

# P50SF04 Violence and Nonviolence in the Christian Tradition

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## Course Description

This course will explore various aspects of violence and wars. It will explore the presence (origin?) of the myth of redemptive violence in ancient Mesopotamia/Babylon, which predates the biblical (Genesis) myth of the “very good” creation. It will further explore the myth of redemptive violence that surrounds the Christ Event – the passion and death of Jesus Christ, and will expose and critically analyse the prevalence and even dominance of this myth of redemptive violence in popular and/or military culture today. The course will then explore the associations in history of violence and wars with empires and economics, religion and religious fanaticism and/or fundamentalism, and will highlight the issues of just wars and pacifism, and Christian Zionism and Islamic jihad. The course will encourage students to seek and articulate non-violent relational ethics based on (re)appropriation of Jesus’ teachings and relevant feminist perspectives on non-violent ethics.

## Objectives

At the end of the course the student will be able to:

- Distinguish between force and violence
- Understand the traditions of violence and nonviolence in scripture
- Understand the shifts of understanding of violence and nonviolence in the early church
- Understand developments in just war theory
- Apply Christian understandings of violence and nonviolence to contemporary issues

## Readings

A "Course Reader" will be available from the PTC bookshop. In addition to the readings listed in the Course Outline below, these two essays are relevant to discussing these topics in the Pacific:

- Fer, Yannick. 2011. "Religion, Pluralism, and Conflict in the Pacific Islands." In *The Blackwell Companion to Religion and Violence*, edited by Andrew R. Murphy, 461–472. Malden: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Strathern, Andrew and Pamela J. Stewart. 2013. "Religion and Violence in Pacific Island Societies." In *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Violence*, edited by Michael Jerryson, Mark Juergensmeyer and Margo Kitts, 167–182. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

## Assessment

### Minor Assessment

There are seven pieces of minor assessment, being the weekly tasks I have set. The first two are due in Session 4 covering the first two weeks. And then one is due in each even numbered Session after that (with assignments being due in 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14). I will grade these and hand them back with a grade and comments. Only the top six grades

out of seven will count toward your final grade. I ask for one side of an A4 page (estimated to be 500 words, which should be considered a minimum guide for this work). The total of the six best pieces is worth 48% of the overall grade for the course, with each piece being worth 8%.

## Final Essay Questions

The major piece of assessment is an essay of between 3000-4000 words on a topic of your choice. This is worth 52% of the course and is due for final submission at the end of assessment week on **3 November 2017**, by 4pm. You must agree your topic with Dr Davis as soon as possible. The sooner you agree on your topic the sooner you can begin. Questions may be on any topic of violence and nonviolence but must be related in some obvious way to the course material and lectures. In order to complete the essay satisfactorily you must clearly define your terms (for example, between 'violence' and 'power' and 'force') and use them consistently. You must also engage theologically and ethically with the topic of your choice. By this I mean you should draw on theological resources (such as scripture, tradition, culture, and the work of other theologians) in your discussion. The readings and optional readings are good places to start. Do not spend too long thinking about your topic, it is sometimes better to get writing earlier. Or, you may like to engage with a particular author or a single work on violence more deeply. For example, you might to write a critical review of one of the articles or books on the reading list, or discuss the debate between two authors who disagree with each other. You may examine a topic of violence in your own culture or nation.

## Course Outline

This course is taught over seven weeks with two sessions a week. Sessions will combine lectures and class discussion based on close readings of primary source texts and secondary sources. This means students must come to class prepared to discuss the readings.

### Week 1 - Introducing Violence and Nonviolence (week beginning 11 September 2017)

#### Task for the Week

Based on the readings for this week, discuss one point of interest and how it has expanded your understanding of violence.

#### Session 1: Philosophical and Social Scientific Perspectives on Violence and Nonviolence

##### Suggested Reading (there is no Required Reading for this session)

- Garver, Newton. 1968. "What Violence Is." *The Nation* 209 (June 24):817–822.
- Teaiwa, Katerina. 2004. "Violence Within and Against the Pacific." In *Cultural Shaping of Violence: Victimization, Escalation, Response*, edited by Myrdene Anderson, 193–198. West Lafayette: Purdue University Press.

