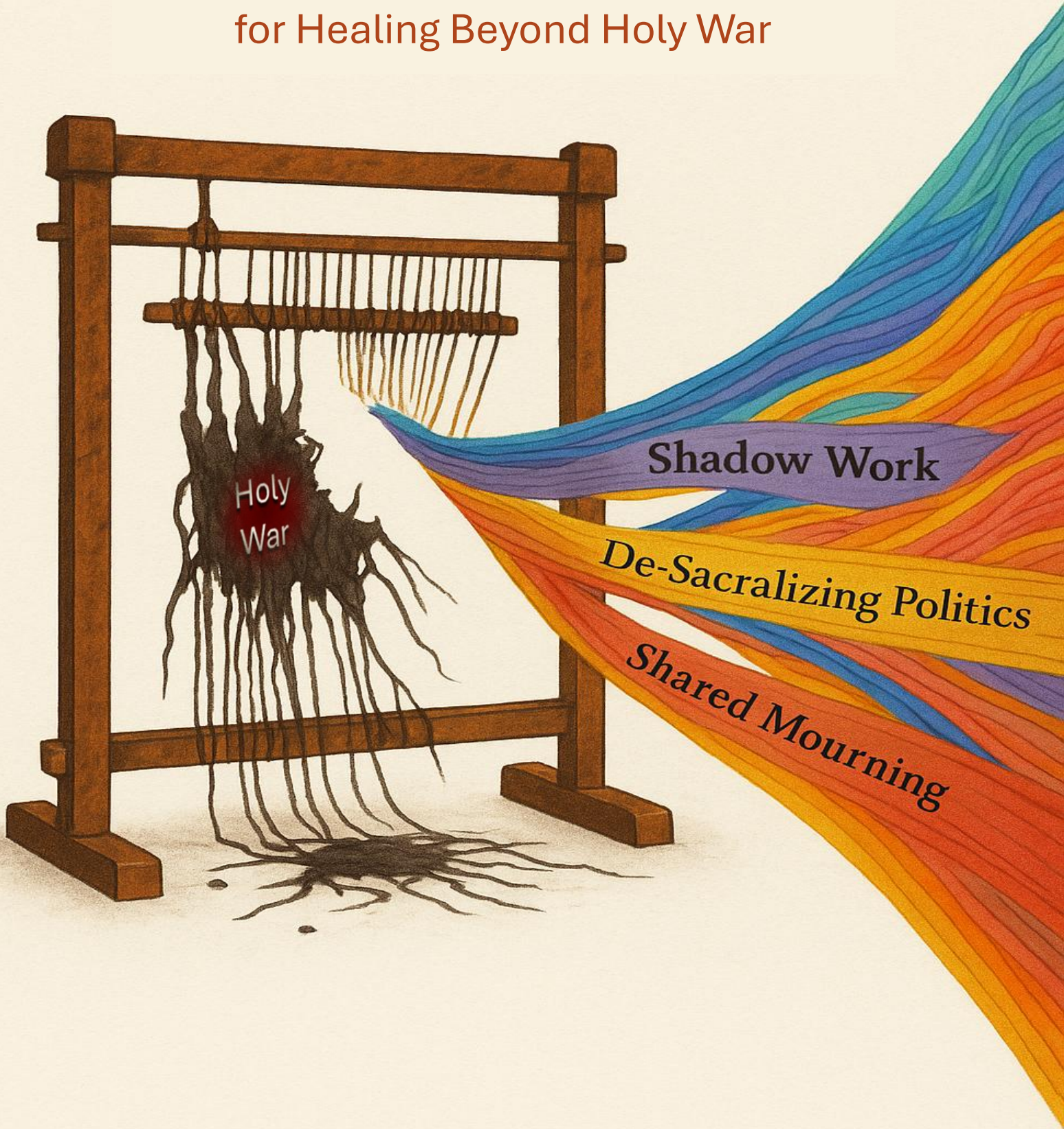




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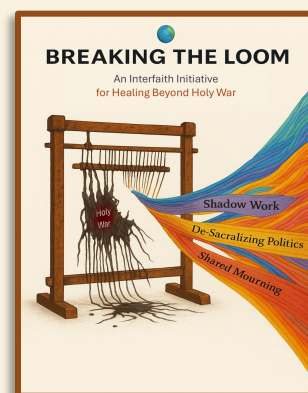
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Foreword

An Invitation to Peace Weavers

If you are reading this, you may be new to peace work — or you may have been carrying threads of peace for 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, or even 50 years.



Perhaps you have been weaving the tapestry of peace in your community, your nation, or across the globe.

Yet despite all of our collective and ongoing work, the **Loom of Doom** has continued its relentless weaving of violence and war.

In the past 25 years alone, an estimated **15–30 million people have been maimed or killed in religiously influenced wars.**

We must continue every effort for peace — but we must also recognize that something more is needed.

Without new approaches, the destruction will not only continue but also intensify.

