

2. WAR / RELIGION

WAR

Ongoing wars

- * 1964-present Colombian Armed Conflict (aka Colombian Civil War, Colombian Conflict)
- * Late 1960s-present Islamic Insurgency in the Philippines
- * 1975-present Independence War in Cabinda Angola
- * 1983-present Ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka
- * 1984-present Civil war in Papua , Western New Guinea, Indonesia
- * 1984-present PKK/Turkey war
- * 1986-present Lord's Resistance Army rebellion in Uganda
- * 1988-present Casamance Conflict in Senegal
- * 1988-present Somali Civil War
- * 1996-present Nepal Civil War
- * 1999-present Ituri Conflict (Democratic Republic of Congo)
- * 1999-present Second Chechen War (Russia)
- * 2000-present Intifada in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories
- * 2000-present Conflict in Laos involving the Hmong
- * 2001-present United States invasion of Afghanistan
- * 2001-present Civil War in Côte d'Ivoire
- * 2001-present South Thailand insurgency
- * 2003-present Iraqi insurgency
- * 2003-present Balochistan conflict, Pakistan
- * 2004-present Waziristan War
- * 2004-present Darfur conflict (Sudan)
 - Chadian-Sudanese conflict and the Second Chadian Civil War, extensions of the Darfur conflict
- * 2005-present Western Sahara Independence Intifada
- * 2006-present Second Somali Civil War

War deaths

62,000,000	World War II (1939–1945)
36,000,000	An Lushan Rebellion (756–763)
30,000,000–60,000,000	Mongol Conquests (13th century)
25,000,000	Manchu Conquest of Ming China (1616–1644)
20,000,000–50,000,000	Taiping Rebellion (1851–1864)
17,000,000	Timur Lenk's conquests (1370–1405)
15,000,000–66,000,000	World War I (1914–1918) <i>note that the larger number includes Spanish flu deaths</i>
10,000,000-25,000,000	Second Sino-Japanese War (1931–1945)
5,000,000–9,000,000	Russian Civil War (1917–1921)

3,800,000	Second Congo War (1998–2004)
3,500,000–6,000,000	Napoleonic Wars (1804–1815)
3,000,000–8,000,000	Thirty Years' War (1618–1648)
2,500,000–3,500,000	Korean War (1950–1953)
2,300,000–3,800,000	Vietnam War (entire war 1945–1975)
	300,000–1,300,000 First Indochina War (1945–1954)
	100,000–300,000 Vietnamese Civil War (1954–1960)
	1,750,000–2,100,000 American phase (1960–1973)
	170,000 Final phase (1973–1975)
	175,000–1,150,000 Secret War (1962–1975)
2,000,000–4,000,000	French Wars of Religion (1562–1598)
1,700,000–2,300,000	Khmer Rouge (1975–1979)
1,500,000–2,000,000	Afghanistan (1979–2001)
1,000,000–1,500,000	Soviet invasion (1979–1989)
1,300,000–6,100,000	Chinese Civil War (1928–1949) <i>note that this figure excludes World War II casualties</i>
	300,000–3,100,000 before 1937
	1,000,000–3,000,000 after World War II
1,000,000–1,200,000	Seven Years' War (1756–1763)
1,000,000	Iran-Iraq War (1980–1988)
1,000,000	Sudanese Civil War (1983–2002)
1,000,000	Biafran War (1967–1970)
1,000,000	Aztec conquests (1427–1519)
900,000–1,000,000	Mozambique Civil War (1976–1993)
800,000	Congo Civil War (1991–1997)
558,052	American Civil War (1861–1865)
550,000	Somali Civil War (1988 -)
500,000	Angolan Civil War (1975–2002)
500,000	Ugandan Civil War (1979–1986)
400,000–1,000,000	War of the Triple Alliance in Paraguay (1864–1870)
360,000–1,000,000	Spanish Civil War (1936–1939)
300,000	First Burundi Civil War (1972)
300,000–3,000,000	Bangladesh Liberation War
300,000–2,000,000	Mexican Revolution (1910–1920)
278,000	1992-1995 war in Bosnia
270,000–300,000	Crimean War (1854–1856)
255,000-1,120,000	Philippine-American War (1898-1913)
230,000–1,400,000	Ethiopian Civil War (1974–1991)
220,000	Liberian Civil War (1989 -)
200,000–800,000	Warlord era in China (1917–1928)
200,000	Sierra Leone Civil War (1991–2000)
200,000	Guatemalteco Civil War (1960–1996)
190,000	Franco-Prussian War (1870–1871)
150,000	Lebanese Civil War (1975–1990)
150,000	North Yemen Civil War (1962–1970)
150,000	Russo-Japanese War (1904–1905)
120,000	Algerian Civil War (1991 -)
100,500	Chaco War (1932–1935)
100,000	Gulf War (1991)
100,000–1,000,000	Algerian War of Independence (1954–1962)
100,000	One Thousand Days War (1899–1901)
75,000	Ethiopia–Eritrea War (1998–2000)
75,000	El Salvador Civil War (1980–1992)

75,000	Second Boer War (1898–1902)
69,000	Peru/Shining Path conflict (1980 -)
60,000	Sri Lanka/Tamil conflict (1983-)
50,000–200,000	First Chechen War (1994–1996)
42,765–166,435	American led invasion and occupation of Iraq (2003)
35,000	Finnish Civil War (1918)
31,000–100,000	Second Chechen War (1999 -)
30,000	Turkey/PKK conflict (1984 -)
30,000	Sino-Vietnamese War (1979)
20,000	49,600 U.S. Invasion of Afghanistan (2001 – 2002)
13,000	South Yemen Civil War (1986)
12,000	Croatian Independence War (1991–1995)
7,000	Kosovo War (1996–1999) (disputed)
5,000	Turkish invasion of Cyprus (1974)
3,000	Northern Ireland conflict. (1969 - 1998)
3,000	Civil war in Côte d'Ivoire (2002 -)
2,000	Football War (1969)
1,500	Romanian Revolution (December 1989)
1,000	Zapatista uprising in Chiapas (1994)
1,000	Falklands War (1982)
537–3,000	Operation Just Cause (Panama, 1989)

Individual battles and sieges

- * 2,000,000 - Brusilov Offensive (4 June-20 September 1916)
- * 1,800,000 - Battle of Stalingrad (1942–1943)
- * 1,500,000 - Siege of Leningrad (1941–1944)
- * 700,000 - Battle of Moscow (1941–1942)
- * 500,000 - Battle of Smolensk (1941)
- * 400,000 - Battle of Kiev (1941)
- * 370,000 - Battle of Voronezh (1942)
- * 370,000 - Battle of Belarus (1941)
- * 330,000 - First Battle of the Marne (1914)
- * 300,000 - Battle of the Somme (1916)
- * 280,000 - Warsaw Uprising (1944)
- * 280,000 - Second Battle of the Aisne (1917)
- * 270,000 - Second Rzhev-Sychevka Offensive (1942)
- * 270,000 - Battle of West Ukraine (1944)
- * 260,000 - Battle of Verdun (1916)
- * 260,000 - Battle of the Caucasus (1942)
- * 250,000 - Battle of Gaugamela (331 BC)
- * 240,000 - Third Battle of the Aisne (1918)
- * 240,000(est) - Battle of Bibracte (58 BC)
- * 230,000 - Battle of Berlin (1945)
- * 230,000–350,000 - Battle of Kursk (1943)
- * 207,000 - Battle of Plataea (479 BC)
- * 200,000 - Siege of Tenochtitlan (1520–1521)
- * 200,000 - Battle of Carthage (c.149 BC) (149 BC–146 BC)
- * 190,000 - Battle of West Ukraine (1941)
- * 180,000 - Battle of France (1940)

- * 175,000–350,000 - Operation Bagration (1944)
- * 170,000 - Battle of the Lower Dnieper (1943)
- * 170,000 - Battle of Königsberg (1945)
- * 165,000–300,000 Battle of Chalons (451)
- * 150,000 - Battle of Rostov (1941)
- * 150,000 - Battle of Okinawa (1945)
- * 150,000 - Battle of Passchendaele (1917)
- * 140,000 - Battle of Vercellae (101 BC)
- * 132,000 - Battle of Normandy (1944)
- * 130,000 - Battle of Gallipoli (1916)
- * 130,000 - Battle of Budapest (1945)
- * 125,000 - Third Battle of Nanking (1864)
- * 125,000 - Battle of Lemberg (1914)
- * 120,000 - Battle of Arausio (105 BC)
- * 117,000 - Battle for the Liberation of Manila (1945)
- * 115,000 - Battle of the Frontiers (1914)
- * 110,000 - Battle of Issus (333 BC)
- * 100,000 - Battle of Chernikov-Poltava (1943)
- * 100,000 - Battle of Smolensk (1943)
- * 100,000(est) - Battle of Lugdunum (197)
- * 90,000 - Battle of Cambrai (1917)
- * 90,000 - Battle of Aquae Sextiae (102 BC)
- * 83,000 - Battle of the Baltic (1941)
- * 80,000 - Battle of Gazala (1942)
- * 80,000 - Battle of the Somme (1918)
- * 80,000 - Second Battle of the Marne (1918)
- * 80,000(est) - Battle of Watling Street (AD 61)
- * 74,000 - Battle of Polyarnoe-Karelia (1941)
- * 72,000+ - Battle of Belgorod (1943)
- * 70,000 - Second Battle of El Alamein (1942)
- * 70,000 - Second Battle of the Atlantic (1939–1945)
- * 70,000 - Second Battle of Anchialus (917)
- * 69,000 - Battle of Leyte (1944)
- * 66,000 - Battle of Donbass (1943)
- * 65,000 - Battle of Lvov-Sandomir (1944)
- * 62,000 - Battle of Artois (1915)
- * 61,000 - Battle of the Baltic (1944)
- * 60,000 - Battle of Basra (655)
- * 60,000 - Battle of Monte Cassino (1944)
- * 60,000 - Battle of Arras (1917)
- * 60,000 - First Battle of Ypres (1914)
- * 60,000 - Battle of Champagne (1915)
- * 56,000–66,000 - Battle of Cannae (216 BC)
- * 55,000 - Korsun Pocket (1944)
- * 55,000 - Battle of Voronezh (1942)
- * 50,000–80,000 - Battle of Salamis (480 BC)
- * 50,000 - Meuse-Argonne offensive (1918)
- * 50,000 - Eleventh Battle of the Isonzo (1917)
- * 50,000 - Battle of Caporetto (1917)
- * 50,000 - Battle of Hsuechow (1927)
- * 45,000 - Fourth Battle of Kharkov (1943)

- * 45,000 - Battle of Hurtgen Forest (1944–1945)
- * 44,000 - Battle of the Crimea (1944)
- * 42,000 - Battle of the Seelow Heights (1945)
- * 40,000–56,000 - Tet Offensive (1968)
- * 40,000 - Battle of Imphal (1944)
- * 40,000 - Battle of Adrianople (378)
- * 38,000 - Battle of the Bulge (1944–1945)
- * 37,000 - Battle of Tannenberg (1914)
- * 36,500 - Battle of the Ebro (1938)
- * 35,000 - Battle of Mukden (1905)
- * 32,000 - Battle of Lepanto (1571)
- * 31,000 - Battle of Thapsus (46 BC)
- * 31,000 - Battle of Taierzhuang (1937)
- * 30,000 - Hartmannswillerkopf (1914-1918)
- * 30,000 - Battle of Saipan (1944)
- * 30,000 - Battle of Konotop (1659)
- * 30,000 - Battle of Marignan (1515)
- * 30,000–50,000 - Battle of Naissus (268)
- * 30,000 - Battle of the Teutoburg Forest (9)
- * 30,300–34,000 - Battle of Thermopylae (480 BC)
- * 29,000 - Battle of Iwo Jima (1945)
- * 28,000–38,000 - Battle of Towton, (Wars of the Roses, 1461)
- * 26,000 - Battle of Guadalcanal, (1942–1943)
- * 25,000 - Battle of Pydna (168 BC)
- * 26,000 - Katyn Massacre (1940)
- * 24,000 - Battle of Chancellorsville (1863)
- * 22,500 - Battle of Leipzig (1813)
- * 21,000 - Battle of Guam (1944)
- * 20,000–30,000 - Battle of Munda (45 BC)
- * 20,000 - Battle of the Trebia (218 BC)
- * 20,000 - Battle of Zama (202 BC)
- * 19,000 - Battle of Vienna (1683)
- * 18,500 - Battle of Borodino (1812)
- * 18,500 - Operation Market Garden (1944)
- * 17,000 - Battle of Bataan (1942)
- * 16,500 - Battle of Halhin Gol (1939)
- * 15,000 - Battle of Waterloo (1815)
- * 15,000 - Battle of Lake Trasimene (217 BC)
- * 13,500 - Battle of Leyte Gulf (1944)
- * 12,000 - Siege of Tobruk (1941)
- * 11,000 - Battle of Heraclea (180 BC)
- * 11,000 - Siege of Petersburg, Virginia (1864–1865)
- * 10,500 - Battle of Asculum (279 BC)
- * 10,360 - Battle of Mons Graupius (83 or 84)
- * 10,000 - Battle of Điện Biên Phủ (1954)
- * 10,000 - Battle of the Metaurus (207 BC)
- * 10,000 - Battle of Celaya (1913)
- * 8,700 - Battle of Cynoscephalae (197 BC)
- * 8,600 - Battle of Jutland (1916)
- * 8,000+ - Battle of Agincourt, (Hundred Years' War, 1415)
- * 7,200 - Kokoda Track Campaign, (1942–1943)

- * 7,058 - Battle of Gettysburg (1863)
- * 7,000–11,000 - Battle of Pharsalus (48 BC)
- * 6,592 - Battle of Marathon (490 BC)
- * 6,500 - Battle of the Kasserine Pass (1943)
- * 6,500 - Battle of Tinian (1944)
- * 5,600–6,600 Battle of Tali-Ihantala (1944)
- * 5,700 - Battle of Tarawa (1943)
- * 5,350+ - Battle of Suomussalmi (1939–1940)
- * 5,000–8,000 - Battle of Hastings (1066)
- * 5,000+ - Battle of Dara (530)
- * 5,000+ - Battle of Dyrrhachium (1081)
- * 4,808 - Battle of Antietam (1862)
- * 4,360 - Battle of Chickamauga (1863)
- * 4,329 - Battle of Isandlwana (1879)
- * 4,175 - Battle of Leuthen (1757)
- * 3,750 - Battle of the Wilderness (1864)
- * 3,477 - Battle of Shiloh (1862)
- * 3,205 - Second Battle of Bull Run (1862)
- * 2,800 - Battle of Midway (1942)
- * 2,400 - La Noche Triste (1520)
- * 2,000+ - Battle of Vimeiro (August 20, 1808)
- * 2,000+ - Battle of Manzikert (1071)
- * 1,900 - First Battle of Fredericksburg (1862)
- * 1,705 - Battle of Cold Harbor (June 1-June 3, 1864)
- * 1,700 - Battle of Vicksburg (1863)
- * 1,000+ - Battle of Dyrrhachium (48 BC)
- * 868 - First Battle of Bull Run (July 21, 1861)
- * 639 - Battle of San Jacinto (1836)
- * 586 - Battle of the Alamo (1836)
- * 567 - Battle of Rorke's Drift (1879)
- * 495 - Battle of Monongahela (1755)
- * 366 - Battle of Bunker Hill (1775)
- * 350 - Battle of Spioen Kop (1900)
- * 302 - Battle of Little Bighorn (1876)
- * 200–2,850 - Battle for Fallujah (November 8–November 14, 2004)

Military operations code names:

World War I

- * Albion (1917) — German capture of Oesel, Dago and Moon Islands (now Saaremaa, Hiiumaa and Muhu)
- * Hush planned Allied amphibious landing on the Belgian coast.
- * Kaiserschlacht ('Kaiser's battle') (1918) — German Spring offensive using armies released from the Eastern Front.
 - o Blucher-Yorck (1918) —
 - + Gneisenau (1918) —
 - o Georgette (1918) —
 - o Michael (1918) —
- * Strafexpedition (Punitive Expedition) (1916) — operation by the Austro-Hungarian Army against Italy (Italian northern front): the largest mountain battle fought in human history.