##### Further Optional Reading/Watching

- Arendt, Hannah. 1970. *On Violence*. New York: Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich. [in library]
- Bäck, Allan. 2004. "Thinking Clearly about Violence." *Philosophical Studies: An International Journal for Philosophy in the Analytic Tradition* 117 (1/2):219–230.
- Betz, Joseph. 1977. "Violence: Garver's Definition and a Deweyan Correction." *Ethics* 87 (4):339–351.
- Bondurant, Joan V. 1988. *Conquest of Violence: The Gandhian Philosophy of Conflict*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Bufacchi, Vittorio. 2009. *Violence: A Philosophical Anthology*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. [in library]
- Dewey, John. 1916. "Force, Violence and Law." *The New Republic*. (January 22):295–297.
- Dinnen, Sinclair and Allison Ley, eds. 2000. *Reflections on Violence in Melanesia*. Annandale: Hawkins Press.

- Gan, Barry L. and Robert L. Holmes, eds. 2005. *Nonviolence in Theory and Practice*. Long Grove: Waveland Press.
- Gandhi, M. K. 1951. *Non-Violent Resistance (Satyagraha)*, edited by Bharatan Kumarappa. New York: Schocken Books.
- Galtung, Johan. 1990. "Cultural Violence." *Journal of Peace Research* 27 (3):291–305.
- Galtung, Johan. 1969. "Violence, Peace and Peace Research." *Journal of Peace Research* 6 (3):167–191.
- Girard, Rene. 1979. *Violence and the Sacred*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press. [in library]
- Gregg, Richard B. 1934 *The Power of Non-Violence*. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott.
- Kurlansky, Mark. 2006. *Nonviolence: Twenty-five Lessons from the History of a Dangerous Idea*. New York: Modern Library.
- Naepels, Michel. 2017. *War and Other Means: Power and Violence in Houailou (New Caledonia)*. Canberra: ANU Press. Online: [http://bit.ly/War\\_Naepels](http://bit.ly/War_Naepels)
- Žižek, Slavoj. 2009. *Violence: Six Sideways Reflections*. London: Profile. [in library]

## Session 2: Theological Perspectives on Violence and Nonviolence

### Required Reading

- Steffen, Lloyd. 2013. "Religion and Violence in Christian Traditions." In *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Violence*, edited by Mark Juergensmeyer, Margo Kitts, and Michael Jerryson, 100–125. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Wink, Walter. 1999. "The Myth of Redemptive Violence." In *TransMission*. ONLINE: [https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/uploads/content/bible\\_in\\_transmission/files/1999\\_spring/Bit\\_Spring\\_1999\\_Wink.pdf](https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/uploads/content/bible_in_transmission/files/1999_spring/Bit_Spring_1999_Wink.pdf)

### Further Optional Reading

- Brown, Robert McAfee. 1987. *Religion and Violence*. Second Edition. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press.
- Ellul, Jacques. 1969. *Violence: Reflections from a Christian Perspective*. New York: The Seabury Press. [in library and online at <http://www.religion-online.org/book/violence-reflections-from-a-christian-perspective/> ]
- Kimball, Charles. 2013. "Religion and Violence from Christian Theological Perspectives." In *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Violence*, edited by Mark Juergensmeyer, Margo Kitts, and Michael Jerryson, 424–434. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Long, Michael G., ed. 2011. *Christian Peace and Nonviolence: A Documentary History*. Maryknoll: Orbis.
- Schneider, Laurel C. 2008. *Beyond Monotheism: A Theology of Multiplicity*. London; New York: Routledge.
- Schwartz, Regina M. 2004. *The Curse of Cain: The Violent Legacy of Monotheism*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Trisk, Janet. 2011. "The Violence of Monotheism." *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa* 140:73–90.
- Wink, Walter. 1987. *Violence and Nonviolence in South Africa: Jesus' Third Way*. Philadelphia: New Society Publishers in cooperation with the Fellowship of Reconciliation.
- Yoder, John Howard. 1994. *The Politics of Jesus*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. [in library]

## Week 2 - Violence and Nonviolence in the Bible (week beginning 18 September 2017)

### Task for the Week

Select one or several verses from either the Old or New Testament that is used to justify or condemn violence and write a one page reflection on this passage in relation to the topic of war or violence.

