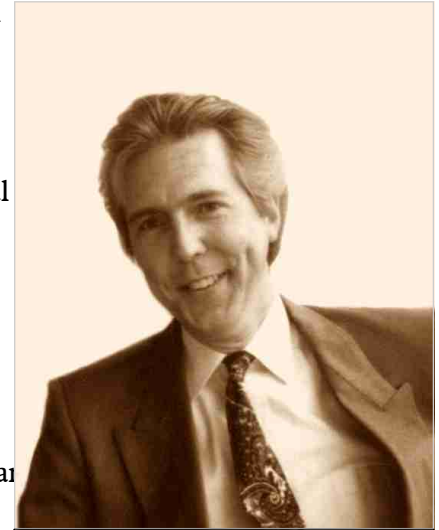
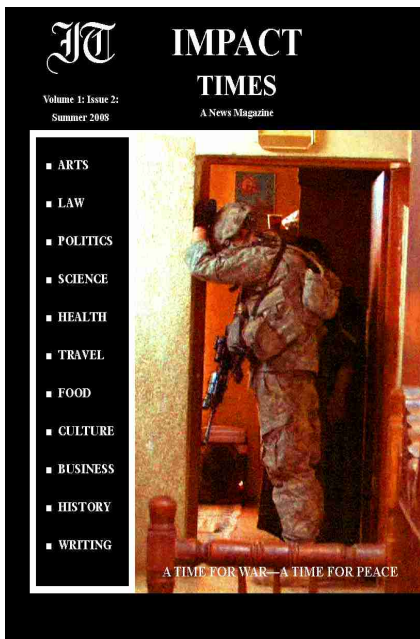


NEVER A TIME FOR WAR—Has there ever been a time for war? In bringing Hitler’s reign of terror to an end perhaps there was no alternative, as diplomacy had failed. But if Hitler’s tactics brought Germany out of the depths of depression, America, too, learned how good the making of war is for its economy; while one wonders whether the decision to drop the bomb on Hiroshima entailed perhaps more than merely ending a war. The original transience of August and Julius Hare’s wisdom, Right is might, penned more than a century ago, has been lost through transposition— might now makes right. Yet one man’s freedom fighter is another’s terrorist. And so it goes: Korea, Viet Nam, the Six Day War of 1967, the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971, the Soviet War in Afghanistan, the Iran-Iraq War, the Lebanon War, the Falklands War, the U.S. invasions of Granada and Iraq, ad infinitum.

Despite what those in power claim, there is no glory in the horrors of war, even as we honor those for what they gave, sacrificing their life for a war they did not start but perhaps believed in despite not understanding it. But when the bombs drop and the bullets fly, no kid in combat fatigues fights for glory, or even for his country. He fights only so that he might live to see another sunrise. Wars have always been started— will always be started — by politicians for secret, self-serving, greedy reasons of power and domination, while they feed the public propaganda to somehow lionize the loss of life. In the 21 century, with dwindling resources and a fast shrinking world, the time for peace has never been more apparent. It’s time we learned from the past and found an alternative.



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