

Dan David Prize - Nominee

My nominee, Gottfried Hutter, has written a fascinating book about a way to peace for Israel-Palestine.

In a letter to him UN-Secretary-General Antonio Guterres spoke of his “excellent grasp and very valuable ideas for our work”.

The Secretary-General of the Muslim World League, Dr. Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa wrote “Our world is in dire need of prominent figures like you who dedicate their lives to bring peace and stability to the world, your book contains a very valuable lesson about the importance of peace and stability, and this is clearly translated in your efforts to provide mental help to the traumatized refugees.”

Such responses can easily be put aside saying that outstanding persons have a habit of replying in a nice way to requests for a comment.

But then, this new war of Hamas against Israel is giving the cited responses a brand-new actuality, and more so of course Mr. Hutter’s ideas themselves, such as his suggestion that the Palestinians themselves would have the power to motivate the government of Israel to reverse their rather unfriendly treatment of the Palestinians and even to fulfill the Palestinians’ old wish of being provided with their own state – simply if they would reverse their own unfriendly treatment of the Jewish attempt to reestablish their old biblical state of Israel, where not only their own bible, but also the bible of the Christian originated.

Only a few weeks before that new war, Mr. Hutter’s book was also published in Arabic language by the Egyptian Publisher Ghorab. So, Palestinians can now read this book in their mother tongue and, hopefully, will be able to see a quite pleasant alternative to the terrible war, an alternative, which can truly bring peace to them – and to Israel.

The German edition of the book appeared briefly after the English one in 2019.