

“The hi-tech wars that assume biochemical and nuclear weapons are especially threatening to both human life and its environment. Hence our Taoists advocate that (1) only by changing our attitudes to nature, recognizing the unity between man and nature, and following the way of nature can we realize sustainable development; (2) respect life, control desire, not kill animals and expand our benevolence to all creatures; (3) stop any war and resolve disputes by negotiation, stop any damage to the environment and live in natural ways.”

~ Min Zhiting, President
Chinese Taoist Association

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“Individually and collectively, we are responsible for the present and future well-being of our brothers and sisters. It is my great hope that this responsibility will inform our efforts in favour of nuclear disarmament, for a world without nuclear weapons is truly possible!”

~ Pope Francis
The Holy See

“One standard must apply to all countries: zero. Nuclear arms are wicked, regardless of who possesses them. The unspeakable human suffering that they inflict is the same whatever flag they may bear. So long as these weapons exist, the threat of their use—either by accident or through an act of sheer madness—will remain.”

~ Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Nobel Peace Laureate

“Believing that humankind is free to choose life, we denounce the blasphemy against life which is represented by the development, production, deployment and threatened use of nuclear weapons. Pledging, in our religious principles, to protect the Earth and interdependence of its living system we choose to create hope and the vision of a better world. We fulfill this pledge through our efforts to abolish all nuclear weapons from the face of the earth.”

~ Unitarian Universalist
Association of Congregations
North America

“At this crucial crossroads of history, we join to call on the world to recognize that violence begets violence; that nuclear proliferation benefits no one; that we can, we will, and we must find other ways to protect ourselves, our nations and our future: for it is not sufficient to have peace in our time, but instead, we must leave a peaceful world to our grandchildren.”

~ Rabbi David Saperstein
Director, Religious Action Center
Reform Judaism

“There are agencies and commissions and organizations throughout the world which work tirelessly for the abolition of nuclear weapons. So what is missing? We have to go deeper. Underneath the statistics, the jockeying, the politicking, the symposiums, the writings and the financial realities...underneath is the human conscience, a story, a value system, a myth, a spiritual instinct, a moral imperative, a collective shame and fear and hope. If we could somehow mine this rich mother-lode of authentic humanity, we could help the world move toward urgency and momentum in getting to zero.”

~ Bishop William Swing
President, United Religions Initiative

“We must say to ourselves first and then to the world that we want a total and universal ban on the possession and production of nuclear weapons. All countries, starting with those that have the largest amount of nuclear weapons, should destroy these weapons.”

~ Dr. Muzammil H. Siddiqi
President, Islamic Society
of North America

“By far the greatest single danger facing humankind, in fact, all living beings on our planet, is the threat of nuclear destruction. I would like to appeal to all the leaders of the nuclear powers who literally have the future of the world in their hands, to the scientists and technicians who continue to create these awesome weapons of destruction, and to all the people at large who are in a position to influence their leaders, I appeal to them to exercise their sanity and begin to work at dismantling and destroying all nuclear weapons.”

~ His Holiness
The XIVth Dalai Lama

“Simply transferring the world’s nuclear weapons to a museum will not in itself bring about world peace. The nuclear weapons of the mind must first be eliminated.”

~ Mata Amritanandamayi Devi
Hindu Spiritual Leader

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TO PROTECT CREATION