## Session 3: Violence and Nonviolence in the Old Testament

### Required Reading

- Seibert, Eric A. 2011. "Reading the Old Testament Nonviolently" *Conversations with the Biblical World* 31:1–32.

## Further Optional Reading

- Banwell, Brian O. 1977. "Prophets of Non-Violence." *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa* 20:55–60.
- Barrett, Lois. 1987. *The Way God Fights: War and Peace in the Old Testament*. Scottsdale: Herald Press.
- Collins, John J. 2005. *Does the Bible Justify Violence?*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. [in library]
- Creach, Jerome F. D. 2013. *Violence in Scripture*. Interpretation. Louisville: Westminster John Knox.
- Enz, Jacob J. 1972. *The Christian and Warfare: The Roots of Pacifism in the Old Testament*. Scottsdale: Herald Press.
- Fretheim, Terence. 2004. "God and Violence in the Old Testament." *Word & World* 24 (1):18–28.
- Hanson, Paul D. 1984. "War and Peace in the Hebrew Bible." *Interpretation* 38 (4):341–362.
- Jenkins, Philip. 2009. "Dark passages." ONLINE: [http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2009/03/08/dark\\_passages/](http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2009/03/08/dark_passages/)
- Jenkins, Philip. 2011. *Laying Down the Sword: Why We Can't Ignore the Bible's Violent Verses*. New York: HarperOne.
- Kah-Jin Jeffrey, Kuan. 2009. "Biblical Interpretation and the Rhetoric of Violence and War." *The Asia Journal of Theology* 23 (2):189-203.
- Kimelman, Reuven. 1969. "Non-Violence in the Talmud." In *The Religious Situation: 1969*, edited by Donald Cutler, 441–463. Boston: Beacon Press.
- Lind, Millard C. 1990. *Monotheism, Power, Justice: Collected Old Testament Essays*. Elkhart: Institute of Mennonite Studies.
- Lind, Millard C. 1980. *Yahweh Is a Warrior: The Theology of Warfare in Ancient Israel*. Scottsdale: Herald Press. [in library]
- McEntire, Mark Harold. 1999. *The Blood of Abel: The Violent Plot in the Hebrew Bible*. Macon: Mercer University Press. [in library]
- Niditch, Susan. 1993. *War in the Hebrew Bible: A Study in the Ethics of Violence*. New York: Oxford university Press.
- Weaver, J. Denny. 2013. "Jewish and Pacifist: Jesus and the Old Testament." *The Christian Century* 130 (24):32–35.
- Seibert, Eric A. 2015. "Preaching from Violent Biblical Texts: Helpful Strategies for Addressing Violence in the Old Testament." *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 42 (3):247–257.
- Von Rad, Gerhard. 1991. *Holy War in Ancient Israel*, translated and edited by Marva J. Dawn. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- Yoder, John Howard. 2003. "If Abraham is Our Father" In *The Original Revolution: Essays on Christian Pacifism*, 85–104. Scottsdale: Herald Press.
- Yoder, John Howard. 1989. "'To Your Tents, O Israel': The Legacy of Israel's Experience with Holy War." *Studies in Religion* 18 (3):345–362.

## Session 4: Violence and Nonviolence in the New Testament

### Required Reading

- **Matthew 5**
- **Macgregor, G. H. C. 1958. *The New Testament Basis of Pacifism*. London: The Fellowship of Reconciliation. Chapters 1 and 2 [in library]**
- **Aichele, George. 1998. "Jesus' Violence." In *Violence, Utopia, and the Kingdom of God: Fantasy and Ideology in the Bible*, edited by Tina Pippin and George Aichele, 72–91. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul.**

### Further Optional Reading

- Alexis-Baker, Andy. 2012. "Violence, Nonviolence and the Temple Incident in John 2:13-15" *Biblical Interpretation* 20 (1–2):73–96.
- Desjardins, Michel R. 1997. *Peace, Violence and the New Testament*. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press. [in library]
- Ferguson, John. 1973. *The Politics of Love: The New Testament and Non-Violent Revolution*. Cambridge:

James Clarke & Co.

