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Mapping Peace Practices in Buddhism

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Peace is the essence of all the religions in the world. But in the recent times, the world has witnessed too much bloodshed in the name of religion. Sometimes one may pause and think that would a world without any religion be a better place to live in. The answer is no. Man always finds one or the other way of division. If not on the basis of religion, on the basis of colour, caste, wealth and the list goes on and on. Romans were divided into patricians and plebians on the basis of wealth. Colour formed the basis of Apartheid. The history of the past hundred years reveals that great leaders have spent their entire lives in bringing about peace in the society. Leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King have brought about great changes and initiated several non-violent movements which have turned the course of history. In the present scenario, are Buddha's teaching of Dependent Origination and peace and his perspectives on the cause of violence and ways to prevent it and bring about peace provide the remedy. The cause of violence may be social, economic, political or religious. In the present times, discrimination against a community, rise of religious nationalism and the use of identity politics to mobilize people are the cause of insecurity which ultimately leads to tensions and violence.

Since peace is the essence of all the religions of the world, it is an irony that the world is torn by violence. In this scenario we find that Buddhists are one of the most peace

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