This is why Breaking the Loom matters.

We invite you to:

1. **Read and reflect** on this proposal.
2. **Endorse Breaking the Loom of Doom** and help strengthen the Loom of Peace through collaboration.
3. **Join our monthly Loom of Peace gathering.** Let us *Loom on Zoom*. We will contact registrants to determine the best time and day for all.

Together, we can weave a new fabric of peace strong enough to hold our shared humanity, nature, and future generations.

Endorse or Register Here to Loom for Peace On Zoom

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Preface Summary

An Interfaith Initiative: Breaking the Loom

In **2005**, at the United Nations *Conference on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace*, I issued a warning: **men are at the heart of the world's problems**. If men do not have peace and work, they cannot sustain love, family, or community. Deprived of dignity and purpose, too many drift into crime, extremism, and war. I called then for a **World Works Program** to provide jobs and training for men and women alike.

No one listened. Since then, the world has worsened. We face:

- **More wars fueled by religion** — Israel– Hamas, Russia–Ukraine, Myanmar, India, and more.
- **Mass displacement** — 117 million people forced from their homes, the most in history.
- **Rising authoritarianism** — leaders exploiting fear of migration, identity, and loss.
- **A growing culture war** — from “Great Replacement” rhetoric to civil conflict inside democracies.

This is the **Loom of Doom**: a pattern of holy wars, mass migrations, and collapsing trust. It weaves destruction year after year.

But there is another path. By **breaking the Loom of Doom**, we can weave a **Loom of Peace and Renewal**:

- **Peace and Work for All** — dignity through employment, training, and service.
- **Interfaith Cooperation** — religion as a force for compassion, not violence.
- **Shared Humanity** — grief, healing, and reconciliation instead of demonization.
- **Harmony with Earth** — linking prosperity to sustainable living.

This document is both a **warning and a blueprint**. It shows the arc of collapse we are living through, and the arc of renewal we must build.

The call is simple: **Peace. Work. Dignity. Shared humanity**. Without these, collapse deepens. With them, we weave a future where faith, hope, and love overcome fear and division.



BREAKING THE LOOM

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WHY



From New York 2005 to Now: Why We Must Break the Loom

In June 2005, I stood at the **United Nations** during the **Conference on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace**, convened after the World Trade Center attacks.

Leaders and NGOs gathered to affirm that religion must serve peace, not war.

I spoke up, warning the assembly of something many did not want to hear: **men are at the heart of the world's problems — and if men do not have PEACE and WORK, they cannot sustain love, family, or community.**

When men are left without dignity or purpose, too many turn instead to selling guns, drugs, and sex; they drift into militias, organized crime, extremist movements, and wars.

I said then, and I repeat now: **If we are to stop the cycle of violence. men need help, training, and work. We need a *World Works Program for jobs — for both men and women.** (* See more on the *World Works Program* in the Addendum.)

But no one listened. Resolutions were passed, but action never came.

Since then, the world has only worsened: more wars, more extremism, more migration — **117 million displaced today, the highest ever recorded.**

The UN has grown weaker, while the Loom of Doom continues to weave its deadly narrative: *Holy War in the name of God.*

Now the responsibility falls to us. We must break that loom and weave a new one: a **Loom of Peace, Work, and Harmony with Earth**, strong enough to hold humanity's future.

The Arc of Collapse

ROOT: Men are at the heart of the world's problems.

CONDITION: Without peace and work, men cannot sustain love, family, or community.

BREAKDOWN: Deprived of dignity and purpose, many men turn to guns, drugs, sex trade, militias, extremism, and organized crime.

CONSEQUENCE: Crime and war create destruction and violence, tearing apart cities, villages, and economies.

ESCALATION: This devastation drives people to migrate in massive numbers — 117 million today, the highest in history.

IMPACT: Mass migration triggers social conflict, with competition for jobs, resources, and security.

EXPLOITATION: Fear spreads, and populist politicians exploit it.

THREAT: The rise of civil rights and women's rights — while essential — causes some men to feel their power and identity slipping away.

RESENTMENT: Instead of adapting with dignity, many men fall into anger and grievance.

NARRATIVE: Out of this fear grows the Great Replacement theory and the Culture War, pitting groups against one another.

DESTINATION: This dynamic pushes societies toward civil war — not only in fragile states, but even in advanced democracies.



