

# What is peace through culture?

The word “culture” is derived from the two words “cult” and “ur.” “Cult,” of course, means cultivation. “Ur” is an ancient Chaldean term meaning “light” -- the creative aspect of the universe. Hence, **culture** is literally the **cultivation of creativity**.

Peace is more than just the absence of war. Just as it takes acts of war to make war, it takes acts of peace to make peace. **Peace**, then, is **a structure of positive acts of creativeness that are carried out in a spirit of high idealism**.

“Genuine peace must be the product of many nations, the sum of many acts. It must be dynamic, not static, changing to meet the challenge of each new generation. For peace is a process -- **a way of solving problems.**”

John F. Kennedy