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This world's great peacemakers are known for the negotiating of peace settlements through their "Art of Compromise". It is written "So then we pursue the things which make for peace" (Rom 14:19). So then should Christians become skilled at the "Art of Compromise"?

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- Art - a superior skill that you can learn by study and practice and observation; "the art of conversation"; "it's quite an art" -

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- Definition: “A settlement by arbitration or by mutual consent reached by **concession on both sides: a reciprocal abatement of extreme demands or rights, resulting in agreement. A committal to something objectionable ... a surrender; as a compromise of character or right.**” – “Without Compromise” La Vista Church of Christ

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Live Peaceably:

Romans 12:18

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. NASU

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As A Christian – What are you to do?

Pursue the things that make for peace:

Romans 14:19

19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another. NASU

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As A Christian – What are you to do?

Pursuing peace is so important, without it we
won't see God:

Hebrews 12:14

14 Pursue peace with all men, and the
sanctification without which no one will see
the Lord. NASU

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Peacemakers = Sons of God:

Matthew 5:9

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall
be called sons of God. NASU

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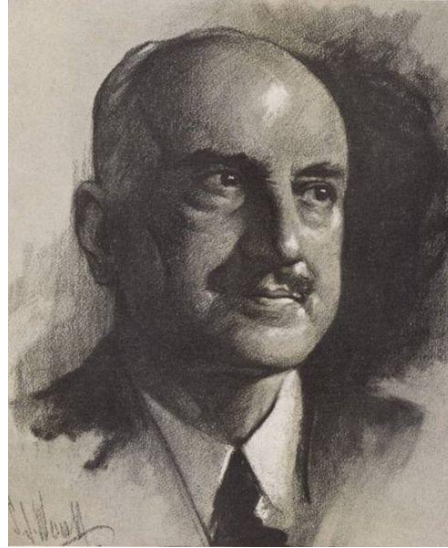
On the surface it would seem that seeking peace through compromise might be a good thing!

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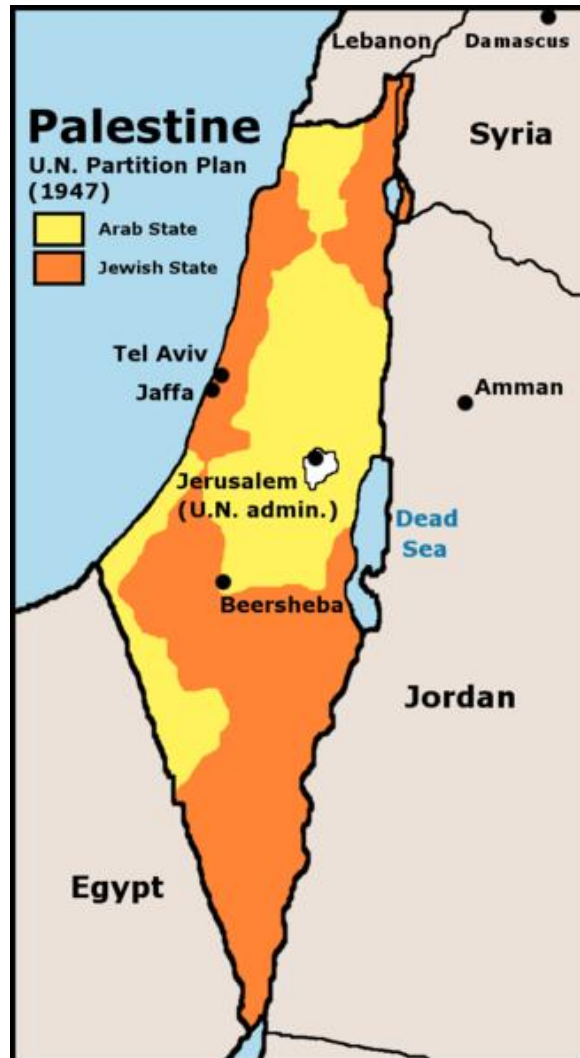


“Those who cannot remember the past are
condemned to repeat it”

[George Santayana](#)

([16 December 1863](#) in Madrid, Spain – [26 September 1952](#) in Rome, Italy), was a philosopher, essayist poet and novelist.

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- **Arab–Israeli peace diplomacy and treaties**
 - [Paris Peace Conference, 1919](#)
 - [Faisal-Weizmann Agreement \(1919\)](#)
 - [Peel Commission](#)
 - [1949 Armistice Agreements](#)
 - [Allon Plan](#)
 - [Rogers Plan](#)
 - [Geneva Conference \(1973\)](#)
 - [Camp David Accords \(1978\)](#)
 - [Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty \(1979\)](#)
 - [Madrid Conference of 1991](#)
 - [Oslo Accords \(1993\)](#)
 - [Israel-Jordan Treaty of Peace \(1994\)](#)
 - [Camp David 2000 Summit](#)
 - [100s Projects working for peace among Israelis and Arabs](#)
 - [100s Middle East peace proposals](#)
 - [International law and the Arab-Israeli conflict](#)

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Israeli says both sides must compromise for peace

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is calling for Israelis as well as the Palestinians to make compromises in the pursuit of an enduring peace.

Netanyahu spoke Thursday (9/2/2010) at the start of the first face-to-face Israeli-Palestinian negotiations in nearly two years. He directed some of his remarks to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, calling him a partner for peace.

With each delegation seated on opposite sides of a U-shaped table in the ceremonial Benjamin Franklin Room, the Israeli leader cautioned that achieving a peace agreement would be difficult. But he also spoke optimistically of prospects for progress in the coming year.

The negotiations face numerous obstacles, not least renewed violence and provocations from Israelis and Palestinians opposed to the goal of an independent Palestine and a secure Israel.

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While what is right seems simple, it is difficult in practice.

Matthew 22:36-40

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' 38 "This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' 40 " On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." NASU

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How do we separate what is of God and what is of man?

Matthew 15:7-9

7 "You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: 8 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. 9 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'" NASU

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It is really about whom we serve...who comes first – always first.

Matthew 6:16-24

16" Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 17 "But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face 18 so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you. 19 " Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 " The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. 23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 " No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. NASU

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The worlds ways are opposite God's ways – they are like oil and water – they don't mix.

Trying to may appear to work for a little while.

James 4:4

4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. NASU

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Peter tried to compromise what was right, what did it lead to?

Galatians 2:11-13

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. 13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. NASU

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As long as I don't participate, I am okay, right?

Ephesians 5:6-11

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them; 8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light 9 (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), 10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; NASU

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2 John 9-11

9 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; 11 for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds. NASU

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1 Kings 11:1-8

1 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, 2 from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, " You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love. 3 He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away. 4 For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites. 6 Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not follow the LORD fully, as David his father had done. 7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon. 8 Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

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Any part I give in to, leads to guilty of all.

James 2:10-11

10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. 11 For He who said, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "DO NOT COMMIT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. NASU

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"Americans can always be counted on to do the right thing ... after they've tried everything else."

Winston Churchill

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Which bus will you ride?