

CIVILIZATION IS WAR

At the root of socio-political complexity beyond the foraging band; into the lineage, tribe, big man, chiefdom and agricultural

state, is political-economic conflict, war to various degrees, intensifying respectively. This kind of warfare over the propertization of and dominion over resources by men on various scales goes far beyond who's in office, far beyond who's a marxist, far beyond capitalism, it goes all the way to capital, and its origins ten thousand years ago. Inextricable are complex society and war. As soon as property emerges in the form of food production surplus, the long war begins, against the earth, against women, against animals, and against slaves. This is not just a metaphor. War is the foundation of civilization, political-economic conflictuality between power holders and against the populace with the emergence of capital, power and control. This is a universal, cross-cultural phenomenon, its origins are discussed at length by eco-feminists, primitivists, and anthropologists. To demand peace within the civilized order of the world would be analogous to asking a bird to fly without wings. Civili-

zation will not make peace with its citizens nor the earth, it will continue its war as thousands of protesters do nothing to fundamentally change its trajectory. Those in power must take solace in the fact that leftists demand peace, not only is this the most unattainable objective, further, it is a state that can be in the minds

of the leftists made to occur within the context of civilization. A shallow peace if it can occur within a system that's very existence has been a 10,000 year war against the earth and culture. While some peaceniks may have the ultimate vision of peace that entails the destruction of the state and the industrial system, they seem to be few in number within the bulk of the hibernating liberal troops that populate peace demos at times of notable disruption in the status quo by way of military activity in the world. The peace movement is not asking for nor contributing to actualizing industrial collapse, nor is it articulating its message as even anti industrial. It conceives of civilization and industrialism as "peace (as it accepts civilization and industrialism)," with war only occurring when ephemeral disruptions in that peaceful process of mining the world and massacring culture appear in their scope i.e. media events like Sept. 11th and 'war'. With or without bombings, with or with out the existence of missiles and the military, war is a constant and

has been for 10,000 years. If the message is to stop the war, they better be talking about destroying the industrial system.



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