kill** as an initiative which was unanimously approved and to be implemented upon the representatives' return to their respective countries.

As a result, the decision was announced by global media and by all forms of government. Persons, families, communities registered over that unprecedented addition to their yearly calendar.

What was the practical consequence of that creatively imagined day? That day, all types of weapons would not kill, so human beings, animals, plants and other life forms would be free from killing. At that history-changing session, some weapons delegates were asked to speak. Among weapons used in pre-historical times, a stone had the privilege of being the first to take the floor. Inspiringly, it said that on that day, whenever used for deadly purposes, it would change into a flower.

Then a gun, representing a large group of deadly weapons, stood before the multinational-multicultural audience and proudly stated: Today, all bullets shot from me will fall in their victims' hands as delicious banana peels. Another weapon spokesperson was asked to address the already enthusiastic audience. This time, a suicide bomb appeared on the stage and in a most tranquilizing manner assured its viewers and listeners (there was extraordinary cheering, but that "day human beings who use us virtually will immediately use its weapon changed into a burst of laughter").

Finally, the representative for the most destructive deadliest weapons - a nuclear bomb - came before the strategically placed global cameras and read this proclamation endorsed by weapons invented throughout history: "The Weapons Refusing to Kill weapons pledge not to kill and to celebrate Peace, Nonviolence, and Nonkilling in every possible way."

All of us, sadly invented to cause lethality will create a unique day in the History of Humankind, a day when weapons will be the most powerful peacekeeping, peacepreserving, peaceparticipating force on Earth. In short, all of us weapons delightfully pledge to denounce the world. Although we have been created for devastating purposes, in such shameful condition we refuse to stay dead! The GWA session came to a close with its Chairperson's leading a harmonious chorus singing: **Weapons refuse! Let's declare PEACE. Let's save PEACE.**

Let's show Humankind the only way to live peacefully, nonviolently, nonkillingly.



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## For Nonkilling Education: A Plea to Humankind

Rhymed reflections by Francisco Gomes de Matos, a peace linguist from Recife, Brazil

Humankind, Humankind, in many languages and cultures many forms of Education there are

Humankind, Humankind, in schools everywhere educators and learners can often go very far

Humankind, Humankind we may also say that Education/Psychology for Peace and Nonviolence is globally needed


but do we know how such transformative approaches can be cooperatively, creatively, humanizingly and effectively heeded?

Humankind, Humankind, the time is ripe for a Nonkilling Approach to Education also to be known

In all school curricula, its principles and practices should be imaginatively and constantly sown

Humankind, Humankind may this be a Plea for your Nonkilling Humanization

and may this global effort help bring about the rise of a Nonkilling Civilization everywhere so many forms of Education there are




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## NONKILLING: A Checklist for Family Use

by Francisco Gomes de Matos, Professor Emeritus, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco Co-Founder, Associação Brasil America, Recife

This Checklist has a dual purpose: (I) to evaluate persons in a family in Nonkilling Awareness by deadlines and reflections on the items apply/don't apply to their family experiences and (II) to encourage those persons to contribute items that would improve the Checklist's relevance/ comprehensiveness/ depth.

- In our home, priority is given to Peace and Nonviolence
- Nonkilling has to do with the universal principle "Human beings should not kill"
- Nonkilling also has to do with the African Rites Not to Be Killed
- In our home, there are no wars
- In our home, nobody wants to learn how to shoot /use a gun
- In our home, nobody believes that having a gun brings more safety to the family
- In our home, justification on disarmament has been discussed
- In our home, the use of fake weapons by children has been debated
- Our family would agree to the inclusion of Nonkilling Education in school curricula
- Our family has discussed the issue of disarmament campaigns (learnings from home, for example)
- Our family has discussed intransigent, aggressive-violent communicative skills (uses of language)
- Our family endorses/supports the idea that Violence can cause/ generate violence
- Our family sees the Right to Live and the Right Not To Be Killed as interdependent values that is, they complement each other
- Our family shares the belief that Nonkilling communities/countries is a prerequisite to a sustainable world peace
- Our family shares Albert Einstein's conviction that "The spirit and practice of Nonkilling must be universal"



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## Preserving The Past: A Nonkilling Cultural Plea

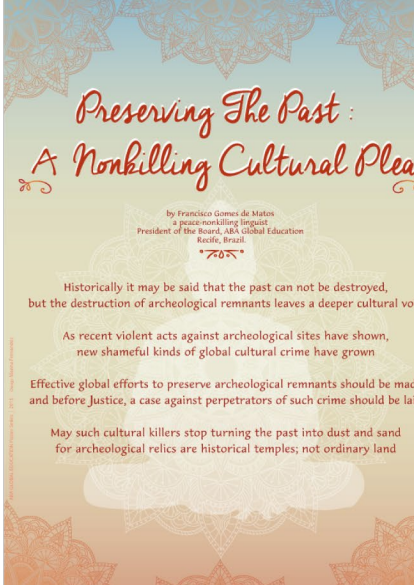
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Historically it may be said that the past can not be destroyed, but the destruction of archeological remnants leaves a deeper cultural void

As recent violent acts against archeological sites have shown, new shameful kinds of global cultural crime have grown

Effective global efforts to preserve archeological remnants should be made, and before Justice, a case against perpetrators of such crime should be laid

May such cultural killers stop turning the past into dust and sand for archeological relics are historical temples; not ordinary land



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## Business for Nonkilling. A Checklist through Rhymed Reflections

by Francisco Gomes de Matos

**BUSINESS PERSONS,**  
Doing business is as old as the History of Humankind  
Does it involve more than profit-seeking? Commercial peace of mind?

You are engaged in an essential, multifaceted occupation  
To carry it out, have you had a university education?

When your company is involved in international trade  
What kinds of fair-priced proposals are made?

If an effective salesperson you want to be  
What dignifying challenges do you see?

Do you see business as a financial transaction  
or do you also see that process as humanizing interaction?

What business agreements you help to reach  
What constructive lessons do negotiations teach?

When a new product/service with excessive pride you show  
Do you forget that there is a client-satisfying goal?

Does your company fixed prices like to impose?  
Or in a spirit of flexibility, fair prices are proposed?

When to your clients you boast of innovative technology  
Do you also treat your business partners with relational dignity?

What do you think you are doing business extremely well  
Besides good products and services, what humanizing values do you sell?

In doing business in other cultures on mutual respect and trust do you insist  
or in a self-centered cultural approach do you shamefully persist?

In a nonkilling perspective, persons may be said to be commercially killed  
when they are ill-treated by businesspersons in Economic-Rights unskilled

Next time in a business interaction you joyfully participate  
Do your very best to human character and communicate elevate

In a world of increasing diverse business we all live  
May the business of Humankind prioritize ways to give



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