World War II

Africa

Excluding Mediterranean

- * Canned (1940) — naval bombardment of Banda Alula, Italian Somaliland
- * Ironclad (1942) — The Battle of Madagascar
- * Menace (1940) — seaborne Free French and British attack on Dakar, French West Africa (Senegal)
- * Supply (1941) — Allied anti-submarine naval patrol off Madagascar

Atlantic Ocean

Includes North Sea, Arctic convoys and actions against naval vessels in harbour

- * Alacrity (1943) — Allied naval patrols around Azores
- * Berlin (1941) — Atlantic cruise of Scharnhorst and Gneisenau
- * Catechism (1944) — final RAF air attack on Tirpitz
- * Croquet (1944) — Allied anti-shipping off Norway
- * Cupola (1945) — British anti-shipping operation off Norway
- * Deadlight (1945) — postwar scuttling of U-boats
- * Domino (1943) — second aborted Arctic sortie by Scharnhorst, Prinz Eugen and destroyers
- * Doppelschlag ("Double blow") (1942) — German anti-shipping operation off Novaya Zemlya by Admiral Scheer and Admiral Hipper
- * Drumbeat ("Paukenschlag" ("Beat of the Kettle Drum")); "Second Happy Time"] (1942) — German U-boat campaign against shipping off the United States east coast
- * EJ (1941) — British anti-shipping operation off Norway
- * Foxchase (1945) — British anti-shipping operation off Norway
- * Fronttheater (1943) — first aborted Arctic sortie by Scharnhorst, Prinz Eugen and destroyers
- * Goodwood I, II, III & IV (1944) — sequence of 4 carrier-borne air attacks on Tirpitz
- * Holder (1943) — British special naval transport to Murmansk
- * Husar (1943) — cancelled German anti-shipping operation in Kara Sea by Lutzow
- * Mascot (1944) — failed carrier-borne air attack on Tirpitz
- * Nordseetour (1940) — first Atlantic operation of Admiral Hipper
- * Obviate (1944) — RAF air attack on Tirpitz
- * Ostfront (1943) — final operation of Scharnhorst to intercept convoy JW-55B
- * Paderborn (1943) — third and successful transfer of Scharnhorst and destroyers to Norway

- * Potluck (1944) — Allied anti-shipping patrol off Norway
- * Paravane (1944) — RAF air attack on Tirpitz
- * Planet, Brawn, Tiger Claw and Mascot (1944) — cancelled carrier-borne air attacks on the Tirpitz
- * Posthorn (1944) — British naval air attack on shipping off Norway
- * Regenbogen ("Rainbow") (1942) — failed German attack on Arctic convoy JW-51B, by Admiral Hipper and Lutzow
- * Rheinübung ("Exercise Rhine") (1941) — planned German attacks on Allied shipping conducted by Bismarck and Prinz Eugen
- * Rösselsprung ("Knights Move") (1942) — German naval operation (including Tirpitz) to attack Arctic convoy PQ-17
- * Roundel (1945) — British convoy escort to Murmansk
- * Source (1943) — British X class submarine (midget submarine) attacks on German warships based in Norway
- * Sportpalast (1942) — aborted German naval operation (including Tirpitz) to attack Arctic convoys PQ-12 and QP-8
 - o Zauberflöte ("Magic Flute") (1942) — return of damaged Prinz Eugen from Trondheim to Germany
- * Stonewall (1943) — Allied operation to intercept blockade runners in the Bay of Biscay
- * Tungsten (1944) — carrier-borne air attack on Tirpitz
- * Wikinger (1940) — foray by German destroyers into the North Sea
- * Wunderland (1942) — German anti-shipping operation in Kara Sea by Admiral Scheer

China

- * Alpha (1944) — improvement of the defences of Kunming against Japanese threats
- * August Storm (1945) — Soviet invasion of Manchuria and other Japanese occupied territories
- * Ichigo (1944) — Japanese campaign in eastern China to secure overland routes to Indo-China and airfields
- * Matterhorn — establishment of bases for US B-29 bomber aircraft

Eastern Front

European operations involving the Soviet Union.

- * Aster (1944) — German withdrawal from Estonia
- * Bagration (1944) — Large-scale Russian offensive against German forces in Belorussia
- * Barbarossa (1941) — German invasion of the Soviet Union
 - o Haifisch ("Shark") (1941) — deception operation for Barbarossa, feinting an attack on Scotland and north-east England from Norway
 - o Harpune ("Harpoon") (1941) — deception operation for Barbarossa, feinting an attack on southern England from France
 - o Taifun ("Typhoon") (1941) — German autumn offensive to capture Moscow before winter.
- * Beowulf I & II (1941) — two separate German plans to assault the Estonian islands of Saaremaa, Hiiumaa and Muhu
 - o Nordwind (1941) — Diversionary plan for Beowulf II
 - + Lel (1941) — sub-plan of Nordwind
 - + Nau (1941) — sub-plan of Nordwind
 - + Stimmung (1941) — sub-plan of Nordwind
 - o Siegfried (1941) — German assault on Hiiumaa
 - + Ost (1941) — sub-plan of Siegfried
 - + Mitte (1941) — sub-plan of Siegfried
 - + West (1941) — sub-plan of Siegfried
 - o Sodwind (1941) — Diversionary plan for Beowulf II
 - o Weststurm (1941) — German naval bombardment in support of Beowulf II
 - o Westwind (1941) — Diversionary plan for Beowulf II
- * Braunschweig 1 ("Brunswick") (1942) — German offensive towards Stalingrad and the Caucasus

- o Fischreiher ("Heron") (1942) — German offensive to capture Stalingrad
- * Delphin ("Dolphin") (1944) — German withdrawal from Saaremaa, Estonia
- * Donnerschlag ("Thunderclap") (1942) — planned breakout of the German 6th Army from Stalingrad
- * Eisenhammer (1943) — plan to destroy Soviet power generators in Moscow and Gorky
(not the same as Iron Hammer)
- * Eisstoss ("Ice Push") (1942) — Luftwaffe operation against Soviet warships near Leningrad
- * Fall Blau ("Case Blue") (1942) — German offensive in the southern Soviet Union
 - o Blücher (1942) — German campaign into the Caucasus
 - o Edelweiss (1942) — German advance through the Caucasus to the Baku oil fields and Black Sea coast
 - o Kremlin (1942) — German deception operation to conceal southern offensive
- * Feuerzauber ("Fire Magic") (1942) — planned German capture of Leningrad
- * Frühlingserwachen ("Spring Awakening") (1945) — German counterattack against Soviet forces in Hungary
- * Hubertus (1942) — German attack in Stalingrad
- * Keelhaul (1945) — forced repatriation to the Soviet Union, by the western Allies, of Soviet prisoners of war
- * Kutuzov (1943) — Russian attack on German 2nd Panzer Army, north of the Kursk salient
- * Laura (1944) — proposed German evacuation of Courland
- * Lyuban (1942) — failed Soviet attempt to relieve Leningrad.
- * Margarethe (1944) — German operation to keep Hungary from defecting
- * Mars (1942) — failed major Soviet offensive against Rzhev salient
 - o Jupiter (1942) — second phase of failed major Soviet offensive against Rzhev salient
- * Nordlicht ("Northern Lights") (1942) — planned German assault on Leningrad
- * Polkovodets Rummyantsev (1943) — Russian attack on German positions south of the Kursk salient.
- * Saturn (1942) — Proposed major Soviet attack following the Stalingrad encirclement;
adapted to become Operation Little Saturn.
- * Prague Offensive (1945) — the last major battle of the Eastern Front. During the operation Prague was liberated.
- * Sinyavino (1941) & (1942) — separate failed Soviet attempts to relieve Leningrad
- * Sonnenwende ("Winter Solstice") (1945) — German offensive to relieve Pomerania from Russian forces
and halt advance on Berlin
- * Spark (1943) — successful Soviet counter-offensive around Leningrad
- * Uranus (1942) — successful Russian encirclement of German 6th Army in Stalingrad.
- * Wintergewitter ("Winter Storm") (1942) — German attempt to relieve encircled 6th Army at Stalingrad.
- * Zitadelle ("Citadel") (1943) — German counteroffensive at Kursk

Mediterranean Sea

Naval operations and land operations in bordering regions.

- * Achse ("Axis") (1943) — German responses to Italian defection
 - o Alarich (1943) — German plan to occupy northern Italy (see also Achse)
- * Adler ("Eagle") (1943) — German and Croatia anti-partisan operation on the Dalmatian coast
- * Aida (1942) — Rommel's advance into Egypt
- * Agreement (1942) — British, Rhodesian and New Zealand raids on several North African targets
 - o Daffodil (1942) — Tobruk raid
 - o Hyacinth (1942) — Barce raid
 - o Snowdrop (1942) — Benghazi raid
 - o Tulip (1942) — Jalo oasis recapture
- * Anvil (1944) — Allied invasion of Southern France. Name later changed to Dragoon
- * Alpenveilchen ("Alpine Violet") (1941) — planned German intervention in Albania
- * Avalanche (1943) — Allied landings near Salerno, Italy
 - o Boardman (1943) — deception operation for Avalanche
- * Battleaxe (1941) — Failed British attack on Axis forces in North Africa to relieve Tobruk
- * Baytown (1943) — Allied landings in Calabria, Italy

- o Slapstick (1944) — British landings at Taranto
- * Begonia (1943) — airborne part of attempted British POW rescue in Italy
- * Brevity (1941) — British capture of Halfaya Pass, Egypt
- * Candytuft (1943) — SAS operation to destroy rail bridge between Pesaro and Fano
- * Capri (1943) — counter-attack by Afrika Korps at Medenine, Tunisia
- * Cold Comfort (1945) — Cold Comfort/Zombie failed SAS raid to block railway through Brenner Pass
- * Collar (1940) — convoy from Gibraltar to Malta and then to Egypt.
- * Colossus (1941) — experimental airborne raid on Italian aqueduct near Calitri in southern Italy
- * Compass (1940) — British counteroffensive in North Africa
- * Corkscrew (1943) — Allied occupation of Pantellaria
- * Crossword (1945) — negotiations leading to German surrender in Italy
- * Crusader (1941) — British relief of Tobruk
- * Diadem (1944) — Successful Allied assault on German Gustav Line defences in Italy.
 - o Strangle (1944) — Allied bombing of German supply lines, in preparation for operation Diadem.
- * Dragoon (1944) — Allied landing in southern France
 - o Dove — gliderborne component of Dragoon
 - o Romeo — Free French assault on German coastal battery
 - o Span — deception operation in support of Dragoon
- * Driftwood (1944) — failed raid on rail targets north of Rome
- * Encore (1945) — Allied assault on mountain positions in Italy
- * Excess (1941) — Malta convoy
- * Exporter (1941) — Allied invasion of Vichy-controlled Syria
- * Felix (1940–41) — planned German invasion of Gibraltar
- * Fustian (1943) — British airborne capture of a bridge on Sicily
- * Gertrud — planned German response in case Turkey joined the Allies
- * Gisela — second German response plan in case of British invasion of Iberian peninsula
- * Guillotine (1941) — transfer of troops to Cyprus
- * Guillotine (1943) — Allied advance from Cyrenaica to Tripolitania
- * Gymnast — early name for Operation Torch
- * Halberd (1941) — Malta convoy from Gibraltar
- * Harpoon (1942) — Malta convoy from Gibraltar
- * Herbstnebel 2 (1944) — rejected proposal to withdraw German troops in Italy behind the Po River
- * Herkules (1942) — planned Axis airborne invasion of Malta
- * Husky (1943) — Allied invasion of Sicily
 - o Chestnut 1943 — SAS raid supporting Sicily invasion.
 - o Ladbroke (1943) — British glider landing near Syracuse, Sicily
 - o Mincemeat (1943) — Disinformation operation prior to the invasion of Sicily
 - o Narcissus (1943) — British SAS raid on a lighthouse in Sicily
- * Isabella (1941) — German plans for operations on the Iberian peninsula should the Soviet Union collapse.
 - o Ilana (1942) — amended Isabella
 - o Gisella (1942) — Isabella renamed
 - o Nurnberg (1943) — third and final German plan in case of Allied landings in the Iberian peninsula
- * Jonquil (1943) — seaborne part of attempted British POW rescue in Italy (see also: Begonia)
- * Judgement (1940) — British air attack on Italian fleet in Taranto harbour
- * Lightfoot (1942) — first attack by the British and Australians at El Alamein
 - o Bertram (1942) — deception operation in preparation for the Second Battle of El Alamein
 - o Supercharge (1942) — second stage attack by British and New Zealanders at El Alamein
- * Lustre (1941) — Allied reinforcement of Greece
- * Marita (1941) — German invasion of Greece
- * Merkur ("Mercury") (1941) — German invasion of Crete
- * Mittelmeer (1940–1941) — German reinforcement of Regia Aeronautica in Mediterranean

