No Justice, No Peace: The Unsettling Truth

The phrase "No justice, no peace" is more than a slogan; it is a bitter truth of facts about society that we like to turn our eyes away from. Justice is more than a legal dictum; justice is the foundation on which peace rests. Without justice, peace is an illusion, a short-lived cessation of hostilities that ignores underlying disparities. This reality can be observed in global conflicts in which the absence of justice leads to long-lived turmoil and suffering.

Without justice, peace is but a facade, concealing the underlying grievances of the oppressed. Peace can only be achieved when justice exists, when wrongs are embraced, and where accountability is established. Short of that, the cycle of revenge persists in dismantling the social fabric.

Therefore, then, the quest for peace must be inextricably bound up with the quest for justice. To preach peace without justice is to support the lie, a dangerous fiction that undermines the stability and integrity of any society.

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