



The Good Life
ACCORDING TO THE BEATITUDES

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MATTHEW 5:3-12

1. HOW DOES THE BIBLE DEFINE PEACE?
2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PEACEMAKER?
3. WHAT IS THE PATH TO PEACE FOR OUR WORLD?
4. HOW DOES ONE BECOME A PEACEMAKER?
5. WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE PEACE?

1. HOW DOES THE BIBLE DEFINE PEACE?



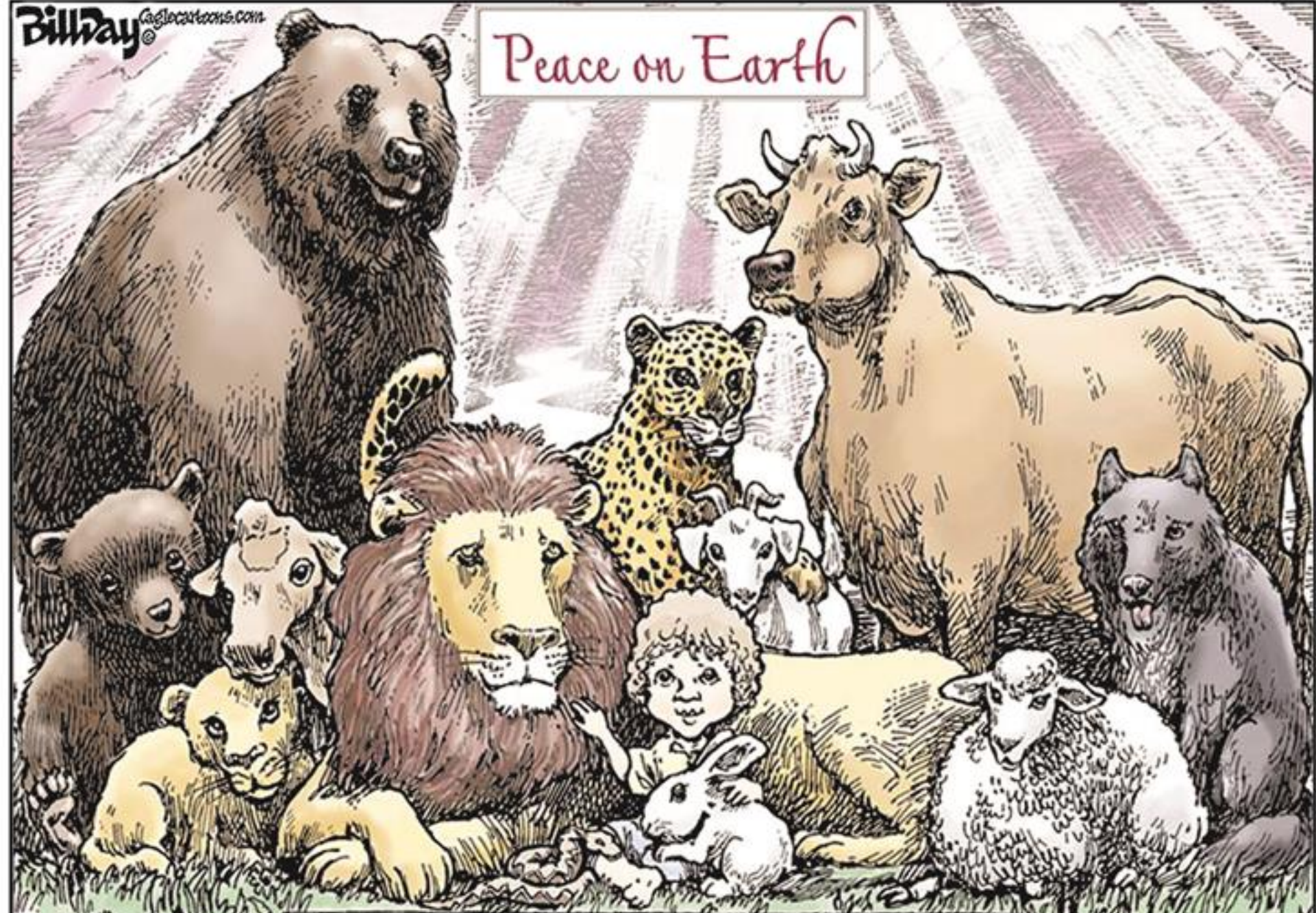
Shalom = Completeness, wholeness, harmony, fulfillment.

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope [?]that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Romans 8:20-22


Blessed are...

Peace on Earth



THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM · ISAIAH 11:6-8

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PEACEMAKER?



A Peacemaker = One moved by the Spirit of God
to be an agent of Shalom

3. WHAT IS THE PATH TO PEACE FOR OUR WORLD?

That is the key to history. Terrific energy is expended—civilizations are built up—excellent institutions devised; but each time something goes wrong. Some fatal flaw always brings the selfish and cruel people to the top and it all slides back into misery and ruin. In fact, the machine conks. It seems to start up all right and runs a few yards, and then it breaks down.

C.S. Lewis

Blessed are...

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Blessed are...

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows...he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53

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4. HOW DOES ONE BECOME A PEACEMAKER?



THE BEATITUDES PAINT A COMPOSITE PICTURE OF
THE GOOD LIFE.

THEREFORE

THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO MAKE PEACE ARE THE
KIND OF PEOPLE WHOSE CHARACTERS TAKE THE
SHAPE OF ALL 8 BEATITUDES.

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- 4) Invite Jesus in—whenever and wherever and with whoever you can.



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