- * Morgenrote ("Dawn") (1944) — German counterattack against Anzio landings
- * Nurnberg (1943) — third and final German response plan in case of an Allied invasion of the Iberian peninsula
- * Pedestal (1942) — Allied convoy from Gibraltar to Malta.
- * Portcullis (1942) — convoy from Alexandria to Malta
- * Pugilist (1943) — Allied attack on Mareth Line and advance to Sfax
- * Roast (1945) — action by British Commandos at Comacchio lagoon, north east Italy
- * Saxifrage (1943) — four parties from 2 SAS to destroy the railway line between Ancona and Pescara
- * Shingle (1944) — Allied landings at Anzio
 - o Baobab (1944) — SAS operation to destroy rail bridge between Pesaro and Fano
 - o Chettyford — deception plan to support Shingle
 - o Pomegranate (1944) — SAS raid in support of Shingle
- * Slapstick (1943) — British landings at Taranto, Italy
- * Sonnenblume (Sun Flower) — movement of German troops (Afrika Korps) to North Africa as a result of the British Compass
- * Speedwell (1945) — Behind enemy lines operation by the British Special Air Service to disrupt rail communications in northern Italy.
- * Stone Age (or: Stoneage) (1942) — Malta convoy from Alexandria
- * Substance (1941) — Malta convoy
- * Sunrise (1945) — negotiations leading to German surrender in Italy
- * Theseus (1942) — German offensive to drive Allies out of Cyrenaica and Egypt
- * Tiger (1941) — Malta convoy
- * Tombola (1945) — SAS raid in Italy
- * Torch (1942) — Allied landings in French Morocco and Algeria
 - o Blackstone (1942) — US assault on Safi, Morocco
 - o Brushwood (1942) — US assault on Fedala
 - o Goalpost (1942) — US assault on Port Lyautey (now Kenitra)
 - o Perpetual (1942) — British landings at Cap Carbon
 - o Reservist (1942) — failed Allied attack on Oran
- * Vigorous (1942) — Malta convoy from Alexandria
- * Vulcan (1943) — Final Allied assault on Axis forces trapped around Tunis.
- * Zombie (1945) — Operation Cold Comfort, renamed

Pacific Ocean

- * A-Go (1944) — Japanese plan to engage and destroy the US Fleet during the Saipan landings
- * AL (1942) — Japanese invasion of the western Aleutians
- * Cartwheel (1943) — Allied thrusts in the South West Pacific Area, aimed at isolating the major Japanese base at Rabaul.
 - o Chronicle (1943) — Allied landings at Woodlark Island and Kiriwina, New Guinea in support of Cartwheel
- * Cleanslate (1943) — US landings on the Russell Islands
- * Cottage (1943) — US and Canadian operation to recapture Kiska in the Aleutians
- * Cyclone (1944) — US airborne landings on Noemfoor, Dutch New Guinea
- * Detachment (1945) — US invasion of Iwo Jima
- * Downfall (1945) — planned invasion of Japan
 - o Olympic (planned for 1945, not executed) — first of two prongs of the invasion of Japan
 - o Coronet (planned for 1946, not executed) — second of two prongs of the invasion of Japan
- * Ferdinand (1942) coast-watchers on Japanese-occupied islands
- * Flintlock (1944) — US assault on Marshall Islands.
 - o Catchpole (1944) — US invasion of Eniwetok

- o Hailstone (1944) — naval air attack on Truk
- * FS (1944) — Proposed Japanese plan to isolate Australia by capturing New Caledonia, Samoa and Fiji.
- * Forager (1944) — US assault on Marianas Islands.
- * Galvanic (1943) — US assault on Gilbert Islands.
- * I (1943) — major Japanese air offensive to halt Allied advances on New Guinea and Guadalcanal
- * Iceberg (1945) — US invasion of Okinawa
- * Inmate (1945) — British and New Zealand naval bombardment of Truk
- * Juneau (1945) — US minesweeping operations at Okinawa.
- * K-1 (1942) — Japanese reconnaissance and air-raid on Pearl Harbor
- * KA (1942) — Japanese plan to destroy the US Fleet and recapture Guadalcanal
- * KE (1943) — Japanese evacuation of Guadalcanal
- * KE-GO (1943) — Japanese evacuation of Kiska, Aleutians
- * Ketsu-Go (Decisive) (1945) — Japanese plans to counter US led invasion of Japan
- * MO (1942) — aborted Japanese invasion of Port Moresby in New Guinea
- * PM (1945) — removal of defensive minefield off Auckland, New Zealand
- * Sandcrab (1943) — US operation to recapture Attu in the Aleutians
- * Sho-Go (1945) — Japanese naval reaction to US invasion of Leyte
- * Starvation (1945) — American aerial mining of Japanese ports and waterways.
- * Stalemate (1944) — US assault on Peleliu and Palau Islands
- * Ten-Go (1945) — Japanese naval sortie to defend Okinawa.
- * Vengeance (1943) — The assassination of Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto
- * Watchtower (1942) — U.S. invasion of Guadalcanal
- * Z (1941) — the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor

Resistance Movements

- * Anthropoid (1942) — Czech-British assassination of top Nazi Reinhard Heydrich in Prague.
- * Braunschweig ("Brunswick") (1944) — German anti-partisan action in Istria
- * Burza ("Plan Burza", "Operation Tempest") (1944) — a series of local uprisings prepared by the Polish Home Army
- * Canuck (1945) — SAS operation near Turin to train and organise Italian resistance fighters.
- * Carpetbagger (1943) — US airdrops to several national Resistance forces
- * Delphin ("Dolphin") (1943) — German anti-partisan action on central Dalmatian islands
- * Eisbär ("Polar bear") (1943) — German counter-landings on Kos
- * Fall Weiss (Case white) (1943) — German counter-partisan operations in occupied Yugoslavia
- * Feuerzange ("Fire-Tong") (1944) — German action against Dalmatian Islands in the Adriatic
- * Ozren (1941 & 1942) — two attempts to suppress partisans in Ozren region, Bosnia, Yugoslavia
- * Ratweek (1944) — combined air (Balkan Air Force) and ground (Yugoslav partisans) attack on German transport and airfields in Yugoslavia
- * Risnjak (1942) — Italian counter-partisan operation in coastal Croatia and Montenegro, in occupied Yugoslavia
- * Rösselsprung ("Knights Move") (1944) — German attempt to capture Josip Broz Tito
- * Schwarz ("Black") (1943) — German counter-partisan operation in occupied Yugoslavia
- * Trio (1942) — Axis counter-partisan operation in southern Bosnia, in occupied Yugoslavia

South and South East Asia

Iran, India, Burma, Malaya and Indo-China, and the Indian Ocean

- * Canned (1944) — search and destroy operation for German supply tanker
- * Cockpit (1945) — Allied naval airstrike on Sabang, Sumatra
- * Culverin (1943) — Proposed allied invasion of northern Sumatra

- * Countenance (1941) — Anglo-Soviet invasion of Iran
- * Crimson (1945) — British naval airstrike and bombardment of Sabang, Sumatra
- * Dracula (1945) — British amphibious assault on Rangoon, Burma
 - o Bishop (1945) — covering operation for Dracula
- * Diplomat (1944) — Allied exercise in preparation for joint operations against the Japanese
- * Dukedom (1945) — British search and destroy operation for Japanese cruiser Haguro
- * Ha-Go (1944) — Japanese action to isolate and destroy Anglo-Indian forces in Burma
- * Jaywick (1943) — Anglo-Australian attack on Japanese shipping in Singapore harbour
- * Krohcol (1942) — British move into Thailand to pre-empt expected Japanese action
- * Matador (1941) — Planned British pre-emptive move into Siam from Malaya
- * Sleuth (1944) — pursuit of German commerce raider in Indian Ocean
- * Struggle (1945) — destruction of IJN cruiser Takao in Singapore harbour, using midget submarines
- * Talon (1945) — British capture of Akyab island and construction of supply airbase in support of Burma campaign
- * Transom (1944) — Allied naval air raid on Surabaya, Java
- * U-Go (1944) — Japanese assault on Imphal and Kohima
- * Zipper (1945) Planned British seaborne landing in Malaya
 - o Slippery (1945) deception operation for Zipper

Scandinavia

Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

- * Alphabet (1940) evacuation of British troops from Norway
- * Archery (1941) — British commando raid on Vågsøy, Norway
 - o Anklet (1941) — raid on German positions on Lofoten Islands, Norway
- * Birke ("Birch") (1944) — German plan to withdraw from northern Finland prior to the Lapland War
- * Birkhahn ("Black Cock") (1945) — German withdrawal from Norway
- * Büffel ("Buffalo") (1940) — German operation to relieve troops in Narvik, Norway.
- * Catherine (1939) — British plan to gain control of Baltic Sea
- * Claymore (1941) — British raid on Lofoten Islands, Norway
- * Freshman (1942) — attempted raid on a Norwegian heavy water plant at Vemork, see Gunnerside
 - o Grouse (1942) — Norwegian guide party for Freshman
 - o Gunnerside (1943) — 2nd raid on a Norwegian heavy water plant at Vemork
- * Gauntlet (1941) — raid on Spitzbergen
- * Ikarus (1940) — planned German invasion of Iceland
- * Juno (1940) — German naval operation to disturb allied supplies to Norway.
- * Jupiter (1942) — suggested invasion of Norway
- * Lachsfang (1942) — Proposed combined German and Finnish attack against Kandalaksha and Belomorsk
- * Musketoon (1942) — British/ Norwegian destruction of a power station in Norway
- * Nordlicht [2] ("Aurora Borealis") (1944) — German withdrawal from the Kola Peninsula into Norway
- * The Sepals/Perianth Operation (1944) — OSS supported operation in Sweden
- * Renntier ("Reindeer") (1941) — German occupation of Finnish Petsamo
- * Silberfuchs ("Silver Fox") (1941) — German operations in the Arctic, including:
 - o Blaufuchs 1 ("Blue Fox 1") (1941) — Staging of German forces from Germany to northern Finland.
 - o Blaufuchs 2 ("Blue Fox 2") (1941) — Staging of German forces from Norway to northern Finland.
 - o Platinfuchs ("Platinum Fox") (1941) — German attack towards Murmansk from Finnish Petsamo
 - o Polarfuchs ("Polar Fox") (1941) — German attack towards Kandalaksha from Finnish Lapland
 - o Renntier ("Reindeer") (1941) — German occupation of Petsamo.
- * Sizilien (1943) — German raid upon allied occupied Spitzbergen (Svalbard)
- * Tanne Ost (1944) — failed German attempt to capture Suursaari from Finland
- * Tanne West (1944) — planned German attempt to capture the Åland Islands from Finland

- * Weserübung ("Weser Exercise") (1940) — German invasion of Denmark and Norway
 - o Weserübung Nord ("Weser Exercise") (1940) — German invasion of Trondheim and Narvik
 - o Weserübung Sud ("Weser Exercise") (1940) — German invasion of Bergen, Kristiansand and Oslo
- * Zitronella (1943) — German raid against a Norwegian/British station on Svalbard.

Western Front

Western Europe, by year

- * Fall Rot ("Case Red") (1935) — German defense plan in case of an incursion by France when Czechoslovakia is invaded

1939

- * Project Catherine

1940

- * Aerial (1940) — British and Allied evacuations from French ports between Cherbourg and the Spanish border
- * Ambassador (1940) — British commando raid on Guernsey
- * Attila (1940) — German seizure and occupation of Vichy France, without Italian support
- * Cycle (1940) — British and Allied evacuation from Le Havre
- * Dynamo (1940) — British evacuation from Dunkirk
- * Fall Gelb ("Case Yellow") (1940) — German offensive against western Europe
- * Granit (Granite) German paratrooper attack on Eben Emael
- * Grün [2] ("Green") (1940) — decoy invasion of Ireland in conjunction with Seelöwe
- * Herbstreise ("Autumn Journey") (1940) — decoy invasion of Scotland
- * Mondscheinsonate ("Moonlight Sonata") (1940) — German aerial raid on Coventry
- * Seelöwe ("Sea Lion") (1940) — planned German invasion of Britain
 - o Adlertag ("Eagle's Day") — German effort to destroy the RAF prior to invasion, which gave rise to the Battle of Britain
 - o Grün ("Green") (1940) — decoy invasion of Ireland in conjunction with Seelöwe
 - o Herbstreise ("Autumn Journey") — decoy invasion of Scotland in conjunction with Seelöwe.

