



## Forum on Peace and Violence



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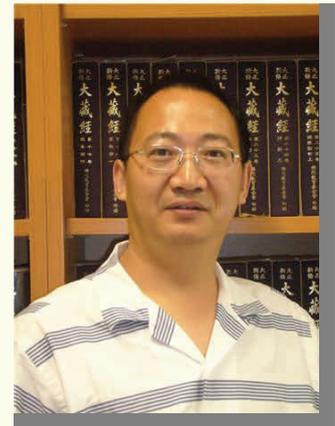
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### **Quaker and Engaged Buddhist Principles and Practices for Peace**

Abstract: The Christian sect of Quakerism (the Religious Society of Friends) and the contemporary Engaged Buddhism movement are both religious traditions that on the basis of their spiritual principles energetically engage with the social, economic and political problems of their societies. I will begin my talk by introducing each religion. I will then look at Engaged Buddhism and Quakerism side by side. We will first compare one philosophical point and then focus especially on their social engagement and peacemaking activities. I will compare: their non-violence; their histories of engaging with society's problems; their avoidance of seeing anyone as "the enemy"; and their readiness to die in service to the principles they believe in. At the end, we will turn to the "Big Picture" of Western and Buddhist ways of engaging with social and political issues to consider one point of possible contrast.

### **For Peace or For Violence: A Buddhist Reply**

Abstract: To many Buddhists and even non-Buddhists, Buddhism is a religion of peace, it has nothing to do with violence and always dissociated with military affairs. Does Buddhism entertain the idea of violence? Can Buddhists take part in military affairs? This paper examines Buddhist attitudes towards violence such as war and Buddhist involvements in military affairs. It endeavors to discover the doctrinal and historic basis for both peace and violence in both Theravada and Mahayana tradition. In order to reply the question whether Buddhism is for peace or for violence, I would first briefly examine peace and violence in other religions.



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**Time : 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.**

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Building for Business Studies,  
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**\*\*\*\*\*All are welcome\*\*\*\*\***

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