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## THE Nonviolent Coming of God



### Activist stresses Christ's vision of peace, justice

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When the Soviet Union collapsed, many observers breathed a sigh of relief that the Cold War — and the ever-present threat of nuclear war — had ended.

James W. Douglass, one of the best-known Catholic preachers on nonviolence, is still holding his breath. In a recent interview from his home in Birmingham, Ala., Douglass spoke of his skepticism that the nuclear threat to world peace had abated.

"It's become *more* dangerous," Douglass said. "We have such enormous stockpiles of nuclear weapons. Many nations, such as North Korea, identify their security with nuclear weapons. They are inevitably multiplying to other nations."

To be a follower of Jesus is to reject threatened violence as a means of security, Douglass said in a keynote address delivered April 30 to participants at a conference on nonviolence at St. Bernard's Institute, Rochester.

His visit also served to promote his most recent book, *The Nonviolent Coming of God*, winner of the 1992 Pax Christi Book Award given by Pax Christi U.S.A. and the University of Notre Dame.

Along with his wife, Shelley, Douglass currently runs

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