1941

- * Artur ("Arthur") (1941) — German plan to support IRA activities
- * Savannah (1941) — Free French attempt to ambush and kill Luftwaffe pathfinder pilots in France

1942

- * Anton (1942) — Nazi-German occupation of Vichy France during World War II: Attila renamed, with Italian support.
- * Basalt (1942) — British raid on Sark
- * Biting (1942) — Commando raid on radar site in France
- * Cerberus (1942) — escape of German capital ships from Brest to home ports in Germany (Channel Dash)
- * Chariot (1942) — British raid on Saint Nazaire

- * Clawhammer (1942) — planned commando raid on a radar site in France
- * Frankton (1942) — commando raid on shipping port in France
- * Jubilee (1942) — unsuccessful large scale British and Canadian raid on Dieppe (northern France) starting on August 19, 1942. Successor to Operation Rutter.
- * Millennium (1942) — British 1000 bomber raid on Cologne.
- * Rutter (1942) — planned British and Canadian raid on Dieppe, northern France, in July 1942. Abandoned due to unfavourable weather conditions and revived as Jubilee.
- * Sledgehammer (1942) — Allied contingency plan for capture of Cherbourg or Brest in 1943 (shelved)

1943

- * Bolero (1943/1944) — build-up of US forces and materiel in Britain in preparation for D-Day
- * Chastise (1943) — British air attack on German dams (the "Dambuster" raid)
- * Constellation (1943) — one of several proposals to liberate the Channel Islands
 - o Condor (1943) — proposal to liberate Jersey
 - o Concertina (1943) — proposal to liberate Alderney
 - o Coverlet (1943) — proposal to liberate Guernsey
- * Crossbow (1943/1944) — British plan to destroy German rocket production and launch sites
- * Gomorrah (1943) British air attack on Hamburg.
- * Project Habakkuk (1943) — project to construct an aircraft carrier out of ice
- * Hydra (1943) — RAF bombing of Peenemünde on the night of 16/17 August.
- * Roundup (1943) — alternative invasion contingency plan to Sledgehammer

1944

- * Astonia (1944) — Anglo-Canadian assault on Le Havre
- * Bluecoat (1944) — Anglo-Canadian advance to the River Vire to hamper German redeployment
- * Charnwood (1944) — Canadian assault on Caen
- * Chastity (1944) — unexecuted plan to liberate port facilities in Quiberon Bay, southern Brittany
- * Clipper (1944) — Anglo-American assault on Geilenkirchen
- * Cobra (1944) — American breakout from Normandy
 - o Dunhill (1944) — SAS operations in Normandy to support Cobra
- * Comet (1944) — early version of Market Garden
- * Constellation (1944) — occupation of Venraij and Venlo by the British VIII Corps
- * Defoe (1944) — SAS patrols in Normandy
- * Diver (1944) — Defence of London against V-1 attack
- * Epsom (1944) — British assault west of Caen, Normandy
- * Goodwood (1944) — British breakout attempt from Normandy
 - o Pomegranate (1944) — preparation for Goodwood
- * Operation Herbstnebel 1 (1944) — unused alternative to Wacht am Rhein
- * Houndsmith (1944) — large SAS patrol near Dijon to disrupt German supply routes
- * Infatuate (1944) taking of Walcheren Island, third and final phase of the Battle of the Scheldt.
- * Jericho (1944) — precision air-raid on Amiens prison to release French Resistance prisoners
- * Kitten (1944) — British and Canadian advance to the Seine.
- * Lost (1944) — British raid on Brittany
- * Loyton (1944) — unsuccessful large SAS patrol in Vosges mountains
- * Market Garden (1944) — Allied airborne attempt to cross the lower Rhine
- * Nelson (1944) — cancelled SAS patrol in France
- * Newton (1944) — Free French SAS raid in Burgundy, France

- * Overlord (1944) — Allied landings in Normandy
 - o Bodyguard — overall deception plan, including:
 - + Ferdinand (1944) —
 - # Skye
 - + Fortitude (1944) — two deception operations to mislead over location of landings
 - + Glimmer (1944) — feint attack towards Pas de Calais
 - + Hambone (1944) — also known as Copperhead
 - + Jael
 - + Quicksilver
 - o Bolero (1943/1944) — build-up of US forces and materiel in Britain in preparation for D-Day
 - o Chicago — American airdrop in Normandy
 - o Cooney (1944) — Free French SAS raid in St Malo area, France
 - o Detroit — American airdrop in Normandy
 - o Dingson — Free French commando raid
 - o Mulberry (1944) — creation of safe anchorages using block ships
 - o Jupiter — British attack to occupy and hold Hill 112, near Caen
 - o Lüttich — German counter-offensive at Mortain
 - o Neptune — landing phase of Overlord
 - + Accumulator (1944) — diversionary naval operation near to the Channel Islands
 - + Bravado (1944) — mine-laying around Kiel Canal to inhibit German naval reaction
 - + Gambit (1944) — use of X-Craft midget submarines as navigation beacons off Sword and Juno beaches
 - + Maple — Allied naval minelaying operations to inhibit German naval reaction
 - o Postage Able (1944) — landing beach surveys using X-Craft and divers
 - o Spring — Canadian attack on high ground, south of Caen
 - o Sussex — insertion of French OSS operatives into France to report German troop movements
 - o Tonga — British airdrop in Normandy, east of the River Orne
- * Pegasus (1944) — Allied rescue of troops after failure of Market Garden
- * Pluto (1944) — construction of undersea oil pipelines between England and France
- * Queen (1944) — aerial close-support operation in Hurtgen Forest, east of Aachen
- * Switchback (1944) taking of Breskens pocket, first phase of the Battle of the Scheldt.
- * Tiger (1944) — Allied training exercise prior to D-Day, near Slapton, England
- * Totalize (1944) — Allied effort to trap German armor in Normandy
- * Tractable (1944) — continuation of Totalise to close the Falaise pocket
- * Vitality (1944) taking of South Beveland, second phase of the Battle of the Scheldt.
- * Wacht am Rhein ("Watch on the Rhine") (1944) — German counteroffensive in the Ardennes (in Belgium, Luxembourg and France); the Battle of the Bulge
 - o Greif ("Grab") (1944) — German troops disguised as Allied soldiers during Battle of the Bulge
 - o Stösser (1944) — airborne drop in support of the Wacht am Rhein

1945

- * Amherst (1945) — British airborne raid in the Netherlands
- * Bodenplatte ("Baseplate") (1945) — German aerial attack on 27 Allied airbases
- * Goldflake (1945) — 1 Canadian Corps moves from Italy to northwest Europe under command of Canadian First Army
- * Grenade (1945) — US Ninth Army crossing of the Roer (see also Veritable)
- * Plunder (1945) — British crossing of the Rhine
 - o Archway — SAS operation to support Plunder
 - o Varsity — airborne crossing in conjunction with Plunder
- * Schneeman (1945) — German attempt to open a second front in Holland
- * Veritable (1945) — Canadian First Army crossing of the Roer (see also Grenade)

- * Schneeman (1945) — German attempt to open a second front in Holland
- * Nordwind ("North Wind") (1945) — German attempt to open a second front in Alsace

Diplomatic

- * Arcadia (1941) — Washington Conference between FDR and Winston Churchill
- * Argonaut (1945) — linked sequence of conferences
 - o Cricket (1945) — pre-Yalta Conference at Malta between FDR and Winston Churchill
 - o Magneto (1945) — Yalta Conference between FDR, Joseph Stalin and Winston Churchill
- * Eureka (1943) — conference between FDR, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin at Tehran
- * Octagon (1944) — conference between FDR and Winston Churchill at Quebec to discuss Morgenthau Plan
- * Quadrant (1943) — conference between FDR and Churchill at Quebec
- * Riviera (1941) — FDR/ Churchill conference at Placentia Bay, Newfoundland
- * Sextant 1 (1943) — conference between FDR, Winston Churchill and Chiang Kai-Shek at Cairo
- * Sextant 2 (1943) — conference between FDR, Winston Churchill and İsmet İnönü (Turkish President) at Cairo
- * Symbol (1943) — conference between FDR, Winston Churchill and Charles de Gaulle at Casablanca
- * Terminal (1945) — conference between FDR, Winston Churchill, Clement Attlee and Joseph Stalin at Potsdam
- * Trident (1943) — third Washington conference between FDR and Churchill

Technology

- * Most Ill (1944) — transfer of captured V-2 components from occupied Poland to Britain
- * Alsos (1940–1945) — Allied efforts to gather information about German nuclear fission developments
 - o Harborage (1945) — US sweep up of German atomic assets ahead of French occupation
- * Aphrodite (1944) The use of B-17 bombers as radio-controlled missiles.
- * Backfire (1945) — British launches of captured V-2 rockets
- * Beethoven (1941–1945) — German programme to develop composite aircraft (Mistel)
- * Hawkeye (1944) — US Naval radar research
- * Lusty (1945) — US actions to capture German scientific documents, facilities and aircraft
- * Magic — US operation to break Japanese codes
- * Manhattan Project (1941–1945) — American program to build an atomic bomb
- * Prüfstand XII (194?) — German programme to develop submarine launched V-2
- * Paperclip (1945) — part-military, part-scientific operation to scoop up Nazi scientists, engineers, experiments, prototypes, data, etc., after WWII
- * Ultra — Intelligence gained by the British from cracking German Enigma coded messages.

Miscellaneous and Unclassified

- * 25 (1941) — Axis invasion of Yugoslavia
- * Bernhard (194?) — German plan to destroy British economy using forged British banknotes
- * Catapult (1940) — Royal Navy actions to seize, disable or destroy the French fleet after France's surrender.
- * Cornflakes (1945) — American clandestine insertion of propaganda into the German mail system
- * Eiche ("Oak") (1943) — German rescue from custody of Benito Mussolini
- * Fall Grün ("Case Green") (1938) — the German invasion of Czechoslovakia
- * Fall Weiss ("Case White") (1939) — German invasion of Poland
- * Foxley (1944) — a plan to kill Adolf Hitler that was never carried out
- * Frantic (1943) — The use of Soviet airfields by western Allied bombers.

- * Gaff (1944) — attempt to kill Erwin Rommel
- * Grün ("Green") (1938) — the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia
- * Magpie (1944) — landings of German agents on the US east coast
- * Magic Carpet (1945–1946) — American post-war operation to transport US military personnel home
- * Manna (1945) — Allied air drops of food to famine-ravaged Netherlands, with German cooperation
- * Pastorious (1942) — separate landings of German agents on the US east coast
- * Peking (1939) — removal of Polish warships to Britain, in advance of German invasion
- * Pied Piper (1939) — evacuation of children from British cities
- * Regenbogen (1945) — rescinded order to scuttle Kriegsmarine
- * Reinhard (1943) — German actions against Polish Jews in the “General Government”
- * Tabarin (1943) — British Antarctic expedition
- * Tannenbaum — The planned German invasion of Switzerland.
- * Tannenberg (1939) — German actions to exterminate influential and leading Poles
- * Valkyrie (1944) — bomb plot to kill Hitler
- * Venona (1943) — US efforts to break Soviet diplomatic codes

Cold War Era

- * Agatha (1946) — British attack on Hagana and Irgun in Palestine
- * Ajax (1953) — Anglo-American plan for coup in Iran
- * Anvil (1954) — British counter-insurgency operation in Nairobi during the Mau Mau Uprising
- * Argus (1959) — test of nuclear bombs in the upper atmosphere.
- * Grand Slam (1965) — Pakistan's harassment of the enemy(India).
- * Attila (1974) — Turkish invasion and occupation of northern Cyprus
- * Balak (1948) — smuggling of arms to Israel
- * Blowdown (1963) — Australia/US/UK simulated nuclear explosion in a rain forest.
- * Claret (1964) — British patrols into Indonesia
- * Eagle Claw (1980) — Attempted rescue of American hostages held in Tehran.
- * El Dorado Canyon (1986) — US strikes against Libya
- * Earnest Will (1987-88) — American protection of Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Persian Gulf during the Iran-Iraq War
 - o Eager Glacier (1987-88) — U.S. spy planes gather intelligence about Iran.
 - o Nimble Archer (1987) — U.S. retaliates for Iranian missile attack on reflagged Kuwaiti tanker.
 - o Praying Mantis (1988) — U.S. retaliates against Iran for mining frigate.
 - o Prime Chance (1987-88) — Special operations to protect Kuwaiti tankers, run largely from barges in the northern Persian Gulf.
- * Entebbe (1976) — Israeli rescue operation at Entebbe, Uganda. Later renamed Jonathan
- * Evening Light (1980) — US attempt to rescue embassy hostages in Tehran
- * Gold (1954) — covert American tunnel under the Berlin Wall
- * Golden Pheasant (1988) — US deployment in Honduras
- * Horev (1948) — Israeli attack in northern Israel
- * Jonathan (1976) — Israeli rescue of hostages at Entebbe, Uganda
- * Jock Scott (1952) — British rounding up of suspected insurgents at the beginning of the Mau Mau Uprising
- * Litani (1978) — Israeli invasion of Lebanon.
- * Mongoose (1962) — plan for information gathering, sabotage, civil insurrection and the overthrow of the Cuban government.
- * Mount Hope III (1988) — covert recovery of a crashed Soviet-made helicopter from Africa.
- * Musketeer (1956) — Anglo-French invasion of Egypt to capture the Suez Canal during the Suez Crisis.
 - o Kadesh — Israeli armored thrust into the Sinai Peninsula.
- * Neptune (1964) Soviet-led counterintelligence operation.
- * Nimrod (1980) — rescue of hostages in the Iranian embassy, London

- * **Nuclear testing** *List of all known named nuclear tests.*
- * Orion (1960) — DARPA project to design a nuclear pulse propulsion system
- * Paul Bunyan (1976) UN removal of a tree in the Korean DMZ
- * Protea (1981) — South African attack on SWAPO bases near Ongiva and Xangongo, Angola.
- * Provide Comfort (1991) — relief effort in northern Iraq.
- * Reforger Annual American exercise to "return forces to Germany".
- * Restore Hope (1992) — American name for UNITAF, humanitarian intervention in Somalia
- * Safed Sager (1971) Indian Air Force operations in Indo-Pakistani War.
- * Silver (1949) — covert British communications tap in Austria
- * Success — 1954 CIA coup in Guatemala.
- * Suzannah (1954) — Israeli plan to bomb American interests in Egypt
- * Berlin Airlift of 1948:
 - o Vittles — US part of the Berlin Airlift
 - o Planefare — British part of the Berlin Airlift

Central America and the Caribbean

- * Anadyr — Soviet plan to base nuclear weapons in Cuba; the cause of the Cuban Missile Crisis
- * Fortune — 1951 CIA plan for a coup in Guatemala. Executed as Success
- * Just Cause (1989) — US invasion of Panama
 - o Acid Gambit — Rescue of Kurt Muse.
 - o Bushmaster — Security operations near US facilities.
 - o Sand Flea — rehearsal for Just Cause.
- * Northwoods (1960s) — plan to incite war between the United States and Cuba.
- * Peter Pan (1960s) — transfer of Cubans to the US
- * Power Pack (1965) — US deployment in the Dominican Republic
- * Urgent Fury (1983) — US invasion of Grenada

Korean War

- * Blue Hearts (1950) — US amphibious landings near Inchon during the Korean War. Revised as Chromite.
- * Couragenous (1951) — Movement of US infantry units up the Imjin River.
- * Little Switch (1953) — Exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war between United Nations and North Korean/Chinese forces.
 - o Big Switch (1953)
- * Ripper (1951) — UN movements towards the 38th parallel to recapture Seoul.
- * Tomahawk (1951) — Deployment of airmobile forces in the Battle of the Imjin River.