Global War Impact Summary 2000–2025

Rough Global Estimates

- **Direct war deaths** **2–3 million**
- **Indirect deaths** **6–12 million**
- **Total deaths (direct + indirect)** **8–15 million**
- **Lives maimed/seriously injured** **8–15 million**
often lifelong disabilities
- **Infrastructure destroyed/damaged** **\$1.5–3.0 trillion**
rebuild cost
- **Environmental damage** **\$300–900 billion**
cleanup
lost natural capital
toxic contamination



Religiously Framed & Supported Conflicts 2000–2025

Date Range	Countries	Details
2000–2009	Russia (Chechnya, Caucasus)	Islamist insurgency vs. Russian state
2000–2005	Israel, Palestine	Second Intifada, ongoing tensions
2000–2014	Philippines	Moro conflict, Muslim separatists vs. Christian-majority state After 2014, peace deals signed with Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), but Abu Sayyaf splinters remain active
2000–2009	Sri Lanka	Ethnic Tamil vs. Sinhalese conflict — primarily ethno-nationalist (Tamil Tigers were secular-Marxist), but religion (Buddhist vs. Hindu identity) reinforced divisions as a supporting factor
2000–present	India (Kashmir)	Islamist insurgency vs. Indian state; tens of thousands killed since 1990s, unrest continues though intensity declined after 2019
2001–to present	United States	Al-Qaeda attacks, sparked global War on Terror
2001–2021	Afghanistan	Taliban insurgency, Sunni Islamist vs. Shia minorities
2002	India (Gujarat Riots)	Communal violence between Hindus and Muslims; over 1,000 killed (mostly Muslims), thousands displaced, mosques and homes destroyed
2003–2008	Iraq	Sunni-Shia sectarian civil war after U.S. invasion
2004–to present	Thailand (Southern provinces)	Muslim insurgency vs. Buddhist-majority state
2004–to present	Multiple (UK, France, Spain, etc.)	Islamist extremist terror wave, 2004–2020 (* See full list on following pages)
2006–to present	Somalia	al-Shabaab Islamist insurgency
2009–to present	Nigeria	Boko Haram insurgency, Islamist extremism
2011–to present	Syria	Civil War, sectarian Sunni vs. Alawite/Shia factions
2011–to present	Central African Republic	Seleka (Muslim) vs. anti-Balaka (Christian) militias The main violence peaked 2012–2014; sectarian tension persists
2012–to present	Mali & Sahel	Islamist insurgencies, al-Qaeda & ISIS affiliates
2012–to present	Myanmar	Rohingya persecution by Buddhist nationalists
2014–2019	Iraq, Syria	Rise and fall of the ISIS Caliphate, genocide of Yazidis & minorities
2014–present	India (Hindu Nationalism)	Rise of Hindu nationalist ideology under Modi; mob lynchings, minority persecution, and systemic communal polarization (Hindu vs. Muslim/Christian)
2014–to present	Russia, Ukraine	2022 full invasion year — religious Russian Orthodox Church supporting Kremlin (Orthodox schism) started in 2014
2014–to present	Iran, regional influence	Support for Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis
2015–to present	United States, Brazil, Europe	Christian nationalist political movements
2023–to present	Worldwide	Rise in antisemitism, Islamophobia, polarized mobilization
2023–to present	Iran, regional influence	Support for Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis
2023–to present	Lebanon, Israel	Hezbollah (Shi’a) vs. Israel, solidarity with Palestinians
2023–to present	Yemen, Red Sea	Shi’a Houthis attacking Israel-linked targets, solidarity with Gaza

Mass Migration & Displacement Since 2000

Cumulative displaced (2000–2025)

Roughly **300–400 million people** have been displaced at some point in the last 25 years (including internal displacement, refugees, asylum seekers). Many are displaced multiple times or for years, so the annual counts overlap.

Current displaced (as of 2023–2024)

- **117 million people** forcibly displaced worldwide (record high).
- **43 million refugees/asylum seekers** (outside their country).
- **62 million internally displaced persons (IDPs)**.
- **5 million others needing protection (e.g., stateless, returnees)**.

