

## PREFACE

This book has its origins in a 1985 request by Mr. Toru Kinoshita of Hiroshima University and Dr. Chung-si Ahn of Seoul National University that I bring together some dispersed writings on my journey to nonviolence to assist thoughtful consideration by young scholars in political science. Thus this belated response.

It is stimulated also by a life-threatening disruption of heart rhythms in late 1990 that led to quintuple bypass open heart surgery and to acute awareness that for me time is running out. It was distressing to think that an important task might be left undone.

The book is subtitled “From Seasons of Violence,” and is divided into four parts: winter, spring, summer, and fall. This is intended to suggest cycles of scholarly growth from violence, to nonviolent awakening, to exploration of nonviolent alternatives, and to consolidation of resources in preparation for a new season of work for nonviolent global transformation. It suggests that seasons of scholarship, seasons of life, and seasons of global change are interrelated in ways that will progressively bring us out of conditions of violence.

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