Vietnam War

- * Arc Light — US B-52 bombing campaign in Vietnam
- * Attleboro (1967) — US and ARVN air mobile operations in Tay Ninh.
- * Babylift (1975) — mass evacuation/airlift of orphans from South Vietnam to the US and other countries
- * Barrel Roll (1965) — bombing of Laos by US forces, to support the Royal Laotian Army and CIA-trained Hmong.
 - o Steel Tiger
 - o Tiger Hound
- * Bolo (1967) — Decoy mission to disguise the electronic signature of combat aircraft.
- * Castor (1953) — French resupply attempts by paratroop at Dien Bien Phu

- * Chopper (1962) — Major air mobile offensive near Saigon.
- * Cedar Falls (1967) — Attack on Viet Cong positions in Ben Cat (the Iron Triangle)
- * Commando Hunt (1968) — US bombing of the Ho Chi Minh Trail
- * Condor (1954) — French relief of Dien Bien Phu
- * Dewey Canyon (1971) — Offensive against NVA communication lines in Laos.
- * Enhance Plus (1972) — Resupply of military equipment and consumables to the government of South Vietnam.
- * Flaming Dart (1965) — Reprisal bombing attacks by the US air force against Viet Cong units.
- * Frequent Wind (1975) — Helicopter evacuation of US citizens before the fall of Saigon.
- * Game Warden (1965) — first major US riverine patrol operation. Later Swift Boat operations included:
 - o Ballistic Charge
 - o Beacon Star
 - o Beacon Torch
 - o Bear Bite
 - o Bear Claw
 - o Beau Charger
 - o Beau Diddley
 - o Beaver Cage
 - o Bold Mariner
 - o Boone
 - o Canyon
 - o Daring Rebel
 - o Deckhouse Five
 - o DeSoto
 - o Dragon Fire
 - o Fortress Ridge
 - o Seahawk
 - o Sea Tiger
 - o Market Time
- * Hastings (1966) — US counter-offensive operations in Quang Tri
- * Homecoming (1973) — repatriation of US prisoners of war from Vietnam
- * Leap Frog (1968) — Systematic canvassing of the opinions of senior ARVN officers by US military intelligence on likely Viet Cong actions.
- * Menu (1969) — US bombing of Cambodia
- * Malheur (1967) — Twin phased Search and destroy operations in Quang Ngai
- * Pegasus (1968) — Resupply and relief operations to US Marines besieged at Khe Sanh
- * Phoenix (1973) — CIA organised assassination campaign against influential NLF operatives in South Vietnam
- * Rich (1968) — Combined arms assault near the Ben Hai River in the DMZ
- * Linebacker (1972) — Strategic bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong, and mining of Haiphong harbour.
- * Ranch Hand (1961-71) — Spraying of herbicides by aircraft and ground forces.
 - o Trail Dust
- * Rolling Thunder (1967-68) — Bombing of North Vietnam
- * Sealords (1968) — Mekong River delta and inland waterways campaign by the US Navy in Vietnam
- * Starlight (1965) — US Marine Corps actions near Chu Lai.
- * Sunrise (1962) — Relocation of Vietnamese peasantry around Saigon to “strategic hamlets”.
- * Tailwind (1970) — Alleged use of nerve gas against US defectors in Laos.
- * Toan Thang 42 (1970) — ARVN incursion into Cambodia
- * Vulture (1954) — or Operation Vautour, proposed American-French air operations against the Viet Minh around Dien Bien Phu

Southern Africa

- * Askari (1983) — South African attack on SWAPO and FAPLA forces in Angola.
- * Carlota (1977) — Cuban Deployment to counter South African attacks to Angola.
- * Carnation (1981) — South African skirmishes with SWAPO forces along the Angolan border.
- * Dingo (1977) — Rhodesian attack on camps in Mozambique.
- * Klipklop (1980) — South African disruption of SWAPO logistics in Angola.
- * Meebos (1982) — South African destruction of SWAPO's "East Front" HQ at Mupa, Angola.
- * Phoenix (1983) — South African response to mass SWAPO infiltration of South-West Africa
- * Reindeer (1978) — South African airborne attack on SWAPO base at Cassinga, Angola.
- * Rekstok (1979) — South African attack on SWAPO bases in Angola.
- * Safraan (1979) — South African attack on SWAPO bases in Zambia.
- * Savannah (1975-76) — South African intervention in Angola in support of the FNLA.
- * Sceptic (1980) — South African attack on SWAPO bases in Angola.

Falklands War (1982)

- * Rosario — Argentine joint operation
 - o Algeciras — Planned Argentine sabotage raid.
 - o Azul — Argentine invasion
- * Corporate — British liberation
 - o Paraquat — British recapture of South Georgia.
 - o Black Buck — British long-range bombing raid
 - o Canbelow — British antiaircraft naval ambush
 - o Keyhole — British commando raid
 - o Purple Warrior — British training exercise incorporating lessons from the Falklands War
 - o Sutton — British amphibious landings

Post-Cold War

Rwanda

- * Amphibian (2001) — South African deployment to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda of observers to verify implementation of the Pretoria Agreement.
- * Clean Corridor (1994) — escort of Tutsi military forces to Kigali by UNAMIR.
- * Entebbe (1994) — Italian codename for Rwanda refugees rescue
- * Ippocampo (1994) — Italian codename for Italian civilians evacuation from Rwanda
- * Silver Back (1994) — International codename for civilian evacuation in Rwanda
- * Tamar (1994) — Australian contribution to peacekeeping in Rwanda.
- * Turquoise (1994) — French led intervention in Rwanda to protect displaced persons.

Other Africa

- * Addition (2000) — Canada's contribution to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)
- * Albatros (1993-94) — Italian contribution to UN peace keeping mission in Mozambique (UNOMOZ)
- * Amphibian (2001) — South African deployment to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda of observers to verify implementation of the Pretoria Agreement
- * Barras (2000) British SAS destruction of a rebel group in Sierra Leone.
- * Operation Boleas (1998) — South African military intervention in Lesotho

- * Caravan (2003) — Canadian contribution to the French-led Interim Emergency Multinational Force in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- * Cordite (2004) — South African observer mission to the African Union mission in Darfur
- * Deliverance (1993) — Canadian mission to Somalia
- * Espresso (2002) — South African contribution to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)
- * Fibre (2003) — South African mission to Burundi
- * Liberation (2002) — Seizure of Asian-owned assets in Zimbabwe.
- * Mistral (2003) — South African contribution to the Mission of the United Nations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC)
- * Montego (2003) — South African contribution to United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL)
- * Murambatsvina (2005) Zimbabwe government's attack on residential district loyal to opposition groups.
- * Nilo (2005) — Italian name for UN peace keeping mission in Sudan (UNMIS)
- * Phillis (2004) — evacuation of British citizens from Côte d'Ivoire
- * Sharp Edge (1990-91) — evacuation of Americans from Liberia
- * Shining Express (2003) — evacuation of Americans from Liberia
- * Solace (1992) — Australian deployment in Somalia
- * Tanker Two (2002) — South African Navy mission to shadow Greenpeace's MV Esperanza and prevent interception of the Pacific Teal, a plutonium transport.
- * Teutonic (2005) — SANDF assistance to DRC transitional government.

Arab/Israeli Conflict

- * Nickel Grass (1973) — American airlift to Israel
- * Litani (1978) — Israeli first invasion of Lebanon
- * Peace for Galilee (1982) — Israeli second invasion of Lebanon
- * Rainbow — Israeli incursion into the Gaza Strip in 2004.
- * Shevet Ahhim — 2005 Israeli pullout from the Gaza Strip.
- * Clearance of the Suez Canal in 1974:
 - o Nimbus Moon
 - o Nimbus Spar
 - o Nimbus Star
 - o Nimbus Stream
 - o Moon Water

East Timor

- * Astute — Deployment of Australian military forces to East Timor following the May 2006 civil unrest.
- * Citadel — Australia's contribution to the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISSET). Later ongoing peacekeeping actions were known as Operation Tanager.
- * Chiron — Training of East Timorese military forces by the Australian Defence Force.
- * East Timor — Deployment of New Zealand military forces to East Timor.
- * Faber — Deployment of United Nations military observers to East Timor in support of the UNAMET-monitored popular consultation.
- * Komodo — Indonesian invasion of East Timor in 1975.
- * Poinciana — Or Operasi Flamboyan (a name of a tropical tree); seaborne capture of Dili in 1975.
- * Stabilise — Also spelt as Operation Stabilize; Disarming of militias by multinational forces and the imposition of security and order in East Timor.

- * **Scorched Earth** — Or Operasi Sapu Bersih in Bahasa Indonesia, also known as Operation Clean Sweep; campaign of violence and arson allegedly committed by the TNI-supervised pro-integration militias following the 1999 United Nations supervised plebiscite.
- * **Spitfire** — Evacuation of foreign nationals from East Timor by Australian defence assets, as a result of post-referendum violence.
- * **Toucan** — Canada's contribution to the United Nations' International Force in East Timor (INTERFET) and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET)
- * **Warden** — American contribution to the United Nations' International Force in East Timor (INTERFET)

War in Croatia 1991-1995

- * **Operation Otkos 10 (end Oct-Nov 1991)** — Croatian actions against rebel Serbs and regular Serbian forces on area from Mount Bilogora to Mount Papuk (on west of Slavonia)
- * **Harmony** — Canada's contribution to the United Nation Protection Force (UNPROFOR), which was created in February 1992 to ensure the protection and demilitarization of three UN Protected Areas in Croatia
- * **Operation Tigar (July 1992)** — Croatian military actions in occupied Dubrovnik hinterland, held by Serbomontenegrian regulars.
- * **Medački džep (September 1993)** Croatian offensive against rebel Serbs with aim of relieving the city of Gospić from Serb shelling attacks.
- * **Bljesak ("Flash") (March 1995)** — Croatian offensive against rebel Serbs, with aim of capturing occupied western Slavonia
- * **Oluja ("Storm") (August 1995)** — Croatian major offensive against areas under control of rebel Serbs.

War in Bosnia and Herzegovina 1992-1995

- * **Operation Neretva 93 (1993)**
- * **Operation Bøllebank (Operation Hooligan-bashing) (April 1994)** UN-forces use of tanks against Bosnian Serbian forces.
- * **Operation Maestral (September 1995)**
- * **Operation Južni potez (October 1995)**
- * **Joint Force (1998)** — NATO operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Kosovo War 1999

- * **Megaphone** — Canada's return of equipment used in Kosovo
- * **Potkova ("Horseshoe") (1999)** — Yugoslav army offensive against the KLA
- * **Quadrant** — Canada's mission in Kosovo

War in Macedonia

- * **Essential Harvest (2001)** — month-long NATO mission of disarming ethnic Albanians in the Republic of Macedonia
 - o **Forage** — Canadian contribution to NATO's Essential Harvest
- * **Kinetic** — Canada's contribution to NATO's mission KFOR to secure Kosovo and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and to provide humanitarian needs to displaced persons
- * **Echo** — Canada sending air forces to Aviano, Italy to enforce a no-fly zone over Balkan region

Haiti

- * Constable (1997) — Canada's contribution to the United Nations Mission in Haiti
- * Uphold Democracy (1994) U.S. led multinational force, replaced by United Nations Mission in Haiti

Iraq

- * Provide Comfort (1991) — security and humanitarian aid to Kurds in northern Iraq
 - Airone (1991) — Italian codename for Operation Provide Comfort
- * Bramble Bush (1992) — Israeli plan to kill Saddam Hussein

Persian Gulf War

- * Desert Shield (1990-91) — American buildup prior to Gulf War
- * Desert Storm (1991) — Gulf War
 - Granby — British codename for operations during Gulf War
 - Daguet — French codename for operations during Gulf War
 - Damask — Royal Australian Navy deployment to the Persian Gulf.
 - Tempesta nel Deserto — Italian codename for operation during Gulf War
 - Desert Sabre — 100-hour Gulf War ground campaign
 - Determination (early 1998) — Canadian deployment in the Persian Gulf to force Iraq to comply with United Nations inspection agreements.
- * Ace Guard (1991) — The (NATO) Allied Command Europe Mobile Force for Turkey South Border Reinforcement (based at Diyarbakir AFB)
- * Northern Watch (1990s) — northern No-Fly Zone over Iraq
- * Record (1991) — Canadian mission to secure Iraqi-Kuwaiti border
- * Southern Watch (1990s) — southern No-Fly Zone over Iraq

Second Invasion of Iraq

- * Iraqi Freedom (2003-04) — U.S. invasion/occupation of Iraq
 - o Abilene — (2003)
 - o All American Tiger — (2003)
 - o Aloha — (2004) American anti-insurgent sweep in Kirkuk.
 - o Antica Babilonia — (2003-2005) Italian peace keeping mission in Nasiriyah
 - o Baton Rouge — (2004)
 - o Bayonet Lightning — (2003)
 - o Boothill — (2003)
 - o Black Typhoon — (2004)
 - o Blue Tiger — (2004)
 - o Bulldog — (2004)
 - o Bulldog Mammoth — (2003) American search of an apartment complex.
 - o Cajun Mousetrap II — (2004)
 - o Cajun Mousetrap III — (2004)
 - o Centaur Rodeo — (2004)
 - o Centaur Strike II — (2004)
 - o Centaur Strike III — (2004)
 - o Chamberlain — (2003) Border security operation.

