“War, huh, yeah, what is it good for? Absolutely nothing. Say it again, y’all…”

(Mille gratzie, Norman Whitfield, Barrett Strong & Edwin Starr)

Dear Senator Boxer,

So you thought bombing Syria would be a good idea. Well, how did the Cool Aid taste? (Jim Jones must be laughing his dead arse off, immortalized by a pop sugar-water-artificial flavoring beverage.)

Et tu?
It makes my head want to explode. You know war is wrong, that it is human sacrifice, that it is killing civilians. Yet you persist in the insane belief that repetition will produce a different outcome. War has never worked, not even the so-called Good War.

Lesley Stahl famously asked former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and then Secretary of State Madeline Albright, “We have heard that half a million children have died. I mean, that’s more children than died in Hiroshima. And, you know, is the price worth it?” (60 Minutes, CBS, May 12, 1996).

All-bright (Not!) replied, “I think this is a very hard choice, but the price—we think the price is worth it.”

Of course, she was not the one who paid the price.
Let’s take the “Good War”. Yes, we stopped Hitler, but how did we stop Hitler? We firebombed Hamburg, Dresden and Tokyo and dropped the Big Ones on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. According to Holocaust historian, Doris Bergen, the Holocaust could not have happened without the enabling influence of the war. (Italics mine, but you get why.)

The same can be said of Stalin’s murderous regime, and certainly the formation of the oppressive and repressive Soviet Union was a direct result of World War II. All in all, nearly 126 million people were killed.

And let’s not forget Satan’s war-spawn, the Nuke and its evil nephew, Depleted Uranium.
And we entered the fray with the intention of saving lives. (See www.pacifistnation.net/PeaceTheology.htm for a fuller analysis of the “Good War”.)

War is Killing civilians, yes, but that begs the question, what about the soldiers? Are they not equally victims? Had they, even those going voluntarily to kill the huns or avenge 9-11, known of the atrocities they would commit, the sheer exponentially expanded body that would result, would they have been as eager?

And what about their families? What about their families??

Madame Senator Boxer, If you truly believe that bombing Syria would be a good thing, a just war, a saver of lives, then ask yourself this: If, after having voted ‘yea’, would you be able to look a Syrian mother in the eye and tell her that the death of her baby girl by an American bomb was necessary, secure in the conviction that she would consider her sacrifice to be “worth it”, and then enjoy the sleep of the righteous?

Respectfully,
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