



From which source do we ascertain that if one sees his fellow drowning, mauled by beasts, or attacked by robbers, he is bound to save the [victim]? From the biblical verse, Thou shall not stand by the blood of thy neighbor!

-- Talmud Bavli, Sanhedrin 73a (circa 200 - 500 CE)

The true problem for us Westerners is not so much to refuse violence as to question ourselves about a struggle against violence which, without blanching in non-resistance to evil, could avoid the institution of violence out of this very struggle.

-- E. Levinas, *Otherwise Than Being* (1974 CE)*

* *Otherwise than Being: or Beyond Essence*, Translated by Alphonso Lingis, Duquesne University Press (1998)

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