- o Choke Hold — (2003)
- o Clean Sweep — (2004)
- o Clear Area — (2003)
- o Cobra Sweep — (2004)
- o Danger Fortitude — (2004)
- o Desert Scorpion (1998) — American contingency deployment.
- o Desert Scorpion (2003) — American raid to capture Ba'athists. (included a number of lesser operations such as Scorpion Sting, Spartan Scorpion and Rifles Scorpion.)
- o Desert Snowplough — (2003) codename for Danish operations.
- o Devil Clinch — (2004)
- o Devil Siphon — (2003)
- o Devil Thrust — (2004)
- o Disarm — (2004)
- o Dragon Victory — (2004)
- o Duke Fortitude — (2004)
- o Eagle Curtain — (2003)
- o Eagle Liberty 3 — (2004)
- o Final Cut — (2004)
- o Gimlet Victory — (2004)
- o Giuliani — (2004)
- o Grizzly Forced Entry — (2004)
- o Haifa Street — (2004)
- o Hurricane — (2004)
- o Hurricane II — (2004)
- o Industrial Sweep — (2003) Operation in Samarra.
- o Iron Bullet — (2003)
- o Iron Fist II — (2004)
 - + Iron Force — (2003)
- o Iron Fury — (2004)
- o Iron Fury II — (2004)
- o Iron Grip — (2003)
- o Iron Hammer — U.S. forces in Iraq “ferreting out” the opposition.
- o Iron Justice — (2003)
- o Iron Promise — (2004)
- o Iron Resolve — (2004)
- o Iron Saber — (2004)
- o Ivy Blizzard — counter-insurgency sweep by US forces
 - + Arrowhead Blizzard — (2003)
- o Ivy Cyclone — (2003)
- o Ivy Cyclone II — American operation near Tikrit.
- o Ivy Lightning — (2003)
- o Ivy Needle — (2003)
- o Ivy Serpent — (2003)
- o Lancer Fury — (2004)
- o Lancer Lightning — (2004)
- o Lightning — (2005)
- o Longhorn — (2004)
- o Longstreet — (2003)
- o Mandarin Squeeze — (2004)
- o Market Sweep — (2004)
- o Matador — (2005)

- o Mayfield III — (2004)
- o Mutual Security — (2004)
- o New Market — (2005)
- o O.K. Coral — (2003)
- o Outlaw Destroyer — (2004)
- o Panther Squeeze — (2003) Series of raids in Latifiya.
- o Peninsula Strike (2003) — American raid to capture Ba'athists.
- o Phantom Fury (2004) — Joint American/Iraqi assault on Fallujah.
- o Phantom Linebacker — Security Operations along the Syrian border.
- o Planet X (2003) — American raid to capture Ba'athists.
- o Plymouth Rock (2004) Sweep south of Baghdad.
- o Quarterhorse Rides — (2004)
- o Operation Rapier Thrust — (2004)
- o Operation Red Dawn (2003) — American capture of Saddam Hussein.
- o Resolute Sword — (2004)
- o Rifles Fury — (2003)
- o Rifles Blitz — border security operations in Iraq.
- o Rifles Sweep — (2003)
- o Ripper Sweep — (2004)
- o Rocketman — (2004)
- o Rocketman III — (2004)
- o Rock Slide — (2004)
- o Saber Turner II — (2004)
- o Operation Salm — (2003)
- o Operation Saloon — (2004)
- o Shillelagh — (2004)
- o Showdown — (2004)
- o Sidewinder (2003) —
- o Slim Shady — (2004)
- o Silverado — (2003)
- o Soda Mountain — (2003)
- o Spear — (2005)
- o Spring Cleanup — (2004)
- o Squeeze Play — (2005)
- o Steel Curtain — (2005)
- o Stiker Hurricane — (2004)
- o Striker Tornado — (2004)
- o Suicide Kings — (2004)
- o Sweeny — (2003) Anti-smuggling operation by the Marines.
- o Telic — codename for British operations
- o Tiger Clean Sweep — (2003)
- o Tiger Fury — (2004)
- o Tomahawk — (2004)
- o Tombstone Piledriver — (2004)
- o Trailblazer — (2004)
- o True Grit — (2004)
- o Operation Tyr — (2003)
- o Vigilant Resolve (2004) — *First American attempt to capture Fallujah.*
- o Warhorse Whirlwind — (2003)
- o Warrior — (2004)
- o Warrior Resolve — (2004)

- o Wolfpack Crunch — (2004)
- o Wolverine — (2004)
- o Yellow Stone — (2004)

Global War on Terror and other associated activity

Afghanistan

- * Anaconda (2002) — U.S. sweep in Afghanistan
- * Apollo (2002) — the Canadian Navy's operations in support of United States forces in Afghanistan
- * Athena (2003) — Canadian Forces contribution to ISAF in Kabul.
- * Enduring Freedom (2001-present) — U.S. led invasion of Afghanistan
 - o Anaconda — U.S. effort to capture al Qaeda members and Taliban in Afghanistan
 - o Apollo — the Canadian Navy's operation in support of the United States forces in Afghanistan
 - o Asbury Park — U.S. offensive into southern Afghanistan
 - o Athena (2003) Canadian Forces contribution to ISAF in Kabul.
 - o Avalanche (December 2003) — U.S.-led offensive of Afghanistan
 - o Haven Denial (July 2003) — U.S. and Italian operation against Taliban remnants and Al Qaeda fighters in southeast Afghanistan
 - o Headstrong (2003) — British special forces secretly training Afghan commandos to seek out and destroy drug labs
 - o Lightning Resolve (launched August 2004) — involving thousands of troops to protect the Afghan presidential elections on October 7
 - o Mountain Resolve (launched on November 7, 2003) — U.S.-led operation in Nurestan and Konar provinces, Afghanistan
 - o Mountain Viper (late August, 2003) — U.S.-Afghan attack on suspected Taliban forces in Zabul province, Afghanistan
 - o Nibbio — (March 15 - September 15, 2003) Italian code name for Enduring Freedom
 - o Slipper — the Australian Defence Force's contribution to the invasion of Afghanistan
 - o Warrior Sweep (July 23, 2003) — first major military operation of the Afghan National Army
- * Sparviero — Italian Army contribution to ISAF in Kabul
- * Veritas (2001) — UK overall operation in Afghanistan
 - o Ptarmigan - 45th Commando Operation
 - o Operations Snipe, Condor, Buzzard - more 45th commando operations.

Other military counter-terrorist operations

- * Eagle Assist (2001) — Surveillance and protection of US skies by NATO military aircraft.
- * Enduring Freedom - Horn of Africa (2002) US military operations and civic assistance based in Djibouti.
- * Enduring Freedom - Philippines (2002) US military operations in the Philippines against Aby Sayyaf insurgents.
- * Noble Eagle (2001) — US military operations to prevent terrorism in the United States.

Terrorist operations

- * Bojinka (1995) — aborted Al-Qaeda plot to bomb eleven aircraft over Asia, and/or assassinate Pope John Paul 23rd in the Philippines.
- * Jibril (2001) — aborted Jemaah Islamiah plan to bomb US, Australian, Israeli and British targets in Singapore. Also known as Operation C.

- * Death Trains (2004) — unverified name given by Al-Qaeda for the Madrid train bombings.
- * Wagon (2003) — unverified name given by Al-Qaeda for an aborted plan to bomb the London Underground and attack Heathrow Airport.

Counter-terrorism drills

- * Fast Forward (2005) Mock evacuation of downtown Washington.
- * Firework Fanfare (2005) Mock evacuation of towns in Oklahoma.
- * Highline (2005) Counter-terrorist exercise in Collingwood, Melbourne.
- * TriPOD (2004) Plan to mass inoculate New York City citizens in the event of a biological attack.

Preventative counter-terrorist operations

- * Active Endeavour NATO naval forces in the Mediterranean.
- * Asparagus Investigation and arrest into suspected Islamist terrorists in Belgium by Belgian police.
- * Atlas (2003) — counter-terrorism initiatives implemented by the New York Police Department.
- * Crevice (2004) — British counterterrorism action.
- * Green Quest (2001) — US Customs anti-money laundering operations targeting Al-Barakat transactions.
- * Kratos (2002) — Development and implementation of "shoot-to-kill" anti-terrorist policies by the London Metropolitan Police.
- * Laverda (2003) — London Metropolitan Police surveillance operations against Islamist demonstrations.
- * Liberty Shield (2003) — Department of Homeland Security operations to enhance security at US installations, and to detain selected foreign nationals.
- * NYShield (2003) — New York state plan to secure transport centres and nodes.
- * Safe Commerce (2004) — Implementation of new measures and technology to improve maritime cargo screening.
- * Sirius (2005) — Canadian military participation in Operation Active Endeavour.
- * Vigilance (2001) — Counter-terrorist operations conducted by the state of Arizona.

Reactive counter-terrorist operations

- * Alliance (2002) — Australian and Indonesian joint investigations into the 2002 Bali bombings.
- * Bali Assist (2002) — Australian evacuation of killed and injured foreign nationals from Indonesia after the 2002 Bali bombings.
- * Seal (2004) — Arrest of suspected Islamist militants in Spain following the Madrid train bombings.
- * Support (Sept. 11-14, 2001) — Canadian Forces operations after the September 11, 2001 attacks
- * Tigris (2004) — Spanish investigations into Islamist organisations in Spain.
- * Yellow Ribbon (2001) — Transport Canada's operations after the September 11, 2001 attacks

Quotes on war:

Give me the money that has been spent in war and I will clothe every man, woman, and child in an attire of which kings and queens will be proud. I will build a schoolhouse in every valley over the whole earth. I will crown every hillside with a place of worship consecrated to peace. ~**Charles Sumner**

War does not determine who is right - only who is left. ~**Bertrand Russell**

It'll be a great day when education gets all the money it wants and the Air Force has to hold a bake sale to buy bombers. ~**Author unknown, quoted in You Said a Mouthful edited by Ronald D. Fuchs**

Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind. ~**John F. Kennedy, 1961**

I dream of giving birth to a child who will ask, "Mother, what was war?" ~**Eve Merriam**

The release of atom power has changed everything except our way of thinking... the solution to this problem lies in the heart of mankind. If only I had known, I should have become a watchmaker. ~**Albert Einstein**

The direct use of force is such a poor solution to any problem, it is generally employed only by small children and large nations. ~**David Friedman**

"There are no atheists in foxholes" isn't an argument against atheism, it's an argument against foxholes. ~**James Morrow**

Sometimes I think it should be a rule of war that you have to see somebody up close and get to know him before you can shoot him. ~**M*A*S*H, Colonel Potter**

All the arms we need are for hugging. ~**Author Unknown**

A soldier will fight long and hard for a bit of colored ribbon. ~**Napoleon**

A great war leaves the country with three armies - an army of cripples, an army of mourners, and an army of thieves. ~**German Proverb**

The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. ~**Omar Bradley**

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron. ~**Dwight D. Eisenhower, speech, American Society of Newspaper Editors, 16 April 1953**

The most persistent sound which reverberates through men's history is the beating of war drums. ~**Arthur Koestler, Janus: A Summing Up**

What a cruel thing is war: to separate and destroy families and friends, and mar the purest joys and happiness God has granted us in this world; to fill our hearts with hatred instead of love for our neighbors, and to devastate the fair face of this beautiful world. ~**Robert E. Lee, letter to his wife, 1864**

Everyone's a pacifist between wars. It's like being a vegetarian between meals. ~**Colman McCarthy**

Nations have recently been led to borrow billions for war; no nation has ever borrowed largely for education. Probably, no nation is rich enough to pay for both war and civilization. We must make our choice; we cannot have both. ~**Abraham Flexner**

Draft beer; not people. ~**Author Unknown**

The problem in defense is how far you can go without destroying from within what you are trying to defend from without. ~**Dwight D. Eisenhower**

War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today. ~**John F. Kennedy**

In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
~**John McCrae**

What this planet needs is more mistletoe and less missile-talk. ~**Author Unknown**

Join the Army, see the world, meet interesting people - and kill them. ~**Pacifist Badge, 1978**

Never think that war, no matter how necessary, nor how justified, is not a crime. ~**Ernest Hemingway**

War makes thieves and peace hangs them. ~**George Herbert**

You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake. ~**Jeanette Rankin**

You are not going to get peace with millions of armed men. The chariot of peace cannot advance over a road littered with cannon. ~**David Lloyd George**

Sometime they'll give a war and nobody will come. ~**Carl Sandburg**

In war, there are no unwounded soldiers. ~**José Narosky**

We kind o' thought Christ went agin war an' pillage. ~**James Russell Lowell**

If we let people see that kind of thing, there would never again be any war. ~**Pentagon official explaining why the U.S. military censored graphic footage from the Gulf War**

I have no doubt that we will be successful in harnessing the sun's energy.... If sunbeams were weapons of war, we would have had solar energy centuries ago. ~**Sir George Porter, quoted in The Observer, 26 August 1973**

War would end if the dead could return. ~**Stanley Baldwin**

War! that mad game the world so loves to play. ~**Jonathan Swift**

It is forbidden to kill; therefore all murderers are punished unless they kill in large numbers and to the sound of trumpets. ~**Voltaire**

If it's natural to kill, why do men have to go into training to learn how? ~**Joan Baez,**

I couldn't help but say to [Mr. Gorbachev], just think how easy his task and mine might be in these meetings that we held if suddenly there was a threat to this world from another planet. [We'd] find out once and for all that we really are all human beings here on this earth together. ~**Ronald Reagan, 1985**

[John] Dalton's records, carefully preserved for a century, were destroyed during the World War II bombing of Manchester. It is not only the living who are killed in war. ~**Isaac Asimov**

The tragedy of war is that it uses man's best to do man's worst. ~**Henry Fosdick**

All wars are follies, very expensive and very mischievous ones. In my opinion, there never was a good war or a bad peace. When will mankind be convinced and agree to settle their difficulties by arbitration? ~**Benjamin Franklin**

In war, truth is the first casualty. ~**Aeschylus**

Men are at war with each other because each man is at war with himself. ~**Francis Meehan**

No country is so wild and difficult but men will make it a theater of war. ~**Ambrose Bierce**

War grows out of the desire of the individual to gain advantage at the expense of his fellow man. ~**Napoleon Hill**

We have war when at least one of the parties to a conflict wants something more than it wants peace. ~**Jeane J. Kirkpatrick**

Man is the only animal that deals in that atrocity of atrocities, War. He is the only one that gathers his brethren about him and goes forth in cold blood and calm pulse to exterminate his kind. He is the only animal that for sordid wages will march out... and help to slaughter strangers of his own species who have done him no harm and with whom he has no quarrel...

