

Coleman McCarthy's Centre for Peace

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THE CLASS OF NONVIOLENCE



The Class of Nonviolence is an eight session class developed by Colman McCarthy, founder of the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington, D.C. It uses classics in peace and justice literature to teach peacemaking. This course can change your life and you can change the world.

The entire eight-session / 48 essay class can be **downloaded as a PDF file** - it's free!

If you have suggestions or questions, e-mail suives@texas.net

You ought to believe in something in life, believe that thing so fervently that you will stand up with it till the end of your days.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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"Human beings are used to thinking about violence and war as problems to be controlled rather than thinking positively about peace as an achievement, as a state of being within their control. Peace education rests on an active vision of peace where skilled individuals, who have been trained in the ways of nonviolence, intervene in conflict situations to manage them without using (violent) force." *Ian Harris*

Readings for Lesson One

1. **If We Listen Well**, by Edward Guinan
2. **Nonviolent Response to Assault** by Gerald Vanderhaar
3. **Human Nature Isn't Inherently Violent** by Alfie Kohn
4. **Axioms of Nonviolence** By Lanzo del Vasto

Readings for Lesson Two

1. **Doctrine of the Sword** by Mohandas Gandhi
2. **Gandhi in the 'Postmodern' Age** by Sanford Krolick and Betty Cannon
3. **Family Satyagraha** by Eknath Easwaren
4. **Ahimsa** by Eknath Easwaren
5. **My Faith in Nonviolence** by Mohandas Gandhi

5. **Teaching Reverence for Life** by Albert Schweitzer
6. **Students Astutely Aware** by Colman McCarthy

6. **Love** by Mohandas Gandhi
7. **A Pause From Violence** by Colman McCarthy

Readings for **Lesson Three**

1. **Love is the Measure** by Dorothy Day
2. **Poverty and Precarity** by Dorothy Day
3. **Undeclared War to Declared War** by Dorothy Day
4. **This Money is Not Ours** by Dorothy Day
5. **The Scandal of the Works of Mercy** by Dorothy Day
6. **Dorothy Day** by Colman McCarthy

Readings for **Lesson Four**

1. **Martin Luther King, Jr.** by Charles De Benedetti
2. **Loving Your Enemies** by Martin Luther King, Jr.
3. **Declaration of Independence from the War in Vietnam** by Martin Luther King, Jr.
4. **Pilgrimage to Nonviolence** by Martin Luther King, Jr.
5. **King and Pacifism: The Other Dimension** by Colman McCarthy

Readings for **Lesson Five**

1. **Feminism, Peace and Power** by Mary Roodkowsky
2. **Rape is all too Thinkable for Quite the Normal Sort of Man** by Neal King and Martha McCaughey
3. **To the Women of India** by Mohandas Gandhi
4. **Narrowing the Battlefield** by Carol Ascher
5. **Patriarchy: A State of War** by Barbara Hope
6. **An American Shero of 1941** by Colman McCarthy

Readings for **Lesson Six**

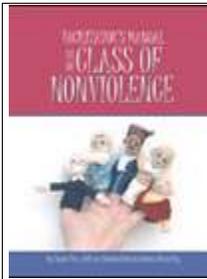
1. **The Technique of Nonviolent Action** by Gene Sharp
2. **The Politics of Nonviolent Action** by Gene Sharp
3. **The Methods of Nonviolent Protest and Persuasion** by Gene Sharp
4. **Albert Einstein on Pacifism**
5. **Letter to Ernesto Cardenal: Guns Don't Work** by Daniel Berrigan
6. **Building Confidence at Prairie Creek** by Colman McCarthy

Readings for **Lesson Seven**

Readings for **Lesson Eight**

1. **Animals, My Brethren** by Edgar Kupfer-Koberwitz

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