

# If You Are for Peace

## Don't Use This Symbol

by Jamie Buckingham

Several weeks ago I wrote an article for our church bulletin stating that the peace symbol (that little mark resembling a chicken track, enclosed in a circle) was Satanic. Immediately, I was besieged with phone calls and letters from irate "peace-symbol lovers."

One fellow was so angry he demanded I print a retraction. The more he pushed, the more determined I became to get the inside story (my previous information was gathered from a secondary source—a newspaper columnist).

I discovered first that the peace symbol supposedly was designed on February 21, 1958, for use in the Aldermaston Easter Peace Walk in England. The symbol was adopted immediately by Hugh Brock and Pat Arrowsmith on behalf of the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War.

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*The crude peace symbol, popular among hippie groups has come under avid attack. Some groups have charged that the symbol is Communist inspired and represents a broken cross, demon's eye and other anti-christian symbols.*



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Then I got the June 28, 1970 issue of *Parade Magazine*. There I read, "The peace symbol was first associated with the late Bertrand Russell and his 'ban the bomb' movement in 1958." Bertrand Russell, of course, was the renowned philosopher who is remembered for his anti-God, pro-communism beliefs.

However, closer research proved that Russell, who by his own admission was in league with Satan, did not design the symbol. Rather, he adopted an already well-known Satanist symbol and suggested it be used by the innocent and well-meaning peace-marchers as their banner.

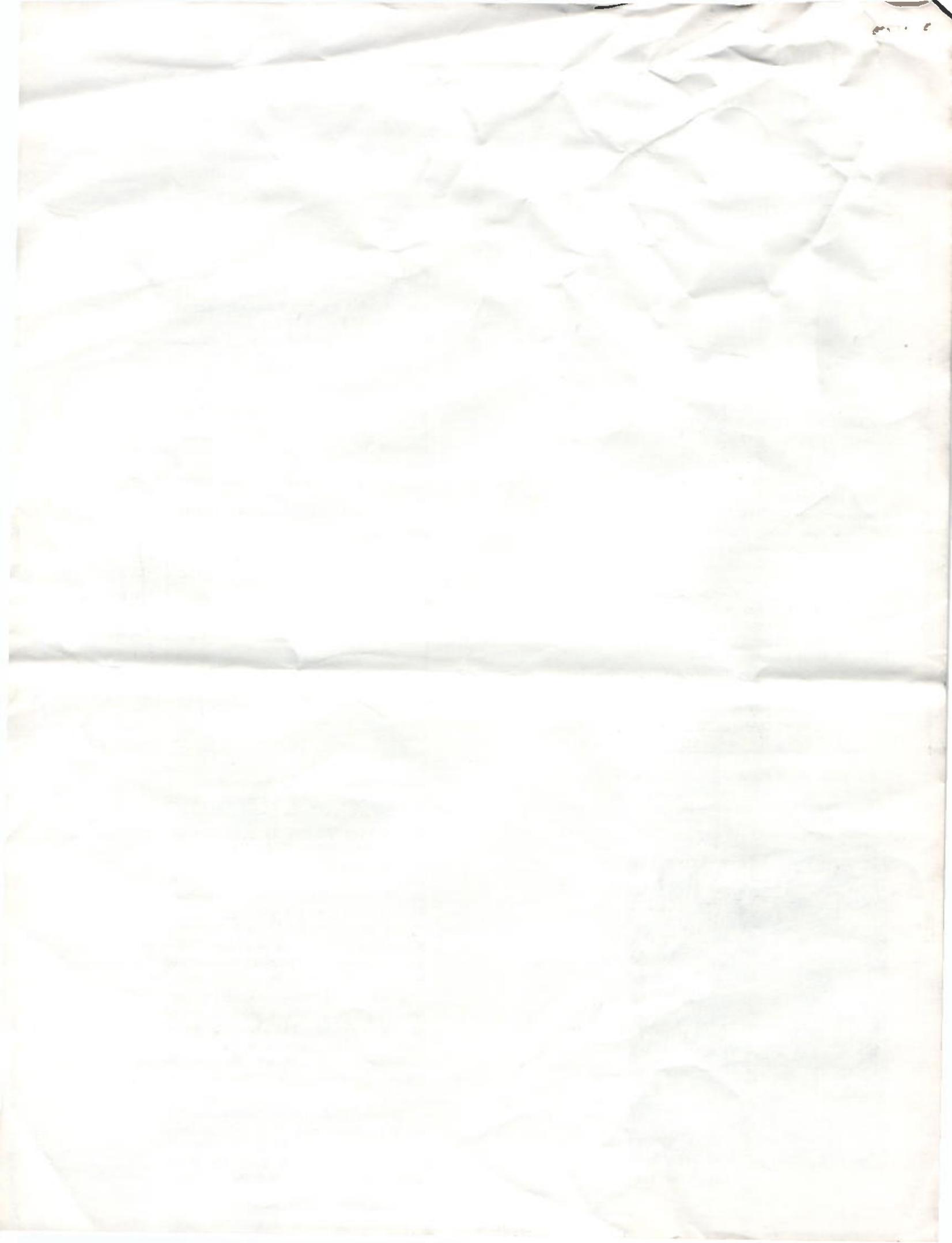
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*Herald Kunst* (4 volumes, Forlitz Schlef, 1920) the "peace symbol" appears both right side up and upside down. The Germanic tribes who used it attributed strange and mystical properties to the sign. It was used by "black magicians" in pagan incantations and condemnations. In volume 1, pages 248-261, I discovered that the upright forked symbol represented man and was a positive sign. Gregory the Great wore it on his vestment. Inverted, it meant "die gesturzte" or the fallen man-rune, the dead man-rune. (Adolph Hitler ordered the "peace symbol" to appear on German death notices, and it was a part of the official inscription for the gravestones of Nazi SS officers. In the latter case, it was accompanied by the Swastika, another profaned version of the cross.

