



Questions For Dialogue On Nonviolence

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1. Is there a fundamental core concept of Nonviolence or are there diverse concepts of "nonviolence" ranging across different contexts and worlds?
2. Is there a common meaning to "nonviolence" as used by Gandhi and King and others? For example, is "nonviolence" in the Hindu context the same as it is in the Christian or Quaker contexts?
3. If there is a fundamental and global concept of nonviolence, what is its meaning? Is there a global principle of Nonviolence valid for diverse cultures, ideologies, worlds?
4. What is the scope and jurisdiction of Nonviolence? Is it universally binding on all?
5. Concerning "violence": is there a fundamental core to the many forms of violence? Is there a universal or global concept of "violence" across cultures and worlds?
6. What is the connection between violence and human intention? Is the source of both violence and nonviolence to be found in our intentions? Our motivations? How we use our will? How we conduct our minds?
7. Concerning "force": Is there a nonviolent "force" as Gandhi and King and others have taught? What is the difference between the forces of Nonviolence and the many forms of violent forces in the human condition?
8. Why is it thought that the force of Nonviolence is greater than the forces of violence?
9. Is it ever justified to use "military force" or "physical force" in enforcing the way of Nonviolence?
10. What is the connection between "sacrifice" and "nonviolence"? Can sacred sacrifice transform violent forces into nonviolent forces?
11. What is the source of Nonviolence? Is it grounded in reality? In reason? In moral law? In Divine law? Is it a political convention?
12. Are there limits to Nonviolence? Are there situations in which the forces of Nonviolence are ineffective or not applicable?

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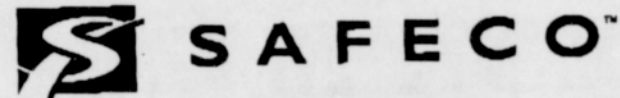
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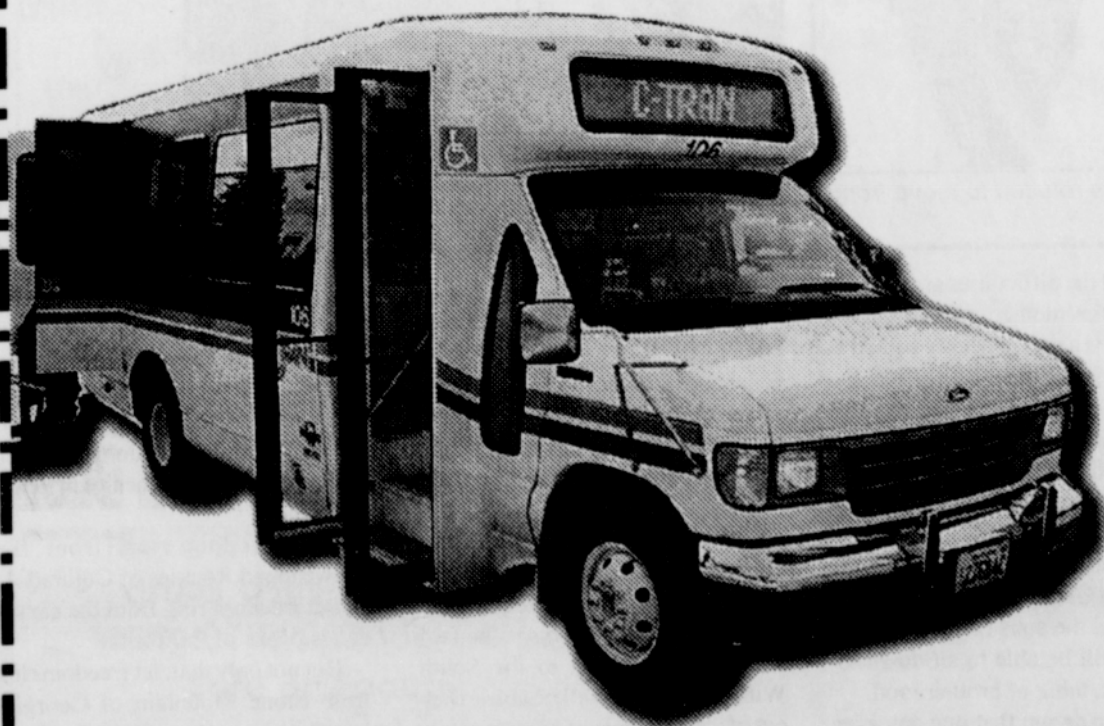
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