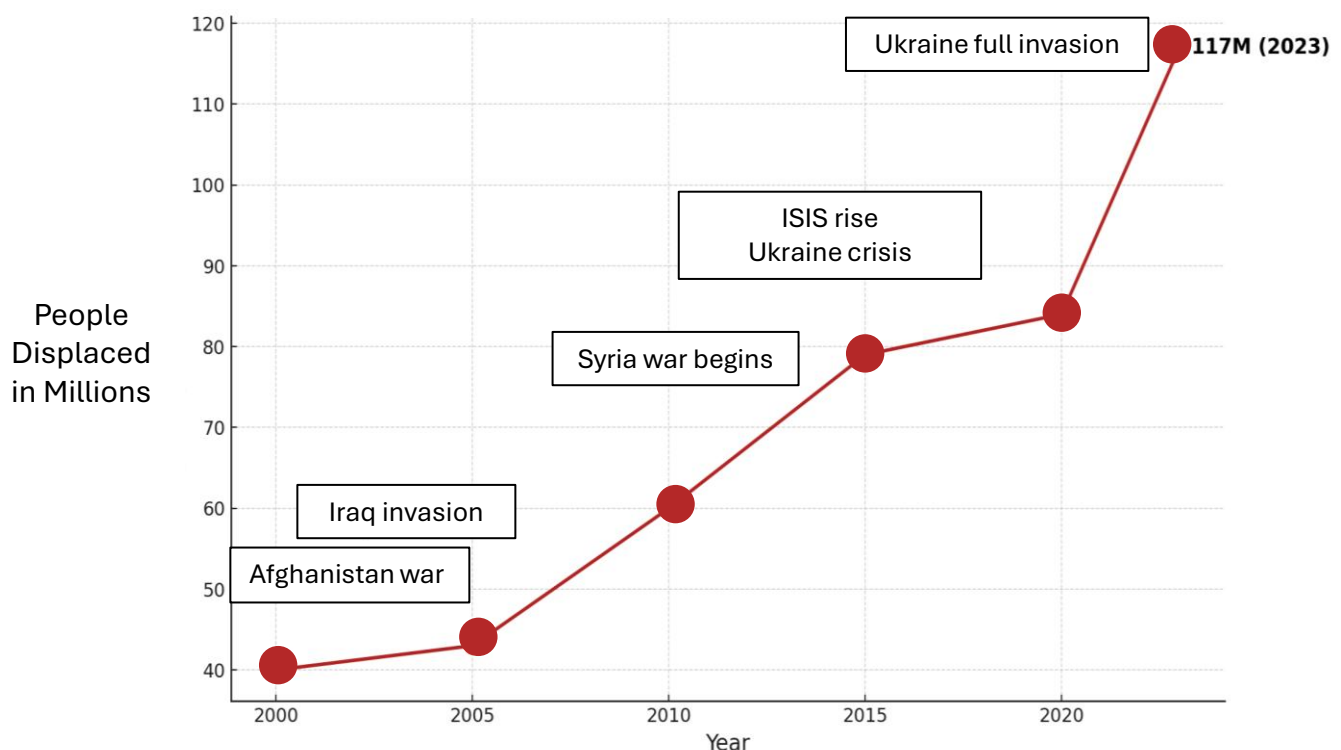
Major drivers since 2000

- **Middle East:** Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Palestine/Gaza, Lebanon.
- **Africa:** Sudan/Darfur, South Sudan, CAR, DRC, Somalia, Ethiopia/Tigray, Sahel.
- **Asia:** Myanmar (Rohingya), Sri Lanka (until 2009), Philippines (Moro), Kashmir.
- **Europe:** Ukraine (2014, massive 2022–present).
- **Americas:** Venezuela (7+ million displaced since 2014).

Key takeaway

- Every year since 2000, between **40–120 million people** have been displaced.
- Over the full 25-year period, the **gross number of individuals affected by mass migration/displacement exceeds 300 million** (many never return).

Global Forced Displacement 2000-2025
in Millions due to Conflict Events





Cycle of Conflict, Migration, and Authoritarianism — with Human Need

1. Violence & War

- Armed conflicts, insurgencies, and religious/ethnic violence destroy infrastructure, the environment, livelihoods, and displace populations.

2. Mass Migration

- Refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) flee across borders or into cities, seeking safety.

3. Social Conflict

- Host communities face sudden pressure on housing, jobs, healthcare, and resources.
- Tensions grow between locals and newcomers.

4. Polarization & Fear

- Migrants are scapegoated for crime, unemployment, or cultural change.
- Xenophobia and extremist rhetoric escalate divisions.

5. Rising Authoritarianism

- Leaders exploit fear of migration, conflict, and job loss to gain power.
- They promise “order” and “protection” for traditional populations.
- They restrict freedoms and rights in the name of security.

6. People Need Peace & Work

- The universal human need is for stability, dignity, livelihood, and security.
- We need to address root causes. Providing peace, safety, and decent work is the only way to break the cycle.

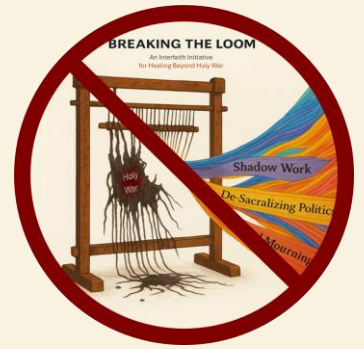


Western Europe Islamist Extremist Terror Attacks 2004–2020

Date	City, Country	Killed
2004	Madrid, Spain	193
2005	London, UK	52
2012	Toulouse & Montauban, France	7
2014	Brussels, Belgium	4
2015	Paris, France (Charlie Hebdo & Hypercacher)	17
2015	Paris, France	130
2016	Brussels, Belgium	32
2016	Nice, France	86
2016	Berlin, Germany	12
2017	Manchester, UK	22
2017	London Bridge, UK	8
2017	Barcelona & Cambrils, Spain	16
2018	Strasbourg, France	5
2020	Vienna, Austria	4

Why Breaking the Loom May Be Rejected

*Even as we weave peace, we must be honest about the obstacles.
The Loom of Doom resists every effort to unravel it.
Here are the reasons why Breaking the Loom
may be rejected, again and again.”*



1. Entrapment in Existing Systems

People depend on institutions (churches, governments, NGOs, corporations) for identity, livelihood, and legitimacy. To break the loom would mean risking collapse of the very structures that sustain them.

