

Peace In Our Time

Peace in our time was finally achieved. It is a strange tale.

In an alternate universe, Earth's leaders believed war was needed, that war was good—destroying the old meant building the new (though most of the new was identical to the old.) Democracies and autocracies thrived—they were just, cursed with implacable enemies. War was forced on the leaders, even when they attacked first.

Okay, not an alternate universe.

Into our world (this will require a suspension of belief) rose Peace. Peace was created by people who wanted Peace, needed Peace, wanted their children to live in a world without missiles and drones and bombs. Peace soon became a powerful force which could not be denied. People prayed for peace, even in churches which once supported warrior Popes.

Feeling threatened, our world's leaders invited Peace to address them (while secretly researching ways to kill it.) They offered Peace a seat at the table (they'd electrified the chair.) Peace told them of the joys of no conflicts, more food, more happiness (they saw little future in that.)

Most folks supported Peace but a sizable number yearned for war. The leaders used all their governments' advertising and social media to promote war, in a desperate act. Which was when Manifest Destiny lumbered into view.

Peace in our time was achieved by Peace switching the world to Life Saving Time, under which when war was attempted time backed up 24 hours, so attacks were impossible.