- Lasserre, Jean. 1962. *War and the Gospel*. Translated by Oliver Coburn. Scottsdale: Herlad Press.
- Matthews, Shelly and E. Leigh Gibson, eds. 2005. *Violence in the New Testament*. New York; London: T&T Clark.
- McSorley, Richard. 1985. *New Testament Basis of Peacemaking*. Scottsdale: Herald Press. [in library]
- Yoder Neufeld, Thomas R. 2011. *Killing Enmity: Violence and the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic. [in library]

## **Week 3 - Violence, Nonviolence, and Christian Doctrine (week beginning 25 September 2017)**

### **Task for the Week**

Is violence a necessary part of our world or of our faith?

### **Session 5: Creation and Ontologies of Violence and Nonviolence**

#### **Required Reading**

- **Genesis 1:1 - Genesis 2:4a**
- **Beiabure, Meita, Tetika Teraku and Kumon Uriam. 1979. "Creation: The Work of the Gods." In *Kiribati: Aspects of History*, Sister Alaima Talu, et al, 1–6. Suva: Institute of Pacific Studies and Extension Services, University of the South Pacific.**
- **Milbank, John. 2006. *Theology and Social Theory: Beyond Secular Reason*. Second Edition. Oxford: Blackwell. "Counter-Ontology", pp. 429–440.**

#### **Further Optional Reading**

- Alpers, Antony. 1970. *Legends of the South Seas*. Christchurch: Whitcombe & Tombs. [in library]
- Blum, Peter C. 2010. "Two Cheers for an Ontology of Violence: Reflections on Im/possibility" In *The Gift of Difference: Radical Orthodoxy, Radical Reformation*, edited by Chris K. Huebner and Tripp York, 7–26.
- Brown, William P. 1999. *The Ethos of the Cosmos: The Genesis of Moral Imagination in the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. [in library]
- Cochran, Elizabeth Agnew. 2006. "'At the Same Time Blessed and Lame': Ontology, Christology and Violence in Augustine and John Milbank" *Journal for Christian Theological Research* 11:51–72.
- Doerksen, Paul G. 2000. "For and Against Milbank: A Critical Discussion of John Milbank's Construal of Ontological Peace" *The Conrad Grebel Review* 18 (1):48–59.
- Heidel, Alexander. 1951. *The Babylonian Genesis: The Story of Creation*. Second Edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Includes *Enuma Elish*.
- Murphy, Nancey and George F. R. Ellis. 1996. *On the Moral Nature of the Universe: Theology, Cosmology, and Ethics*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.
- O'Brien, Joan and Wilfred Major. 1982. *In the Beginning: Creation Myths from Ancient Mesopotamia, Israel and Greece*. Atlanta: Scholars Press.

### **Session 6: Violent and Nonviolent Theories of the Atonement**

#### **Required Reading**

- **Weaver, J. Denny. 2001. "Violence in Christian Theology" *Cross Currents* 51 (2):150–176.**
- **Neufeld, Tom Yoder. 2009. "Weaver and Nonviolent Atonement: A Response" *Conrad Grebel Review* 27 (2):31–38.**

#### **Further Optional Reading**

- Aulén, Gustaf. 1937. *Christus Victor: An Historical Study of the Three Main Types of the Idea of the Atonement*. London: SCM Press. [in library]