2. Imprisonment in Personal Patterns

Individuals repeat inherited scripts — family roles, cultural expectations, loyalties. Even when suffering, the familiar feels safer than stepping into the unknown.

3. Devotion to the Loom of “What Is”

Sacred loyalty to the status quo: *“This is how we’ve always done it.”* Symbols, rituals, and narratives are defended even when they perpetuate harm.

4. Selective Empathy as a Binding Thread

We grieve our own but not the other. This emotional partiality keeps communities locked in cycles of justification and revenge.

5. Fear of Exile and Loss

Breaking the loom often means losing community, career, funding, or belonging. Most would rather remain captive than face the loneliness of stepping outside.

6. Illusion of Reform

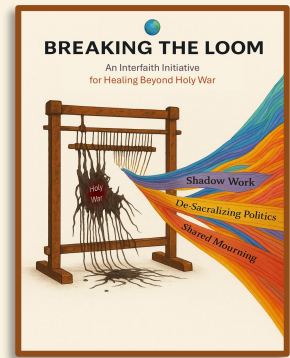
Institutions promise small changes within the loom, giving hope without real transformation. This keeps people invested in programs that recycle the same patterns.

7. Demand for a Plan for Scale and Funding

Leaders and funders will ask: *“Where is the strategic plan? Where is the money?”* The insistence on conventional scale-up models (budgets, programs, hierarchies) forces Breaking the Loom back into the very structures it aims to dismantle.

Why Breaking the Loom Must Still Be Attempted (and How)

*And yet, even knowing rejection is likely, we must continue.
If we do not, the destruction we named in the Foreword
will deepen beyond repair.*



1. Because the Loom Is Collapsing Anyway

The systems, institutions, and programs people cling to are already unraveling — ecologically, politically, spiritually. Staying inside the pattern-prison is not safety; it is slow destruction.

How: Show people the cracks. Point to climate chaos, authoritarian resurgence, inequality. Let reality itself reveal the loom’s failure.

2. Because Selective Empathy Breeds Endless War

If we continue grieving only “our own,” cycles of revenge will never end. Shared mourning is the doorway to reconciliation.

How: Create rituals and circles of grief that honor all lives — human, nonhuman, present, and future.

3. Because Shadow Work Heals

Naming our own community’s harm breaks the spell of projection. Only then can we meet the other without weapons in our hearts.

How: Guide groups into truth-telling: “*Where have we caused pain?*” Courageous admission loosens the weave.

4. Because New Patterns Need Small Beginnings

Waiting for institutions to reform traps us forever. Change begins in small circles of coherence that model a different way of weaving.

How: Form small communities of practice. Rotate leadership. Decide by consent. Extend the Golden Rule to nature and future generations. Document and share what works.

5. Because the Alternative Is Extinction

Without breaking the loom, humanity accelerates toward collapse — nuclear war, ecological breakdown, civilizational ruin. Survival itself depends on this break.

How: Anchor efforts in urgent, shared goals — nuclear abolition, climate healing, and justice for all peoples. Build alliances across faith, Indigenous, and civic networks.

The Core Shift

The Foreword invited you to read, endorse, and join us.

These are not just invitations — they are acts of survival.

We attempt this not because it is easy, but because life depends on it.



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WHAT



The Loom of Doom

The **Loom of Doom** is the system of interwoven forces that sustains our **dysfunctional global civilization**. Each thread represents a destructive pattern that, year after year, kills and maims men, women, and children:

- **War and Militarism** – the normalization of armed conflict as a means of power.
- **Religious Extremism** – the weaponization of faith into holy wars and sacred justifications for violence.
- **Authoritarianism** – leaders exploiting fear and division to consolidate control.
- **Economic Corruption and Exploitation** – systems that widen injustice and inequality, driving despair and migration.
- **Environmental Destruction** – unchecked exploitation of nature, leaving communities more vulnerable to crisis.
- **Social Fragmentation** – cultures torn by mistrust, scapegoating, and loss of empathy.

Together, these threads weave the master narrative of “**Holy War in the name of religion**” — a tapestry of suffering where conflict is sanctified, hatred is justified, and peace is endlessly postponed.

The Loom of Peace

We must reweave the loom. Instead of threads of domination and destruction, we need to spin threads of **Peace, Prosperity, and Harmony with Nature**.

This means:

- Replacing militarism with **dialogue and reconciliation**.
- Transforming religious extremism into **interfaith respect and cooperation**.
- Turning authoritarian fear into **democratic participation and shared responsibility**.
- Shifting economic exploitation into **regenerative systems of equity and care**.
- Healing the environment through **restoration, protection, and stewardship**.
- Repairing social fragmentation with **compassion, truth-telling, and community-building**.

