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The Seville Statement

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Summary (by Christophe Barbey for APRED)

- 1) We have not inherited war and weapons from animals.
- 2) War and violence are not genetically programmed in humans. Genetics by itself cannot dictate behavior.
- 3) Human evolution does not promote aggressive behavior.
- 4) There isn't any human physiological compulsion which induces violence. Even when we find ourselves in the most difficult situations, we filter our behavior according to our own choices, the way we socialize and the factors that condition our behaviors.
- 5) War does not result from instincts, but it is the result of cognitive choices. The very same species that invented war is equally capable of inventing peace : each individual is responsible for this.



Seville Manifesto



The Seville Statement. With a summary

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