

Granny D

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Subject: Granny D's wonderful speech about peace in the USA

oh dear dear Doris/GrannyD!!!

Betsy (not Moon, but I forget her last name - she's the wife of the President of the North Shore Community College where I took pictures of you at a speech last fall and then drove you home) - sent this to me. And it is so wonderful I want to send it a about 100 people! Thank you so much for being you! And for you perseverance to speak the truth in such magnificent ways. Please send this around to your list - your loving friends and family will be moved - again - and most of them will no doubt send it out further and further and further and further . . . much love and appreciation,

pat

PS would you ever consider talking at a demonstration at Boston Common?

In a message dated 7/20/2007 10:08:36 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, beeline@comcast.net writes:

CODE PINK PEACE MESSAGE delivered by Granny D, July 18, 2007, Portsmouth, N. H.

We are not a peaceful people, but we long to be. It is part of our dream as Americans. We believe we are a peaceful people; we would like to be the model of justice in the world. It is part of our Norman Rockwell image and our Martin Luther King kind of aspiration and our belief in Ghandi and his method of non-violence that King followed.

It is our belief that we can and will be a peaceful people, but it has been a bloody time since the first settlers from Europe settled here. We bloodied a continent as we now bloody some far frontier of the world. We are still the cabin bristling with guns - a children's game, embraced by the giddy, immature soul of our adventurous country.

Peace is a learned behavior. It is the wisdom that is left in the bottom of the sifting pan after too many good people have been killed before their time. Peace comes in waves of exhaustion, in waves of enlightenment, and in waves of simple love.

Peace cannot come to a nation whose ways of living are perched unsustainably upon injustice throughout the world, injustice against nature itself. Real peace comes from one place: it expands outward from the peace and justice of our own hearts and households.

Drive to a peace rally in a silly, gas-hungry monster of a vehicle and fool yourself if you wish, but you must understand that what governments do with their bristling armies is but cause and effect - the concentrated effect of all our little causes.

We rightfully rail against congress and both parties for failing to cut the funding to this present war. We rightfully rail against congress and both parties for letting a little would-be dictator mock the fragile balance of our supposed democracy. But we all have the power to de-fund this war and to disempower the fearmongers who would manipulate us ever onward into bar brawls and war crime.

How we live our lives, what we buy, what we refuse to buy, what we eat, what we watch - all of these daily votes we cast do shape the world in sharper ways than we might like to consider. We do have power. We have the power to love one another. We have the power to accept the exhaustion in our hearts over the loss of so many innocents. We have the power -- you grandmothers, you grandfathers, mothers, fathers, sons and daughters -- to be the nation we dream to be.

How the world loves America even so - not its government nor its guns - but its open heart and its more brightly-colored version of life. How we must work to be worthy of that love. Let us look to our own lives. Let us send wiser people to lead us, people who do not jump in front of us and ask to be our leaders, but people who must be coaxed out of their lives of simple justice.

And if we have one who does not fill our needs, such as John Sununu, he must understand he is elected to serve our needs and we must come first, and if our needs are contrary to his desire to serve the president, then he must be replaced when next we vote, unless he is willing to be in tune with his constituents.

Let us find new ways to peace. Let us stop our bloody ways and bring our young men and women home from this mistaken war to which we sent them.

Thank you all for being here to witness and thank you for contuing to fight for what is right. Never be discouragad from the hard work it will take to change our ways. Don't let people tell you that you will not succeed. You will have already succeeded if you are out there representing truth, peace and love. You already have your victory because you have changed the world. You have changed the status quo by you. You have changed the chemistry of things and change will spread from you, and peace will spread from you, and it will be easier to happen again because of you. I tell you true, believe it or not, you are the center of the world.'

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