The **Loom of Peace** is the narrative humanity needs to continue **evolving on Earth** — a story of survival, healing, and growth where religion becomes a force for compassion, not conflict, and where all people share in dignity and well-being with Earth.

Invitation to Join *Breaking the Loom*

Dear Friends,

We write to you with a heartfelt invitation to join a new interfaith initiative called **Breaking the Loom**.

Our purpose is urgent and clear: **to end the weaponization of religion in violent conflict** and to reclaim faith as a force for healing, not harm.

The tragic cycles of violence in our world — from the Middle East to every place where religion is twisted into a weapon — show us that faith must no longer be used to sanctify war.

We believe the time has come for religious and spiritual leaders, across all traditions, to stand together and say: **Not in God's name.**

We invite you to join us in:

- ❖ **Shadow Work** — helping our own communities face their pain, fear, and cruelty, not only the other's.
- ❖ **De-Sacralizing Politics** — naming and rejecting the misuse of sacred symbols to justify violence.
- ❖ **Shared Mourning** — creating rituals that honor all lives lost and plant seeds of reconciliation.

This is not only a call for dialogue. It is a call for **moral courage, spiritual truth, and human compassion.**

Together we can weave a new tapestry — one strong enough to hold our shared humanity.

If you feel called, we welcome you to connect, endorse, or partner with us in launching *Breaking the Loom*.

With respect and hope,

The Founding Circle of Breaking the Loom

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Founding Charter

Our Purpose

We are a council of spiritual leaders, elders, and practitioners of many faiths, united by one mission: **to end the weaponization of religion in violent conflict**. We recognize that when sacred symbols are used to justify war, they become cloaks for hatred, domination, and fear. Our calling is to reclaim faith as a force for healing, not harm.

Our Vision

We envision a future where:

- ❖ People of all traditions honor the sacred without demonizing others.
- ❖ Politics and religion are uncoupled, so neither faith nor God is used to justify violence.
- ❖ Communities once trapped in cycles of vengeance learn to mourn together and weave new threads of compassion.

Our Commitments

1.Shadow Work

Each community must face its own pain, fear, and cruelty — not only the other's. We pledge to create circles of truth-telling, accountability, and healing.

2.De-Sacralizing Politics

We will speak clearly against the misuse of religion to sanctify violence. Faith leaders will offer a higher standard of integrity, one rooted in peace.

3.Shared Mourning

We will honor the dead on *all* sides of conflict, lifting rituals of lamentation that humanize every life lost. Grief is the seed of reconciliation.

4.Youth & Future Generations

We will bring young people together across divides to share stories, learn empathy, and inherit a narrative of survival and renewal instead of revenge.

5.Global Witness

We will bear witness wherever religion is twisted into a weapon, raising a common voice across traditions: *Not in God's name*.

Our Call

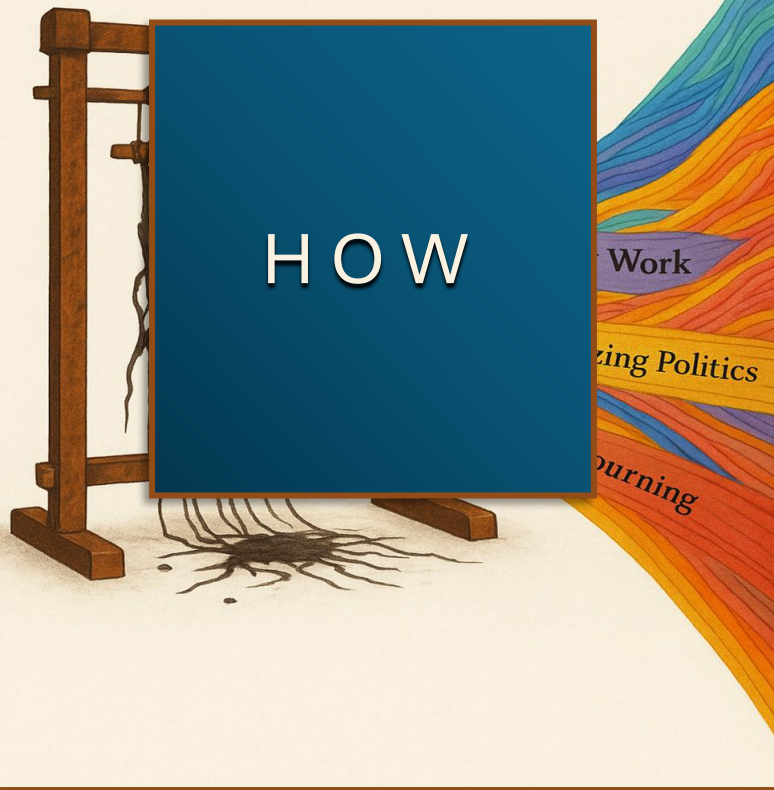
We invite rabbis, imams, priests, monks, healers, and lay believers — across every tradition and nation — to join this initiative. Let us break the loom of doom and weave instead a **tapestry of compassion and justice**, strong enough to hold our shared humanity.