- Barrow, Simon and Jonathan Bartley, eds. 2005. *Consuming Passion: Why the Killing of Jesus Really Matters*. London: Darton, Longman & Todd. [in library]
- Belousek, Darrin W. Snyder. 2012. *Atonement, Justice, and Peace: The Message of the Cross and the Mission of the Church*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- Boersma, Hans. 2006. *Violence, Hospitality, and the Cross: Reappropriating the Atonement Tradition*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic.
- Brown, Joanne Carlson and Rebecca Parker. "For God So Loved the World?." In *Violence against Women and Children: A Christian Theological Sourcebook*, edited by Carol J. Adams and Marie M. Fortune, 36–59. New York: Continuum. [in library]
- Budden, Chris. 2008. "The Location of God, Theories of the Atonement and 'Redemptive' Violence." In *Validating Violence, Violating Faith: Religion, Scripture and Violence*, edited by William W. Emilsen and John T. Squires, . Adelaide: ATF Press.
- Eagle, David. 2006. "Anthony Bartlett's Concept of Abyssal Compassion and the Possibility of a Truly Nonviolent Atonement" *Conrad Grebel Review* 24 (1):66–81.
- Enns, Ferando, Scott Holland and Ann Riggs, 1989. *Seeking Cultures of Peace: A Peace Church Conversation*. Telford: Cascadia Publishing House. [in library]
- Finger, Thomas N. 2004. *A Contemporary Anabaptist Theology: Biblical, Historical, Constructive*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press.
- Marshall, Christopher D. 2003. "Atonement, Violence and the Will of God: A Sympathetic Response to J. Denny Weaver's The Nonviolent Atonement", *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 77 (1):69–92.
- Martens, Peter. 2008. "The Quest for an Anabaptist Atonement: Violence and Nonviolence in J. Denny Weaver's The Nonviolent Atonement" *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 82 (2):281–311.
- Mouw, Richard J. 2003. "Violence and the Atonement." In *Must Christianity Be Violent?: Reflections on History, Practice, and Theology*, edited by Kenneth R. Chase and Alan Jacobs, 159–171. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press.
- Reimer, A. James. 2001. *Mennonites and Classical Theology: Dogmatic Foundations for Christian Ethics*. Waterloo: Pandora Press.
- Weaver, J. Denny. 2011. *The Nonviolent Atonement*. Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. [in library]
- Yoder, John Howard. 2007. *Preface to Theology: Christology and Theological Method*. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press.

## **Week 4 - Christian Violence and Nonviolence Before and After Constantine (week beginning 2 October 2017)**

### **Task for the Week**

Taking the work of one ancient theologian, describe their position on war or violence, and on what basis Christians may or may not participate in war or violence.

### **Session 7: Christian Violence and Nonviolence Before Constantine**

#### **Required Reading**

- **Selections from Albert Marrin's *War and the Christian Conscience: From Augustine to Martin Luther King, Jr.* Chicago: Regnery, 1971. Chapter 1, 'Early Christianity and the Problem of War', which includes selections from:**
  - **Tertullian: "The Soldier's Chaplet"**
  - **Lactantius: *Divine Institutes***
  - **Acts of Saint Maximilian the Martyr**
  - **Acts of Saint Marcellus, Centurion and Martyr**
- **Bainton, R. H. 1946. "The Early Church and War." *The Harvard Theological Review* 39(3):189–212.**

#### **Further Optional Reading**

- Cadoux, Cecil John. 1919. *The Early Christian Attitude to War: A Contribution to the History of Christian Ethics*. London: Headley Bros. <http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/cadoux-the-early-christian-attitude-to-war>
- Campenhausen, Hans von. 1968. "Christians and Military Service in the Early Church." In *Tradition and Life in the Church: Essays and Lectures in Church History*. Translated by A. V. Littledale, 160–170. London: Collins. [in library]
- Childress, James F. 1984. "Moral Discourse about War in the Early Church." *The Journal of Religious Ethics* 12 (1):2–18.
- Driver, John. 1988. *How Christians Made Peace With War: Early Christian Understandings of War*. Scottsdale: Herald Press.
- Gero, Stephen. 1970. "'Miles Gloriosus': The Christian and Military Service According to Tertullian." *Church History* 39(3):285–298.
- Harnack, Adolf von. 1981. *Militia Christi: The Christian Religion and the Military in the First Three Centuries*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press.
- Helgeland, John, Robert J. Daly, and J. Patout Burns. 1985. *Christians and the Military: The Early Experience*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.
- Helgeland, John. 1974. "Christians and the Roman Army A.D. 173-337." *Church History* 43(2):149–163, 200.
- Hornus, Jean-Michel. 1980. *It Is Not Lawful For Me To Fight: Early Christian Attitudes Toward War, Violence and the State*. Scottsdale: Herald Press.
- Kalantzis, George. 2012. *Caesar and the Lamb: Early Christian Attitudes on War and Military Service*. Eugene: Cascade Books.
- Ruyter, Knut Willem. 1982. "Pacifism and Military Service in the Early Church." *CrossCurrents* 32 (1):54-70.
- Sider, Ronald J., ed. 2012. *The Early Church on Killing: A Comprehensive Sourcebook on War, Abortion, and Capital Punishment*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic. [in library]
- Swartley, Willard M., ed. 1986. *Essays on War and Peace: Bible and Early Church*. Elkhart: Institute of Mennonite Studies.

