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Balducci, Ernesto, [L'uomo Planetario](#) [1], [1989], Firenze, Giunti Editore, 2005, pp. 192

Balducci examines fundamental ethical questions from a global perspective following the fall of the Berlin Wall, the end of Cold War and the attack on the U.S. on 11th September 2001. His analysis draws upon Catholicism and the necessity of pursuing a secular, nonviolent renovation that – as he argues - all religions must face.

Year of Publication: 1985

Balducci, Ernesto ; Grassi, Ludovico, [La Pace. Realismo Di Un'utopia](#) [2], Milano, Edizioni Principato , 1985, pp. 468

In this critique of both idealism and realism the authors argue that, in the atomic era, the former should incorporate some aspects of realist thinking and the latter should incorporate some idealist concepts if it is to escape the negation of itself. The work focuses on the exploration of pacifism. The authors distinguish 'humanitarian pacifism' - centered on the human conscience; 'democratic pacifism' - centered on peace as a process resulting from the exercise of popular sovereignty; and 'socialist pacifism' - centered on the labour movement and its main characteristic: nonviolence as a tool for achieving change. By arguing on the limits of idealism and realism the authors reach the conclusion that the only way forward is international cooperation, solidarity and the solidification of a culture of peace that focuses on faith in humankind.

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