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HOW



The Arc of Renewal

ROOT: Men and women are recognized as equal partners in shaping a peaceful world.

DIGNITY: With peace and meaningful work, people can sustain love, family, and community.

STABILITY: Purpose and security prevent the drift into crime, extremism, and war.

COOPERATION: Communities rebuild together — schools, health, housing, and livelihoods flourish.

PROSPERITY: Opportunities reduce the push to migrate; those who move do so by choice, not desperation.

HARMONY: Migration and diversity become sources of cultural exchange and strength, not conflict.

LEADERSHIP: Wise leaders foster inclusion instead of exploiting fear.

BALANCE: Civil rights and women's rights strengthen society, creating fairness without diminishing anyone's dignity.

GROWTH: Men and women adapt together, building resilience instead of resentment.

NARRATIVE: A new story emerges — one of shared humanity, compassion, and harmony with Earth.

DESTINATION: Societies move toward peace, prosperity, and sustainability — a Loom of Peace strong enough to hold humanity's future.



Action Steps For Breaking The Loom Programs

1. Shadow Work

- Helping our own communities face their pain, fear, and cruelty.
- Facilitate interfaith workshops where leaders share their own community's struggles.
- Develop trauma-informed dialogue circles that emphasize truth-telling and accountability.
- Publish testimonies/stories of communities acknowledging their harm as well as their wounds.
- Train faith leaders in nonviolent communication and restorative justice practices.
- Support mutual recognition ceremonies that symbolically admit past wrongs and open healing.

2. De-Sacralizing Politics

- Rejecting the misuse of religion to justify violence.
- Issue public statements from faith leaders condemning the weaponization of religion.
- Monitor and report on instances where political actors misuse sacred language.
- Create educational campaigns showing the difference between faith as healing vs. faith as domination.
- Develop an interfaith code of integrity for leaders to pledge not to sanctify violence.
- Engage policymakers in dialogues with interfaith councils to separate political power from religious manipulation.

3. Shared Mourning & Healing for Peace

- Honoring all lives lost and planting seeds of reconciliation.
- Organize interfaith memorials for victims on all sides of conflicts.
- Support rituals of lamentation that include both local and global communities.
- Develop a global day of mourning that transcends political divisions.
- Partner with artists, musicians, and poets to create healing ceremonies.
- Establish a digital remembrance archive to honor every life lost in conflicts.
- Create a children's garden of peace, dreams, and future possibilities.

Shadow Work
De-Sacralizing Politics
Shared Mourning

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WHO





Interfaith Invitations

Your assistance in helping reach
these devoted peacemakers and others
are appreciated.

1. Interfaith & Peace Organizations

- ❖ **United Religions Initiative (URI)** — global grassroots interfaith network, 100+ countries.
- ❖ **Parliament of the World's Religions** — respected convenor, gathers leaders across traditions.
- ❖ **Religions for Peace** — UN-linked, works with religious leaders in conflict zones.

2. Influential Faith Leaders

- ❖ **Rabbi David Rosen** (Jerusalem, interfaith diplomacy).
- ❖ **Imam Abdullah Antepli** (Duke University, Muslim–Jewish dialogue leader).
- ❖ **Sr. Joan Chittister** (Catholic voice for peace and justice).
- ❖ **Patriarch Bartholomew I** (Ecumenical Patriarch, Orthodox Christian leader, pro-environment, pro-peace).

3. Trauma & Healing Networks

- ❖ **Healing the Wounds of History Institute** (Lebanon-based, trauma-informed reconciliation).
- ❖ **Global Compassion Coalition** (Jack Kornfield, Tara Brach involved — bridging spiritual + secular healing).
- ❖ **Intergenerational Trauma Work** groups (Palestinian, Israeli, and diaspora initiatives already experimenting).

4. Youth & Grassroots

- ❖ **Seeds of Peace** (Israeli & Palestinian youth dialogue).
- ❖ **Arava Institute for Environmental Studies** (peacebuilding through ecology).
- ❖ **Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC)** — US-based, builds student-led interfaith movements.

Biography

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Sanford is the author of *7 Keys to Love: Opening Love's Door to Joy & Wellbeing* and has written extensively on trauma-informed leadership, relational practice, and the evolution of civilization from collapse culture to a culture of coherence, regeneration, and care. His work weaves together inner growth, relational qualities, and systemic change into what he calls the **Loom of Peace** — a tapestry of shared humanity, prosperity, and harmony with nature.

Through Wisocracy and the *Breaking the Loom* initiative, Sanford invites leaders, communities, and faith traditions to end the weaponization of religion and build a future where peace and justice are the foundation of human evolution on Earth.

Dr. Robert Muller (1923-2010)**UN Assistant Secretary-General & Cofounder, UN University for Peace**

Sanford Hinden has inspired my UN work for decades with his ceaseless ideas and encouragement. He would be invaluable in leading a major news or philanthropic initiative.