## Session 8: Christian Violence and Nonviolence After Constantine

### Required Reading

- **Saint Ambrose. 1896. "On the Duties of the Clergy." In *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Second Series, Volume 10: St. Ambrose: Selected Works and Letters*, translated by H. de Romestin, E. de Romestin and H. T. F. Duckworth, edited by Philip Schaff and Henry Wace, 22-24, 54-55. Buffalo: Christian Literature Publishing Co. Book 1, Chapters 28-29 and Book 2, Chapter 15.**
- **Saint Augustine. 2006. "Just War in the Service of Peace." In *The Ethics of War: Classic and Contemporary Readings*, edited by Gregory M. Reichberg, Henrik Syse and Endre Begby, 70–90. Malden: Blackwell. Includes selections from:**
  - *The City of God*
  - *Against Faustus the Manichean*
  - **Letter 138: Augustine to Marcellinus**
  - **Letter 189: Augustine to Boniface**
  - *On Free Choice of the Will*
  - **Letter 229: Augustine to Darius**
  - *Questions on the Heptateuch*
  - *On True Religion*
  - **Letter 93: Augustine to Vincentius**
  - **Letter 185: Augustine to Boniface**
  - **Letter 133: Augustine to Marcellinus**

### Further Optional Reading

- Langan, John. 1984. "The Elements of St. Augustine's Just War Theory." *Journal of Religious Ethics* 12 (1):19–38.

- Lenihan, David A. 1988. "The Just War Theory in the Work of Saint Augustine." *Augustinian Studies* 19, 37-70.
- Markus, Robert A. 1983. "Saint Augustine's Views on the 'Just War'." In *The Church and War*, edited by W. J. Shiels, 1-13. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.
- Markus, Robert A. 1970. *Saeculum: History and Society in the Theology of St. Augustine*. London: Cambridge University Press. [in library]
- Russell, F. H. 1987. "Love and Hate in Medieval Warfare: The Contribution of St. Augustine." *Nottingham Medieval Studies* 31:108–124.
- Swift, Louis J. 1983. *The Early Fathers on War and Military Service*. Wilmington: Michael Glazier. [in library]
- Swift, Louis J. 1970. "St. Ambrose on Violence and War." *Transactions and Proceedings of the American Philological Association* 101:533–543.

## **Week 5 - Just War, Old and New (week beginning 9 October 2017)**

### **Task for the Week**

Does Jesus' nonviolent ethics in the Sermon on the Mount have any meaning beyond the individual in our violent world?

### **Session 9: The Development of Just War Thinking**

#### **Required Reading**

- Aquinas, Thomas. 2002. "War, sedition and killing." In *Aquinas: Political Writings*, edited by R. W. Dyson, 239–247. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Suárez, Francisco. 1999. "The Three Theological Virtues, Faith, Hope, and Charity: On Charity, Disputation 13, War." In *From Irenaeus to Grotius: A Sourcebook in Christian Political Thought, 100-1625*, edited by Oliver O'Donovan and Joan Lockwood O'Donovan, 736-742. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. [in library]
- Grotius, Hugo. 1814. *The Rights of War and Peace*, translated by A. C. Campbell. Book 1, Chapter 2: Inquiry Into the Lawfulness of War. ONLINE: [http://www.constitution.org/gro/djbp\\_102.htm](http://www.constitution.org/gro/djbp_102.htm)

