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GENEVA -- A PLAGUE FOR PEACE

Not able to visit the exhibition can still enjoy and profit from it.

Wolfsegg

The events of 11th September 2001 have led Franz Deutsch to write a series of five thoughtful comments under the heading 'Black Tuesday 2001'.

He argues that a Manichean worldview cannot provide a sound answer, will only further entrench enemy images, and increase the spiral of violence.

What is needed more than ever is the willingness and readiness to dialogue, and - more generally - a System of education which does not seek the answer to violence in arsenals, but something more constructive and effective. As the First Austrian Peace Museum aims to demonstrate, wars do not start on battlefields, but in human heads, and peace education (not merely in the classroom but for a wide public) is more than ever an imperative. Several of his 'Peace leaflets' written during the first half of 2002 are on the themes of world religions, fundamentalism, scape-goating, Israel and Palestine. They are, as always, admirably suited for stimulating that dialogue without which, as Martin Buber has said, humanity is unlikely to survive.

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