Barbara Gaughen-Muller - United Nations Association

No one works harder for peace than Sanford Hinden. He has served as administrator, fundraiser, and creator of peace gardens, museums, and global initiatives.

Alexander Laszlo - Global Systems Educator, Rotary Peace

Sandy is an inspirational actionist who asks the toughest questions and seeks heartfelt answers. His wisdom, kindness, and collaborative style make learning with him always a joy.

Ronald Gross - Conversations New York, Columbia University

Sanford is one of the most compassionate people I know, speaking from deep wisdom about human and global needs. I trust him and have learned immensely from him.

Meg Rivers - HBO

Sandy's whole-systems thinking is empowering and enlightening. His educational work is of superior value.

Mairuth Sarsfield (1930 – 2013) - United Nations Environment Program

Sandy brought clarity and grassroots vision to UN projects like World Environment Day and International Youth Year. He is a trusted collaborator with a proven record under pressure.

Dr. Peter van den Dungen - International Network of Museums for Peace

Sanford's leadership helped secure UN NGO status for the Peace Museums Network. His communication and development plans continue to strengthen global peace education.

Edward E. Winchester (1936-2019)**Pentagon Meditation Club & PeaceMakers Institute**

Sandy advanced the Pentagon Meditation Club into an international movement, supporting peace monuments and the PeaceMakers Institute. He remains a trusted adviser and true friend.

Solomon Owiti - Lake Victoria Peace Center, Kenya

Sanford's concern for peace in Africa and globally shows his deep humanity. His ability to move ideas into action is rare and invaluable.

Lesley Vann - United Nations Association, USA

Sandy is a visionary amid cynicism, a creator amid apathy, and persistent in times of change.

Tatiana Kesrouani - Lebanon

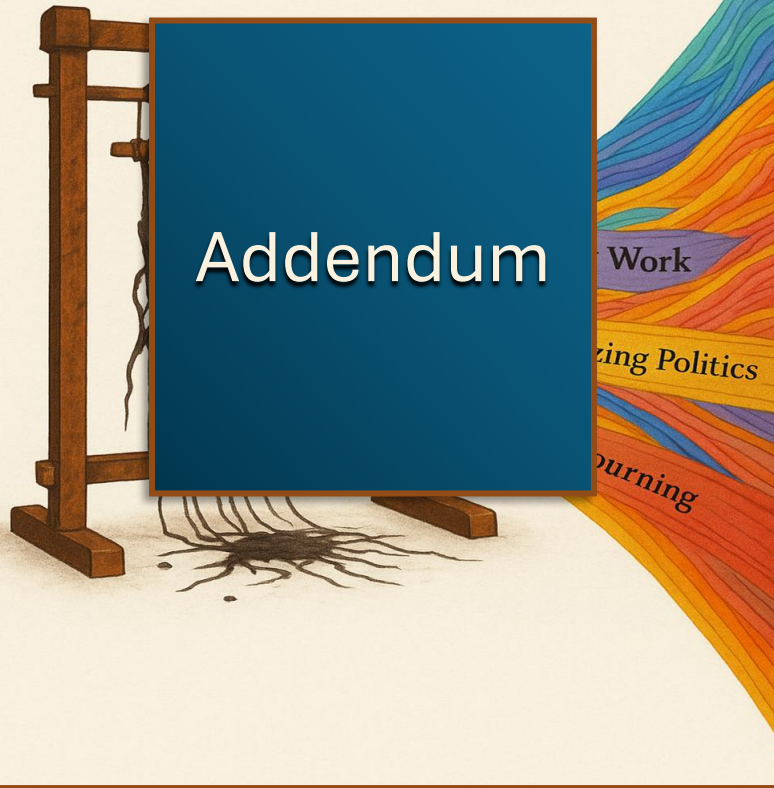
My friend Sanford Hinden should be elected President of the Globe.



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Addendum





The World Works Program

Jobs, Dignity, and Peace for Men and Women

Purpose

To break the cycle of violence and displacement by ensuring that every person — especially men at risk of falling into crime, extremism, and militias — has access to meaningful work, training, and community support.

Core Elements

- **Job Creation for Peace**
Large-scale investment in infrastructure, renewable energy, agriculture, and care economies that provide dignified employment.
- **Skills Training & Education**
Programs that equip men and women with vocational skills, digital literacy, and trades aligned with sustainable development.
- **Community Peace Corps**
Local service programs where men and women work on projects that directly improve neighborhoods — schools, health centers, water, housing.
- **Conflict Prevention through Work**
Jobs offered specifically in conflict-affected regions as an alternative to joining militias, gangs, or extremist groups.
- **Partnerships for Scale**
Collaboration between governments, NGOs, faith groups, and businesses to guarantee work as a universal human right.

Vision

Instead of guns in young men's hands, give them **tools, training, and jobs**. Instead of fueling wars, build the Loom of Peace and Prosperity in harmony with Earth.



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