

A. Types of pacifists

1. Universal Pacifism
2. Christian Pacifism
3. Private Pacifism
4. Antiwar Pacifism

B. The Argument

1. Non-biblical
 - a. Historical

b. Sacredness of life

c. Immorality of killing

d. Moral exemplars

e. Condition of the soul

2. Scriptural

a. Position from/on the OT

b. Position from/on the NT

c. Citizenship in the kingdom of God

d. Ethical implications of the cross

e. The church is a global community

f. Wars are most often fought to protect property

C. Just War theory

1) Sees war as evil. The point at issue is not whether war is good, but whether it is unavoidable and whether it can be conducted in a just way.

2) Presuppositions

a) Some evil can't be avoided

b) Normative for Christian and non-Christian alike

c) Does not seek to justify war

d) Private citizens have no right to wage war, only governments do

3) Criteria for a "just war"

a) Proper legitimate authority

b) War must be a last resort

c) A formal declaration of war is necessary

d) Reasonable hope of success

e) The good sought must outweigh the devastation to be wrought

f) The cause must be just

g) Must be fought with the right intention