And in the intervals between campaigns he washes the blood off his hands and works for "the universal brotherhood of man" - with his mouth. ~**Mark Twain**

Patriots always talk of dying for their country and never of killing for their country. ~**Bertrand Russell, attributed**

It doesn't require any particular bravery to stand on the floor of the Senate and urge our boys in Vietnam to fight harder, and if this war mushrooms into a major conflict and a hundred thousand young Americans are killed, it won't be U.S. Senators who die. It will be American soldiers who are too young to qualify for the Senate. ~**George McGovern**

I'm fed up to the ears with old men dreaming up wars for young men to die in. ~**George McGovern**

When the rich wage war, it's the poor who die. ~**Jean-Paul Sartre**

The release of atomic energy has not created a new problem. It has merely made more urgent the necessity of solving an existing one. ~**Albert Einstein, "Atomic War or Peace," Atlantic Monthly, November 1945**

You cannot prevent and prepare for war at the same time. ~**Albert Einstein**

We kill because we are afraid of our own shadow, afraid that if we used a little common sense we'd have to admit that our glorious principles were wrong. ~**Henry Miller, The Wisdom of the Heart, 1941**

The refuge of the morally, intellectually, artistically and economically bankrupt is war. ~**Martin H. Fischer**

They wrote in the old days that it is sweet and fitting to die for one's country. But in modern war there is nothing sweet nor fitting in your dying. You will die like a dog for no good reason. ~**Ernest Hemingway**

The ability and inclination to use physical strength is no indication of bravery or tenacity to life. The greatest cowards are often the greatest bullies. Nothing is cheaper and more common than physical bravery. ~**Clarence Darrow, Resist Not Evil**

Where is the indignation about the fact that the United States and Soviet Union have accumulated thirty thousand pounds of destructive force for every human being in the world? ~**Norman Cousins**

I think war might be God's way of teaching us geography. ~**Paul Rodriguez**

The era of true peace on earth will not come as long as a tremendous percentage of your taxes goes to educate men in the trades of slaughter. ~**Reginald Wright Kauffman**

Are bombs the only way of setting fire to the spirit of a people? Is the human will as inert as the past two world-wide wars would indicate? ~**Gregory Clark**

The way to win an atomic war is to make certain it never starts. ~**Omar Bradley**

War is only a cowardly escape from the problems of peace. ~**Thomas Mann**

We have failed to grasp the fact that mankind is becoming a single unit, and that for a unit to fight against itself is suicide.
~**Havelock Ellis**

Have not I myself known five hundred living soldiers sabred into crows' meat for a piece of glazed cotton, which they call their flag; which had you sold it at any market-cross, would not have brought above three groschen? ~**Thomas Carlyle, "Sartor Resartus"**

The basic problems facing the world today are not susceptible to a military solution. ~**John F. Kennedy**

War is the only game in which it doesn't pay to have the home-court advantage. ~**Dick Motta**

If it were proved to me that in making war, my ideal had a chance of being realized, I would still say "no" to war. For one does not create a human society on mounds of corpses. ~**Louis Lecoin**

War is fear cloaked in courage. ~**William Westmoreland**

War has a deeper and more ineffable relation to hidden grandeurs in man than has yet been deciphered. ~**Thomas de Quincey**

No country can act wisely simultaneously in every part of the globe at every moment of time. ~**Henry Kissinger**

Liberty and democracy become unholy when their hands are dyed red with innocent blood. ~**Gandhi, Non-violence in Peace and War, 1948**

I would like it if men had to partake in the same hormonal cycles to which we're subjected monthly. Maybe that's why men declare war - because they have a need to bleed on a regular basis. ~**Brett Butler**

We saw the lightning and that was the guns and then we heard the thunder and that was the big guns; and then we heard the rain falling and that was the blood falling; and when we came to get in the crops, it was dead men that we reaped.
~**Harriet Tubman**

It is easier to lead men to combat, stirring up their passions, than to restrain them and direct them toward the patient labors of peace. ~**André Gide, Journals, 13 September 1938**

Battles, in these ages, are transacted by mechanism; with the slightest possible development of human individuality or spontaneity; men now even die, and kill one another, in an artificial manner. ~**Thomas Carlyle, The French Revolution, vol 1, book VII, chapter 4**

The military don't start wars. Politicians start wars. ~**William Westmoreland**

I have never advocated war except as a means of peace. ~**Ulysses S. Grant**

We are going to have peace even if we have to fight for it. ~**Dwight D. Eisenhower**

In the name of peace
They waged the wars
Ain't they got no shame
~**Nikki Giovanni**

Fighting for peace is like screwing for virginity. ~**Author Unknown**

What is absurd and monstrous about war is that men who have no personal quarrel should be trained to murder one another in cold blood. ~**Aldous Huxley**

Man has no right to kill his brother. It is no excuse that he does so in uniform: he only adds the infamy of servitude to the crime of murder. ~**Percy Bysshe Shelley, "A Declaration of Rights"**

Frankly, I'd like to see the government get out of war altogether and leave the whole field to private individuals. ~**Joseph Heller, Catch-22, 1955**

To kill a man is not to defend a doctrine, but to kill a man. ~**Michael Servetus**

A day will come when a cannon will be exhibited in museums, just as instruments of torture are now, and the people will be astonished that such a thing could have been. ~**Victor Hugo**

Anyone who has ever looked into the glazed eyes of a soldier dying on the battlefield will think hard before starting a war. ~**Otto Von Bismark**

The draft is white people sending black people to fight yellow people to protect the country they stole from red people. ~**Gerome Gagni and James Rado, 1967**

War hath no fury like a noncombatant. ~**Charles Edward Montague, Disenchantment**

What a country calls its vital... interests are not things that help its people live, but things that help it make war. Petroleum is a more likely cause of international conflict than wheat. ~**Simone Weil, Ecris historiques et politiques, 1960**

War is never a solution; it is an aggravation. ~**Benjamin Disraeli**

The stench of the trail of Ego in our History. It is ego - ego, the fountain cry, origin, sole source of war. ~**George Meredith, Beauchamp's Career**

Dress it as we may, feather it, daub it with gold, huzza it, and sing swaggering songs about it, what is war, nine times out of ten, but murder in uniform? ~**Douglas Jerrold**

If you wish to be brothers, drop your weapons. ~**Pope John Paul II**

Law never made men a whit more just; and by means of their respect for it, even the well-disposed are daily made the agents of injustice. A common and natural result of an undue respect for law is that you may see a file of soldiers, colonel, captain, corporal, privates, powder-monkeys, and all marching in admirable order over hill and dale to the wars, against their wills, ay, against their common sense and consciences, which makes it very steep marching indeed, and produces a palpitation of the heart. They have no doubt that it is a damnable business in which they are concerned; they are all peaceably inclined. Now, what are they? Men at all? or small movable forts and magazines, at the service of some unscrupulous man in power? The mass of men serve the State thus, not as men mainly, but as machines, with their bodies.... In most cases there is no free exercise whatever of the judgment or of the moral sense; but they put themselves on a level with wood and earth and stones; and wooden men can perhaps be manufactured that will serve the purpose as well. ~**Henry David Thoreau, On the Duty of Civil Disobedience**

Older men declare war. But it is the youth that must fight and die. ~**Herbert Hoover**

A day of battle is a day of harvest for the devil. ~**William Hooke**

There is nothing that war has ever achieved that we could not better achieve without it. ~**Havelock Ellis**

All wars are civil wars, because all men are brothers. ~**François Fénelon**

War should belong to the tragic past, to history: it should find no place on humanity's agenda for the future. ~**Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyla)**

Men were made for war. Without it they wandered greyly about, getting under the feet of the women, who were trying to organize the really important things of life. ~**Alice Thomas Ellis**

Will... the threat of common extermination continue?... Must children receive the arms race from us as a necessary inheritance? ~**Pope John Paul II, speech at the UN, 1979**

War is nothing less than a temporary repeal of the principles of virtue. It is a system out of which almost all the virtues are excluded, and in which nearly all the vices are included. ~**Robert Hall**

Traditional nationalism cannot survive the fissioning of the atom. One world or none. ~**Stuart Chase**

Wars usually have the effect of speeding up the process of history. ~**Pieter Geyl, Debates With Historians**

Why do we kill people who are killing people to show that killing people is wrong? ~**Holly Near**

The pioneers of a warless world are the [youth] who refuse military service. ~**Albert Einstein**

O Lord our God, help us tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the shrieks of their wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with their little children to wander unfriended the wastes of their desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst, sports of the sun flames of summer and the icy winds of winter, broken in spirit, worn with travail, imploring Thee for the refuge of the grave and denied it. ~**Mark Twain, "The War Prayer"**

The death of one man is a tragedy. The death of millions is a statistic. ~**Joe Stalin, comment to Churchill at Potsdam, 1945**

Men like war: they do not hold much sway over birth, so they make up for it with death. Unlike women, men menstruate by shedding other people's blood. ~**Lucy Ellman**

War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself. ~**John Stewart Mill**

The aim of military training is not just to prepare men for battle, but to make them long for it. ~**Louis Simpson**

The object of war is not to die for your country, but to make the other bastard die for his. ~**George Patton**

The expendability factor has increased by being transferred from the specialised, scarce and expensively trained military personnel to the amorphous civilian population. American strategists have calculated the proportion of civilians killed in this century's major wars. In the First World War 5 per cent of those killed were civilians, in the Second World War 48 per cent, while in a Third World War 90-95 per cent would be civilians. ~**Colin Ward, Anarchy in Action**

You can't say civilization don't advance, however, for in every war they kill you in a new way. ~**Will Rogers, New York Times, 23 December 1929**

Organized slaughter, we realize, does not settle a dispute; it merely silences an argument. ~**James Frederick Green**

I recoil with horror at the ferociousness of man. Will nations never devise a more rational umpire of differences than force? Are there no means of coercing injustice more gratifying to our nature than a waste of the blood of thousands and of the labor of millions of our fellow creatures? ~**Thomas Jefferson**

War should be made a crime, and those who instigate it should be punished as criminals. ~**Charles Evans Hughes**

War is a game which were their subjects wise, kings would not play at. ~**William Cowper**

Borders are scratched across the hearts of men
By strangers with a calm, judicial pen,
And when the borders bleed we watch with dread
The lines of ink across the map turn red.
~**Marya Mannes, Subverse: Rhymes for Our Times, 1959**

If we don't end war, war will end us. ~**H.G. Wells, Things to Come, 1935**

War is not an adventure. It is a disease. It is like typhus. ~**Antoine de Saint-Exupery**

I don't know whether war is an interlude during peace, or peace an interlude during war. ~**Georges Clemenceau**

As long as mankind shall continue to bestow more liberal applause on their destroyers than on their benefactors, the thirst of military glory will ever be the vice of exalted characters. ~**Edward Gibbon**

There's a graveyard in northern France where all the dead boys from D-Day are buried. The white crosses reach from one horizon to the other. I remember looking it over and thinking it was a forest of graves. But the rows were like this, dizzying, diagonal, perfectly straight, so after all it wasn't a forest but an orchard of graves. Nothing to do with nature, unless you count human nature. ~**Barbara Kingsolver, Animal Dreams**

War! When I but think of this word, I feel bewildered, as though they were speaking to me of sorcery, of the Inquisition, of a distant, finished, abominable, monstrous, unnatural thing. When they speak to us of cannibals, we smile proudly, as we proclaim our superiority to these savages. Who are the real savages? Those who struggle in order to eat those whom they vanquish, or those who struggle merely to kill? ~**Guy de Maupassant, Sur l'Eau**

The bomb that fell on Hiroshima fell on America too. It fell on no city, no munition plants, no docks. It erased no church, vaporized no public buildings, reduced no man to his atomic elements. But it fell, it fell. ~**Hermann Hagedorn, "The Bomb That Fell on America"**

I hate war for its consequences, for the lies it lives on and propagates, for the undying hatreds it arouses, for the dictatorships it puts in the place of democracies, and for the starvation that stalks after it. I hate war, and never again will I sanction or support another. ~**Harry Emerson Fosdick**

It seems like such a terrible shame that innocent civilians have to get hurt in wars, otherwise combat would be such a wonderfully healthy way to rid the human race of unneeded trash. ~**Fred Woodworth**

In an incredible perversion of justice, former soldiers who sprayed festeringly poisonous chemicals on Vietnam, and now find today that they themselves have been damaged by them, appeal to the people for sympathy and charity. The effects of the defoliant "Agent Orange" are discussed at length, but not one single newspaper article or hearing that we are aware of has even mentioned the effects of the people who still live in those regions of Vietnam. It's as outlandish as if Nazis who gassed Jews were now to come forward and whine that the poisons they utilized had finally made them sick. The staggering monstrousness goes unlaughed at and even unnoticed, as in a Kafka novel. ~**Fred Woodworth, The Match, No. 79**

A visitor from Mars could easily pick out the civilized nations. They have the best implements of war. ~**Herbert V. Prochnow**

Studies by Medical Corps psychiatrists of combat fatigue cases... found that fear of killing, rather than fear of being killed, was the most common cause of battle failure, and that fear of failure ran a strong second. ~**S.L.A. Marshall**

You're an old-timer if you can remember when setting the world on fire was a figure of speech. ~**Franklin P. Jones, referring to the atomic bomb**

RELIGION

All religions or belief systems by number of adherents

1. Christianity 2.1 billion (Began: ca. 27 AD/CE)
 - * Roman Catholicism: 1.085 billion
 - * Protestantism: 590 million
 - * Eastern Orthodoxy: 200 million
 - * Anglican: 84 million
 - * Oriental Orthodoxy, Assyrians, and other Christians: 350 million
 - * Latter Day Saints (Mormons) 12.6 million (Began: ca. 1830)
2. Islam 1.3 billion (Began: ca. 622 AD/CE)
 - * Sunnism: 940 million
 - * Shi'ism: 170 million
 - * Sufi, Ibadiyyah, Druze and other Muslims : 80 million
3. Secular/irreligious/agnostic/atheist/antitheistic/antireligious 1.1 billion
 - * Category includes a wide range of beliefs, without specifically adhering to a religion. The category also includes humanism, deism, pantheism, and freethought.
4. Hinduism 900 million (Began: 15th century BC/BCE)
 - * Vaishnavism: 580 million
 - * Shaivism: 220 million
 - * Shaktism/Smartism/Arya Samaj/Other sects: 150 million
5. Buddhism 708 million (Began: 6th century BC/BCE)
 - * Mahayana: 185 million
 - * Theravada: 124 million
 - * Chinese/Japanese Buddhism: 394 million
6. Primal indigenous 300 million
 - * Not a single organized religion, includes a wide range of primarily Asian traditional or tribal religions, including Shamanism and Paganism.
7. African traditional and diasporic 100 million
 - * Not a single organized religion, this includes traditional African beliefs such as Yoruba as well as diasporic beliefs such as Santeria (which itself draws from Catholicism) and Vodoun.
8. Shintoism 69 million (Began: 300 BC/BCE)
 - * This number states the number of practicing followers of Shintoism; for if partial or ethnic followers of Shintoism were included, the number would fall around 100–115 million.
9. Sikhism 23 million (Began: 1500s)
10. Juche 19 million
 - * Not considered a religion by adherents, who view it as secular and anti-revisionist. Juche is the political ideology of the Workers Party of Korea, the ruling party of the DPRK; some have argued it constitutes a religion due to its Great Leader Worship characteristics. The number is approximately the entire population of the country.
11. Spiritism 15 million (Began: mid-19th century)
 - * Not a single organized religion, includes a variety of beliefs including some forms of Umbanda.
12. Judaism 15 million (Began: 13th century BC/BCE)
13. Falun Gong 10-100 million* (Began: 1992)
 - * Not necessarily considered a religion by adherents or outside observers. No membership or rosters, thus the actual figure of practitioners is impossible to confirm.
14. Bahá'í Faith 7 million (Began: 19th century)
15. Jainism 4.2 million (Began: 6th century BC/BCE)

16. Cao Dai 4 million (Began: 1926)
17. Humanism** over 3 million
18. Zoroastrianism 2.6 million (Began: ca. 6th century BC/BCE)
19. Tenrikyo 2 million (Began: 1838)
20. Neopaganism 1 million (Began: 20th century)
 - * A blanket term for several religions like Wicca, Asatru, Druidry, and many reconstructionist religions
21. Unitarian Universalism 800,000 (Began: 1961)
22. Rasta 600,000 (Began: early 1930s)

Cults, and Other Groups of Interest

The fact that these groups appear on this list does not necessarily mean they are a destructive mind control cult. They appear because we have received inquiries and have established a file on the group.

