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people of peace





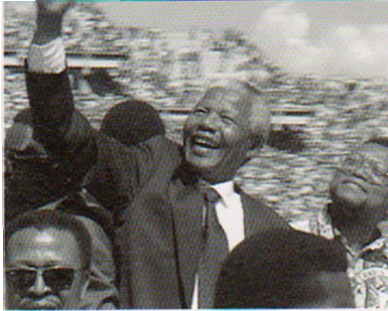
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"People of Peace" is based mainly on excerpts from ancient Greek writers, as far as the narration is concerned, and uses scenes from conflicts of the last century that demonstrate their devastating effects on the earth and humanity. The excerpts are read by leading personalities of our times, who have taken a stand against the culture of war and destructiveness, such as the Nobel Prize winner Nelson Mandela, the artists Fernando Botero, Theo Angelopoulos, Mikis Theodorakis (who also offered his music for the documentary) and others. These excerpts were selected because when it came to war the ancient Greeks considered it their supreme duty to exercise self-criticism and refrained from succumbing to arrogance when they were victorious. Uttered by these personalities, their words acquire a new force and become the actual, present-day language used to express opposition to war.



*No man is so foolish
as to desire war more than peace:
for in peace sons bury their fathers,
but in war fathers bury their sons*

Herodotus (historian, 5th century B.C.)



Nelson Mandela

*Lord, help us to keep in mind
the causes of this slaughter:
greed, dishonesty, selfishness,
the desiccation of love*

George Seferis, Nobel Prize in literature 1963



109.7 million war related deaths during the 20th century.
End of 2005: more than 40 million people were uprooted
by war worldwide





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