Presentation *WHAT PEACE IS POSSIBLE? Contributions from interreligious dialogue*

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A book with the most significant results of a project undertaken by ISER (Institute of Religious Studies), as a contribution to dialogue, peaceful coexistence and the reassertion of human values shared by the great religions is presented.

In July last year the conference took place in Buenos Aires, at the University Institute ISEDET. *What peace is possible? Contributions from the interfaith dialogue.* They were attended by leading scholars and public in various faiths. The theme of the meeting will be held in four panels corresponding to respective axes, in which three speakers belonging to Jewish denominations, Catholic and Protestant, had different visions and spoke with an expert forum. The idea was to analyze the issue of peace possible through: 1. biblical texts 2. Judeo-Christian theological tradition 3. current and 4. theological reflection, interfaith practices. The over one hundred attendees who actively participated in the workshops reflected on the concepts of peace, peace, and acceptance of others; presented experiences of violence and harmonization, and contribute to the essential elements of a peace process.

The book is also divided into the same four axes. The first fundamental is the depth and thoughtful reading of biblical texts: those who speak of peace, but also that you challenge us with strong and violent images whose positive direction is necessary to unravel. The Judeo-Christian tradition, mouth and pen of the greatest representatives (Maimonides, Augustine, Luther) calls us to retrace your thoughts, to give them one actual Contributions from interreligious dialogue that allows us to approach, through his eyes, to this secular tradition of which we are part. Today, point taken, we have to think (theme of the third axis) and act (fourth issue) depending on an increasingly dark and unpredictable reality, the violence seems to be almost a constituent sign, from the individual physical and psychological aggression, family and social, to the (formal or not) wars with an increasingly ruthless use of destructive technologies. And all this against the background of an increasingly divided humanity among many poor, marginalized, suffering and few rich, powerful and insensitive. What message and what action can come from interfaith dialogue? Will be heard in the brave days of testimony and senses will join efforts and endeavor -from the shared faith in their own human value differences- an approach to pain and suffering to help lift human victims and perpetrators. To achieve a world where it is possible to live in peace and dignity.

The book has been declared of interest by the Government of the City of Buenos Aires (2009) and by the Ministry of Cult of the Nation (2010). We hope that its contents continue to serve the purpose that animated the encounter.