#### **Further Optional Reading**

- Allhoff, Fritz, Nicholas G. Evans, and Adam Henschke, eds. 2013. *Routledge Handbook of Ethics and War: Just War Theory in the Twenty-First Century*. Oxford: Routledge.
- Bell, Daniel M., Jr. 2009. *Just War as Christian Discipleship: Recentering the Tradition in the Church rather than the State*. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press.
- Bainton, Roland H. 1960. *Christian Attitudes Toward War and Peace: A Historical Survey and Critical Re-evaluation*. Nashville: Abingdon Press. [in library]
- Cumming, Ryan P. 2013. *The African American Challenge to Just War Theory: A Christian Approach*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Frost, Peter J. 2015. "Just War and Tribal Fighting - Reconciliation not Retaliation." *Melanesian Journal of Theology* 31 (1):11-46.
- Johnson, James Turner. 2008. "The Idea of Defense in Historical and Contemporary Thinking about Just War." *Journal of Religious Ethics* 36 (4):543–556.
- O'Donovan, Oliver. 2003. *The Just War Revisited*. London: Cambridge University Press. [in library]
- Ramsey, Paul. 1983. *The Just War: Force and Political Responsibility*. Savage: Littlefield, Adams Quality Paperbacks.
- Tooke, Joan D. 1965. *The Just War in Aquinas and Grotius*. London: SPCK. [in library]

### **Session 10: Modern Christian Realism and Pacifism**



## Required Reading

- Niebuhr, Reinhold. 1992. "Why the Christian Church Is Not Pacifist." In *War in the Twentieth Century: Sources in Theological Ethics*, edited by Richard B. Miller, 28–46. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press.
- Yoder, John Howard. 1955. "Reinhold Niebuhr and Christian Pacifism." *The Mennonite Quarterly Review* 29 (2):101–117.

## Further Optional Reading

- Bennett, John C. 1941. *Christian Realism*. London: SCM Press.
- Berrigan, Daniel. 1978. "Letter to Ernesto Cardenal: Guns Don't Work." *The National Catholic Reporter* May 5.
- Cardenal, Ernesto. 1979. "Letter of Response." *The National Catholic Reporter*. September 17.
- Childress, James F. 1974. "Reinhold Niebuhr's Critique of Pacifism." *The Review of Politics* 36(4):467–491.
- Dorrien, Gary J. 2009. *Social Ethics in the Making: Interpreting an American Tradition*. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell. [in library]
- Hauerwas, Stanley. 2013. "War and Peace" In *Approaching the End: Eschatological Reflections on Church, Politics, and Life*, 120--136. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- Lovin, Robin W. 1995. *Reinhold Niebuhr and Christian Realism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [in library]
- Macgregor, G. H. C. 1960. *The Relevance of an Impossible Ideal*. London: The Fellowship of Reconciliation. [in library]
- Miller, Richard B., ed. 1992. *War in the Twentieth Century: Sources in Theological Ethics*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press.
- Muste, A. J. 2016. *The Way of Peace: A. J. Muste's Writings for the Church*, edited by Jeffrey D. Meyers. Eugene: Cascade Books.
- Niebuhr, Reinhold. 1954. *Christian Realism and Political Problems*. London: Faber & Faber. [in library]
- Niebuhr, Reinhold. 1948. *An Interpretation of Christian Ethics*. London: SCM Press. [in library]
- Niebuhr, Reinhold. 1960. *Moral Man and Immoral Society*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. [in library]
- Patterson, Bob E. 1977. *Reinhold Niebuhr*. Makers of the Modern Theological Mind. Waco: Word Books.
- Patterson, Eric, ed. 2008. *Christianity and Power Politics Today: Christian Realism and Contemporary Political Dilemmas*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Yoder, John H. 2009. *Christian Attitudes to War, Peace, and Revolution*. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press.
- Yoder, John H. 1992. *Nevertheless: The Varieties and Shortcomings of Religious Pacifism*. Scottdale: Herald Press.
- Yoder, John H. 2010. *Nonviolence - A Brief History: The Warsaw Lectures*, edited by Paul Martens, Matthew Porter and Myles Werntz. Waco: Baylor University Press.
- Yoder, John H. 2009. *The War of the Lamb: The Ethics of Nonviolence and Peacemaking*, edited by Glen Harold Stassen, Mark Thiessen Nation and Matt Hamsher. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press.

## Week 6 - Violence in the Pacific: Gender Based Violence and Torture (week beginning 16 October 2017)

### Task for the Week

Assess one argument either for or against the use of torture.

### Session 11: Violence in the Pacific: Gender Based Violence

#### Required Reading

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