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Quote about peace from Baruch Spinoza

‘For peace is not mere absence of war, (...)’

*Source: Baruch Spinoza, Tractatus Politicus, 1667, translated by A. H. Gosset, 1883.
Baruch Spinoza was a 17-century Dutch philosopher of Sephardi Portuguese origin.*

Symbols of peace



In the 1950s the ‘peace sign’, as it is known today, was designed as the logo for the British Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and adopted by anti-war activists in the United States and elsewhere.

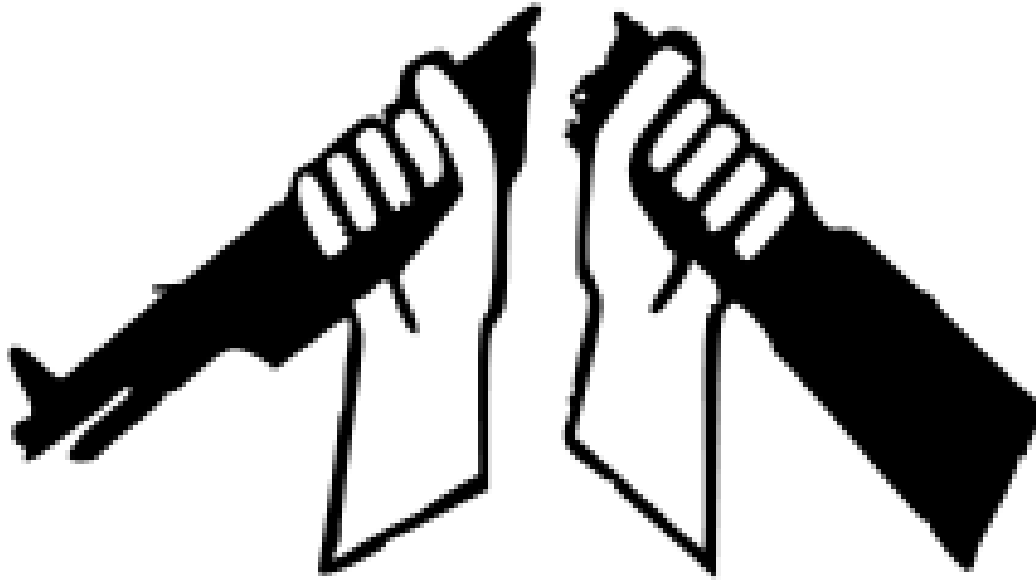
Designer: Gerald Holtom

Source: Wikipedia



The use of a dove and olive branch as a symbol of peace originated with the early Christians, who derived the symbol of the dove and olive branch from two sources: Greek thought, including its use of the symbol of the olive branch (as one of the attributes of Eirene, goddess of peace), and the story of Noah and the Flood. It eventually became a secular peace symbol, popularised by Pablo Picasso after the Second World War.

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The broken rifle symbol is used by War Resisters' International (WRI) and its affiliates, but it predates the WRI, which was founded in 1921.

Source: Wikipedia



In 1933, during a period in which there was widespread fear of war in Europe, the Women's Co-operative Guild began the practice of distributing white poppies as an alternative to the red poppies distributed by the Royal British Legion in commemoration of servicemen who died in the First World War.

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