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NO WAR IN TROY



Acrylics 50 x 60 cm

"No war in Troy'... no such luck.

There is always a reason to start a war, and there are always enough nits to risk their stupid heads, (the clever minds supply the war devices), and all the others let it happen or even enjoy it a little bit when their heros conquer triumphantly the evil enemy. Losers wait for a hundred years until nobody no longer really knows and then stand beside the former winner to offend together the dead.

A lot of religions were invented to stop man from slaughtering and eating each other up.

The success is rather meager. They have broken (and knocked out) their teeth in vain until they discovered that it was more important to bless the weapons before its use. The bullets hit better for god is always with the winner. He also seems to like it when wars are executed in his name, an eye for an eye...

Whereby the term of the eye gets used very broadly: Your son broke my window that is why I killed him. In war one is not that squeamish. One counts the dead and calls on each other to account for. A macabre sort of sporting event: score currently at 12500 to 870. War is always cruel, but to celebrate wars is cynicism, even if one claims its educational value seemingly to avoid future wars but at the same time selling war materials all over the world.

Jobs count more than a few dead Negros, Palestinians, Israeli, Afghans, Somali, Ukrainians, Russians, Iraqi, Muslims, Christians.....

Each dead means one dead too much, each wounded means one sufferer too much...

'Lament for the fallen is only a hypocritical plea in favour of the living in order to prove their innocence. But they are all guilty, the gods, too', says Hector, Troys Crown Prince, who wants to stop the war against the Greek. As a reason for war must serve the abduction of a hooker from the royal Palace.

The quote is taken from the play 'La Guerre de Troie n'aura pas lieu' by Jean Giraudoux. (well worth reading)

Yes, war used to be a big problem of mankind, but since in the White House Nobel Laureates of peace encase the world with peace, democracy, social justice, freedom of speech and thought and rightful wars against terrorism, since the UN Security Council lays eggs of wisdom like a battery hen, since our economy is surviving thanks to the arms industry, since we all became dedicated pacifists....

Since then we do not know anymore how we should explain the word '**WAR**' to our children.