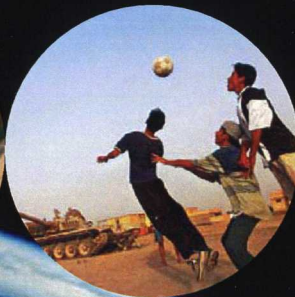
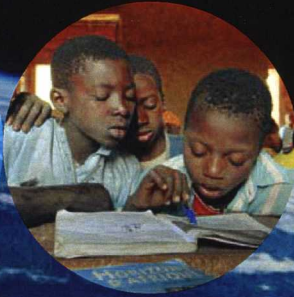


FROM A CULTURE OF VIOLENCE TO A CULTURE OF PEACE

Transforming the Human Spirit

*"Peace cannot be achieved
through violence,
it can only be attained
through understanding."*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



In an increasingly interdependent world, we share responsibility for the security of all human beings.

- Nuclear weapons—the most destructive of all our tools of war—are at the peak of a pyramid of violence. As the pyramid spreads downward it reaches into our daily lives. Conflict and mistrust between communities, crime, domestic violence and abuse—even the biting comment—are all part of the larger culture of violence. The broad base of the pyramid is the silent violence of apathy—our willingness to live comfortably while ignoring the reality that others are in pain.
- Our challenge is to rise above violence—to stop the rapid buildup of arms and forever ban the most fearsome weapons in history.
- Is it possible to transform the culture of violence into a culture of peace?

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