

Editorial

Human history had always been punctuated with wars and struggles. Most of these wars were fought in the name of God and religion, or under the banner of liberation movements and freedom struggles. There were wars for lesser noble motives like expansion of the empire, punishing the rogues, helping the neighbouring state, etc. Whatever be the motives and objectives of wars, they have always caused colossal misery to humans, to all lives and to human creativity and culture. And the misery always outweighed the gains. Therefore, the doctrine of 'just war' is not at all justifiable. Patient and persistent dialogue had always been the best means to reduce tensions and cool down tempers.

This issue of the Journal deals with war and peace. The theme is analysed from the perspectives of world religions. We hope and pray that the readers will find some inspiration here to try to be always instruments of peace.

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