In 711 a.d., the Saracen hordes crossed into Spain to establish their anti-God Moorish kingdom. The shields of the invaders were decorated with the inverted broken cross. In 1099 a.d., the Saracens fought the Crusaders under the same symbol.

Even today, forked crosses are common in Westphalia and in certain areas of Austria and Italy, and are considered a "good omen." Upside down, the broken cross symbolizes evil and death.



Dr. Gerard Encausse states in *Traite de Science Occulte* that the inverted man-rune

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has for centuries been a favorite sign of the Satanists. He notes, "When (Satanists) want to express their ideas in a poly-symbolic sign, they formulate their ritualistic condemnations by destroying the harmony of the figure: they turn the cross upside down. . . ." This ritual was designed to show defiance of God and faith in Satan.

Contemporary Satanist Anton LaVey said in November, 1968, "A Black Mass consists of such things as saying the Lord's Prayer backwards—interspersed with obscenities, trampling the cross underfoot or hanging it upside down, desecration of the wafer or host, and similar other forms of defilement or parodying of the sacred cows. . . ."

In the *Book of Signs* (Dover Publications), author Rudolph Koch cites the fork-shaped figure as "man" and the inverted figure as "the man dies." Koch describes the inverted figure as "the crow's foot" or "witches' foot," symbol well-known in the Middle Ages as an insignia of Satan.

Marquis de Connessault says in *Symbol of the Anti God* (Brittany Press, 1969), "This same symbol can be found in many archives containing medieval manuscripts. The Museum of Witchcraft in Bayonne, France, has several woodcuts illustrating the Black Mass and Witch Sabbath with the symbol of the Anti-God adorning the altar as an 'unholy relic.'"

In a 16th century woodcut which hangs in the museum at Bayonne, John Knox used the symbol to represent the eyes of Satan. Knox said this sign, used by the Black Masses of Satan during the Middle Ages, was known as "the mark of the beast."

**Y**et the actual origin of the "peace symbol" dates back to the first century. According to the voluminous records of Nestorius the Syrian, Patriarch of Constantinople (428-431 a.d.), the deranged Roman Emperor Nero (54-68 a.d.) is said to have designed the symbol as a "broken cross" to show disrespect to God at the time of the crucifixion of Simon Peter. From that date, the "Nero Cross" (depicted in *Fifth Century Illustrations*) was known as the "sign of the broken Jew" or the "symbol of the Antichrist." (Francesco Maria Gauzzo refers to this symbol in his *Compendium Maleficarum* 1608, as both a "Witch Foot" and a "Nero Cross.")

In 70 a.d. when the legions of Titus ravished and destroyed the Holy City of Jerusalem, fulfilling the prophecy of Christ, they marched in under Nero's signet of the Antichrist—the broken cross.

The Marquis de Connessault states, "In the 20th century this same symbol was painted on the doors of the churches closed by the Bolsheviks in Russia. . . it was branded on the bodies of Gypsies and Jews during the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39, just as they had been branded during the days of the Inquisition."

Interestingly enough, the Jews in the Middle East are today under attack by Communist Palestine Liberation Front members who display on their red arm-bands the sign of the broken Jew.

One young person who phoned long distance to dispute my original article said, "But those of us who love peace need a symbol. We want to march this next week. If we can't use the 'peace symbol' then what can we use?"

"I love peace, too," I told her. "But how can the Prince of Peace ever bring His peace to this earth under the sign of Satan? It's no wonder that violence follows the peace marches. If you want to march, then march under the sign of the cross. But remember, even this can be desecrated unless you first give your heart to Christ. Take up the cross, which means death to self; commit your life to the leadership of the Prince of Peace; and then go out into this world as a true demonstrator—under the banner of Jesus." 

