

## New Book Announcement

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## God and Conflict:

### *A Search for Peace in a Time of Crisis*

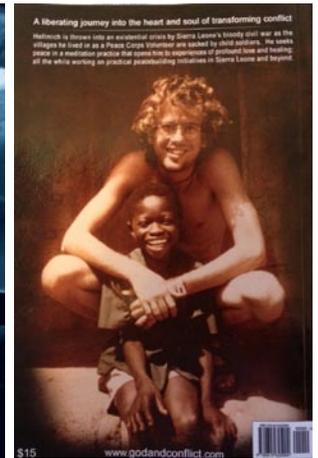
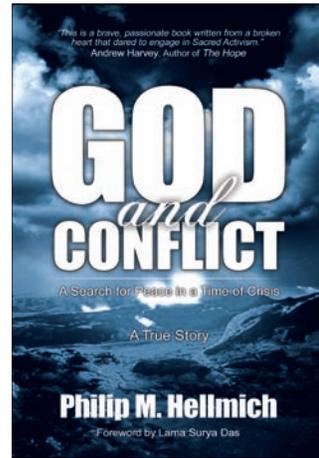
Philip M. Hellmich

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231 pages • Appendices & Peace Continuum Guide

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***God and Conflict* shows us what it means to be spiritual in the midst of conflict.**

China Galland, Author: *Longing for Darkness, Tara and the Black Madonna*

***God and Conflict* is sure to inspire all those who want to help heal a traumatized world and surrender to the equal rigors of the spiritual path.**

James O’Dea, Former President and Extended Faculty, Institute of Noetic Sciences;  
and, former director, Washington, DC office of Amnesty International

**Philip Hellmich has seen the hell caused by war, and he sincerely cares about the urgent need humanity has for peace.** David Fabricius, Former military special forces instructor; Founder, Men of the Code

***God and Conflict: A Search for Peace in a Time of Crisis* is a liberating journey into the heart and soul of transforming conflict. Hellmich is thrown into an existential crisis by Sierra Leone’s bloody civil war as the villages he lived in as a Peace Corps Volunteer are sacked by child soldiers. He seeks solace in a meditation practice that opens him to experiences of profound love; all the while he worked on practical peacebuilding initiatives in Sierra Leone and beyond.**

In the Foreword, one of Western Buddhism’s foremost teachers and scholars **Lama Surya Das** underscores that “what lifts *God and Conflict* is that it takes the reader through the shadows and then focuses on the power of transformation. It reveals the tremendous positivity that is arising from the hearts and souls of men, women and youth around the world.”

Surya Das also points to another key aspect at the core of the book— “Philip artfully highlights the parallels between the inner search for peace and the emerging practices of peacebuilding across what he and colleagues call the peace continuum from inner to international levels.”

*God and Conflict* is filled with personal insights and stories that invite you into the cauldron and the bliss, simultaneously, while providing grounded and practical insights for personal and professional growth.

*God and Conflict* shows us:

- How to understand one's professional and personal relationship to service and peacebuilding, and how to navigate burnout and move through to new levels of energy.
- How to engage conflict instead of shun it
- Tools and resources to deepen a spiritual practice and one's work in the world.
- A window into the reality of many peoples of the world and their daily struggles and challenges—and simultaneous abilities to exemplify freedom of spirit in a way the Western world may not always comprehend.
- And so much more...



**Philip M. Hellmich** is Director of Peace at **The Shift Network**, an International organization mobilizing educational tools and cultivating alliances worldwide. He is Managing Director of TSN's "Summer of Peace", a monumental series of events throughout 2012 that bring together some of the world's foremost Peacebuilders and Social Architects while serving to illuminate the urgency of our times in taking both personal and planetary actions towards peace. Philip has more than 25 years of experience in peacebuilding and conflict transformation, including 14 years with **Search for Common Ground**. He also served for four years as a **Peace Corps**

Volunteer in Sierra Leone where he lived and worked in small remote bush villages. A published writer, Philip is author of ***God and Conflict: A Search for Peace in a Time of Crisis*** with a Foreword by **Lama Surya Das**. He serves as adviser to **The Global Peace Initiative of Women**. Philip's framing passion coincides with the question: How is inner peace a global responsibility, and vice versa? A long-time meditation practitioner, Philip enjoys studying and teaching about the parallels between inner and outer peacebuilding.

Please visit Philip on the web: [www.godandconflict.com](http://www.godandconflict.com)

Hellmich speaks and conducts workshops internationally and is available for select interviews.

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