

## **The West Bank, What is it Like**

Elliott Adams lived among Palestinians in the West Bank this past November and December. He offers a picture from inside Palestine where few have ever gone, of the people, the place and the conflict. While many sources offer theories and speculation, this talk is about what is happening on the ground in Palestine.

We hear lots of talk about the Israel-Palestine peace talks, about the Palestinian terrorists, and about the occupation of the West Bank, but all that we hear can't be true. Listen to what one man learned from months living in Palestine, both this year and last year. Being next to a Palestinian stabbing, watching as fields are being destroyed, students are shot, and stones are thrown. Feeling the daily fear in life of the West Bank.

More than just a situation report this includes a discussion about what can be done. We don't need to just be bystanders or hand-wringers, we can be part of creating peace.

## **Building Peace - The Practice**

Never has there been a time when building peace was more critical for humanity. Elliott Adams bases his peace work on his experiences in many war zones and areas of conflict and as a soldier. One of the promising areas of work is TPNI (third party non-violent intervention): the practice of outside parties intervening in a conflict in an effort to open the space for reconciliation and peacebuilding. Some practitioners of TPNI feel that tools like nonviolent interpositioning can be a full replacement for armed peacekeeping. And TPNI fits in the legal frameworks of “droit d’ingérence” (right to intervene) as a tool of humanitarian intervention. He will talk about TPNI and other practical things we can do to reduce violence. He will talk about why he believes we can end war and what we as individuals can do to achieve that.

## **International Law as Part of Your Life**

Have you ever felt a law seemed so wrong that it needed to be challenged? You wanted to test it against some higher standard of law. International law is supposed to be that higher standard. (International law is the collective wisdom of many cultures and nations agreeing to the fundamental basic rights of life.) International law also provides for prosecution of most serious violations of humanity; war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes against peace. People often bemoan that it is not being enforced. Yet it is supposed to be enforced in our domestic courts, and we the people are the only force that can make that happen. In the US we are lucky because international law is actually incorporated into our law making it enforceable in all our courts. Drawing on his experience in war, zones of conflict, and also being on trial Elliott Adams sheds a new light on international law making it closer, more current, and relevant to our lives.

Elliott Adams has transformed from a soldier to a nonviolent warrior, dedicating his life to stopping all war. He served as army paratrooper in Vietnam, Japan, Korea, and Alaska; National President of Veterans for Peace; President of school board, Mayor, President of Rotary, and Master of the Masonic Lodge. Elliot currently works with the Meta Peace Team and is co-chair of Creating a Culture of Peace.

This work has taken Elliott throughout the world. He has testified before the US Congressional Judiciary Committee and has been arrested for his activism. In 2014 and again in 2015 he spent several months as a member of the Meta Peace Team using third party nonviolent intervention in the West Bank and Palestine.



**Veteran Elliott Adams will be speaking at the  
Following Locations**

**Feb. 7 - 9 AM *West Bank and What it is like.***

World Council - Iman Center 3376 Motor Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90034

**Feb. 7 - 10 AM *Building Peace - The Practice.***

World Focus with Blasé Bonpane Radio KPFK 90.7

**Feb. 12 - 7 AM *West Bank and What it is like.* Interfaith Communities for Justice and Peace**

Immanuel Presbyterian Church 3300 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90010

**Feb. 13 - 4 PM *West Bank and What it is like. & Building Peace - The Practice.***

Unitarian Universalist Church in Ventura 5654 Ralston St, Ventura, CA 93003

**Feb. 14 - 10 AM *West Bank and What it is like. / Building Peace - The Practice.***

Radio KPFK 90.7 World Focus with Blasé Bonpane

**Feb. 16 - 7 PM *West Bank and What it is like.***

Larry and Miriam Abbott's home 3910 Melrose Ave. #4, Los Angeles 90029 Silver Lake area

**Feb. 18 - 7 PM *Building Peace - The Practice. / West Bank and What it is like.***

Holy Faith Episcopal 260 N Locust St, Inglewood, CA 90301

**Feb. 19 - 6 PM *West Bank and What it is like.* People for Palestine Israeli Justice in Long Beach  
Christ Lutheran Church 6500 Sterns St. Long Beach, 90815**

**Feb. 20 - 6 PM *West Bank and What it is like.* Veterans For Peace - Miracle Springs Resort 10625  
Palm Dr, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240**

**Feb 21 - 4 PM *International Law as Part of Your Life***

Corazon Performing Arts Center 125 S. Topanga Cyn. Blvd. Topanga 90290

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