The fact that links for other organizations exist on this page does not mean that we agree with all of their viewpoints, or can verify that all of their information is true. We have even included a few links to sites that we strongly disagree with, but feel that they offer information and another point of view which could prove useful. We invite you to use critical and independent judgment to evaluate the merits and weaknesses of each one on this list.

List of Cult Groups in Alphabetical Order:

- Adidam (founder Adi Da, aka Franklin Albert Jones, other aliases)
- Aesthetic Realism (leader Eli Siegel)
- Alamo Foundation (aka Holy Alamo Christian, leader Tony Alamo)
- AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)
- Al Qaeda (leader Osama bin Laden)
- Amway Motivational Organizations
- Ananda Church of Self-Realization (leader Swami Kriyananda)
- Apostles of Infinite Love
- Aquarian Concepts Community
- Atma (Isis Holistic) Center
- Attleboro Cult (aka 'The Body of Christ'; leader Roland Robidoux)
- Aum Shinrikyo (leader Shoko Asahara)
- Avatar Star's Edge International (founder Harry Palmer)

- Black Hebrews (leader Ben Israel)
- Body, The
- Boston Church of Christ (leader Kip McKean)
- Branch Davidians (leader David Koresh)
- Brethren (aka Garbage Eaters, leader Jim Roberts)
- Brother Julius (leader Julius Schacknow)
- Bruderhof (aka Hutterian Brethern East aka Society of Brothers)

- CBJ (leader Charles Brown)
- Chen Tao (leader Hon Ming Chen)
- Children of God (aka the Family, leader Moses David Berg)
- Ching Hai
- Christian Science (founder Mary Baker Eddy)
- Chung Moo Doe (leader John C. Kim)
- Church of Agape (Donald Lee Barnett)

Church of Bible Understanding (COBU, leader Stewart Trill)
Church Universal and Triumphant (leader Elizabeth Clare Prophet)
Circle of Divine Unity (leader Devra West)
Commercial Cults
Community of Jesus
Concerned Christians (leader Monte Kim Miller)
Conversation, The (leader Arnold Siegel)
Creativity Movement (formerly known as World Church of the Creator, Leader Matt Hale)

Dawn Horse Communion (leader Adi Da aka Da Free John)
Deal, The (leader James King)

Ecclesia (leader Eldridge Broussard, Jr.)
Eckankar (Leader is Sri Harold Klemp)
Elan Vital (formerly Divine Light Mission, leader Guru Maharaji)
Emin (founder by Raymond John Armin aka Leo Run)
Emissaries of Divine Light (leader Michael Exeter)
Endeavor Academy (leaders Charles Buell Anderson, Theodore Hector Poppe)
Equinox International (leader Bill Gould)
Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary / Canaan Franciscan Brotherhood

False Memory Syndrome / Repressed Memory Debate
Falun Gong
Family of David (leader Immanuel David)
Fellowship of Friends (leader Robert Earl Burton)
Foundation of Human Understanding (leader Roy Masters)
Friends of the Western Buddhist Order (leader Sangharakshita)

Genesis Associates
Global Association of Culture and Peace, The (leader Jung Myung Seok aka Joshua Jung & GACP)
Global Prosperity, Institute of
Gospel Assembly Church
Great Commission Association of Churches (aka Blitz)
Greater Grace Church (aka Bible Speaks, leader Carl Stevens)

3HO (leader Yogi Bhanjan aka Sikh Dharma)
Heaven's Gate (leader Marshall Applewhite)
Heng-Ming Chen (aka God's Salvation Church)
HIS Ministries (leaders April and Doug McQueen)
Ho-no-Hana Sampogyo (leader Hogen Fukunaga)
House of Yahweh

Iglesia ni Cristo
Impersonal Enlightenment Fellowship (leader Andrew Cohen)
International Christian Association (now known as The Global Association of Culture and Peace (leader Jung Myung Seok aka Joshua Jung & GACP)
International Churches of Christ (leader Kip McKean)
International Saturday Group (ISG) (leader Nadine Scott)
International Zen Association
ISKCON (Hare Krishna)

Jehovah's Witnesses (aka Watchtower Bible and Tract Society)
Jesus People USA
Jetsunma Ahkon Lhamo
Jews for Jesus

Kabbalah Centre (founder Philip Berg)
Kings Chapel
Kirpal Light Satsung (leader Thakar Singh)
Krishna, Hare

Landmark Forum / est and other Large Group Awareness Trainings
Legion of Christ (founder Fr. Marcial Maciel Degollado)
Leo Jean
Lifespring (leader John Hanley)
Life Training (founder Bradford Brown aka Kairos Foundation)
Living in Process (founder Anne Wilson Schaef)
Local Church (leader Witness Lee)
Love Israel (leader Paul Erdman)

Mahikari (aka Sukyo Mahikari)
Maranatha Campus Ministries (leader Robert Weiner)
Masterpath (leader Gary Olsen)
Meehan, Bob Drug Rehab Programs
Midwest Psychic Institute (founder Kenneth Jones)
Militia / Hate Groups
Moon Organization (aka Unification Church)
Mormon (aka Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints)
Morningland
Mother of God (leaders Edith and Joe Difato)
Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God
M.S.I.A. (Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness, leader John-Roger)

Natlfed - National Labor Federation (leader Gino Perente)
Nation of Islam (leader Louis Farrakhan)
Nation of Yahweh (leader Hulon Mitchell Jr.)
New Alliance Party/Social Therapy (leader Fred Newman)
Nityananda Institute
Nuwaubians (founded by Dwight York)

Odyssey Study Group (leaders Sharon Gans, Robert Klein)
Option Institute (leader Suzi Kaufman aka Samaharia)
Opus Dei (founder Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer)
Order of Christ Sophia (Peter Bowes)
Order of St. Charbel (leader William Kamm)
Order of the Solar Temple (leader Luc Jouret)

Parsee Ministry Team
Pathworks Sacred Arts (aka Temenos)
People of Hope
People's Temple (founder Jim Jones)
Polygamous Cults

Potter's House (leader/founder Wayman O. Mitchell)
Process, The

Quan Yin Meditation (leader Ching Hai aka Supreme Master)
Quixtar Motivational Organizations

Radha Soami Satsang Beas
Rajneesh Foundation (leader Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh aka Osho)
Rama (founder Frederick Lenz)
Reevaluation Co-counseling (RC) (leader Harvey Jackins)
Revival Centres International (founder Lloyd Longfield)

Sahaja Yoga (leader Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi)
Sathya Sai Organization (leader Sai Baba)
School of Practical Philosophy (aka Practical Philosophy Foundation, School of Economic Science)
Scientology (founder L. Ron Hubbard)
Set Free Ministries (leader Phil Aguilar)
Shamanism and Shamans
Siddha Yoga (founder Swami Muktananda, Gurumai)
Smith's Friends (founder Johan Oscar Smith, leader Kaare Smith)
Society of Abundance in Truth (leader Jeffrey Smith aka Ramanaprasad)
Society Ordo Templi Orientis (founder Marcelo Ramos Motta)
Soka Gakkai (formerly Nichirin Shoshu of America, leader President Ikeda)
Sri Chinmoy Center (leader Sri Chinmoy)
Sterling Institute (founder Justin Sterling)
Straight, Inc.
Sword of the Spirit (leader Stephen Clark aka Word of God)
Synanon (founders Charles Dederich and Jack Hurst)

Transcendental Meditation (leader Guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi)
Tridentine Latin Rite Church (leader Bishop Schuckardt)
The Twelve Tribes
Tvind (aka Planet Aid)

Universal Church of the Kingdom of God (leader Edir Macedo Bezerra)

Way International, The (founded by V.P. Wierwille)
Word of Faith Fellowship Church in Spindale, NC (leader Jane Whaley)
Worldwide Church of God (leader Herbert Armstrong)

Youth With a Mission (YWAM) (founded by Loren Cunningham)

DOOMSDAY, DESTRUCTIVE RELIGIOUS CULTS

Overview:

We define Domsday/Destructive/Apocalyptic cults to be religiously based, very high intensity, controlling groups that have caused or are liable to cause loss of life among their membership or the general public.

It is important to realize that out of the tens of thousands of new religious groups worldwide, only a very few meet these criteria.

We do not include terrorist groups in the above definition, because their goals are primarily political, not religious. However, groups like Al Quiada (The Source) do have some points of similarities with destructive religious cults.

What is behind the death of members of destructive cults?

No consensus exists concerning the motivation for the loss of life within this handful of cults:

Some in the Anti-Cult Movement claim that much of this loss of life among cult members was the result of mass suicides ordered by the group leadership. That opinion fits well with their now-discredited belief that cult memberships have been the victims of mind control techniques. Having little self-will, they have been willing to follow any order from the leadership -- even one leading to self destruction.

The loss of life by the Heaven's Gate membership was definitely a suicide. The members were convinced that they would be transported, at death, to a space ship where they would evolve to a higher level of existence. There is overwhelming hard evidence that all of the deaths within the Ugandan Movement for the Restoration..., and many of the Solar Temple deaths were actually murders to cover financial fraud by the leadership. This may have been the motivation for the Jeffrey Lundgren murders as well. All of the Branch Davidian victims appear to have been murdered by their leaders -- either by being shot or as a result of the arson-set fire. Many, perhaps most, of the People's Temple victims were also murdered. Details are sketchy because of the advanced state of decomposition of the bodies when investigators arrived.

Details of destructive doomsday cults:

Homicides directed against the public:

Aum Shinri Kyo
The Family (Charles Manson)

Suicides or homicides of their own members:

Branch Davidians
Heaven's Gate
Jeffrey Lundgren
Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God (Uganda)
The People's Temple (Jim Jones)
Solar Temple

Religious groups with the possible potential to be destructive:

Concerned Christians
House of Yahweh

White supremacist groups:

These do not fit the mold of the destructive cults listed above. However, they do preach hatred of gays, lesbians, African-Americans, communists and other minorities. Even though the group may preach non-violence, their message of hate appears to inspire some of their members to commit murders and serious terrorist acts:

The Creativity Movement (formerly called the World Church of the Creator)

THE MILLENNIUM, AND END-OF-THE-WORLD PROPHECIES

Quotations:

"About the time of the end, a body of men will be raised up who will turn their attention to the prophecies, and insist upon their literal interpretation, in the midst of much clamour and opposition." **Sir Isaac Newton (1643-1727)**

"The prophecies are to be unintelligible to the ungodly but intelligible to those who are properly instructed." **Blaise Pascal (1623 - 1662)**

"The Earth is degenerating today. Bribery and corruption abound. Children no longer obey their parents, every man wants to write a book, and it is evident that the end of the world is fast approaching." **Allegedly this came from an Assyrian tablet, c. 2800 BC.**

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia." **Charles Schultz, creator of the Peanuts comic strip.**

Introduction:

For many centuries, people have been predicting the year, month and sometimes day when:

A violent and sudden end would terminate all life on earth;
Major social and political upheavals would occur around the world;
The war of Armageddon would take place in the Middle East;
God would pour horrendous wrath on most of humanity; and/or
Christ would return in the second coming.

The prophesiers have almost always predicted that these horrendous events would happen in their own immediate future. All of these predictions share one factor: none have ever come true.

The year 2000 came and passed -- a year that some considered very special, simply because it contained three zeros. A lot of people predicted that major events of cosmic proportion would happen. But no massive events actually came to pass. There were the usual number of major earthquakes, civil disturbances, tornados, people of different religions trying to exterminate each other -- but nothing of a cosmic or even world-wide nature.

Still more end events are predicted for precise dates our future.

Some people in North America devoutly believe that at least some of these events will happen in their lifetime.

Others expect that they will happen at some time in the far future. They note that such events have not happened in the 19 or so centuries since the Bible was completed, and so they don't expect them in this century.

Many of the public disagree, and does not expect any more that the usual complement of natural disasters in the future, until, of course, the big asteroid hits.

Quotes of Religion:

Voltaire (French Philosopher, 1694-1778)

"If we believe absurdities, we shall commit atrocities."

"Every sensible man, every honorable man, must hold the Christian sect in horror."

"Nothing can be more contrary to religion and the clergy than reason and common sense."

"Christianity is the most ridiculous, the most absurd and bloody religion that has ever infected the world."

You will notice that in all disputes between Christians since the birth of the Church, Rome has always favored the doctrine which most completely subjugated the human mind and annihilated reason.

Nothing can be more contrary to religion and the clergy than reason and common sense.

As you know, the Inquisition is an admirable and wholly Christian invention to make the pope and the monks more powerful and turn a whole kingdom into hypocrites.

Of all religions the Christian is without doubt the one which should inspire tolerance most, although up to now the Christians have been the most intolerant of all men.

The son of God is the same as the son of man; the son of man is the same as the son of God. God, the father, is the same as Christ, the son; Christ, the son, is the same as God, the father. This language may appear confused to unbelievers, but Christians will readily understand it.

God is a comedian playing to an audience too afraid to laugh.

Every sensible man, every honorable man, must hold the Christian sect in horror.

Superstition, born of paganism and adopted by Judaism, invested the Christian Church from earliest times. All the fathers of the Church, without exception, believed in the power of magic. The Church always condemned magic, but she always believed in it: she did not excommunicate sorcerers as madmen who were mistaken, but as men who were really in communication with the devil.

The first priest was the first rogue who met the first fool.

Holy Scripture: A book sent down from heaven... Holy Scriptures contain all that a Christian should know and believe, provided he adds to it a million or so commentaries.

Hell: A cooking stove which heats the sacerdotal sauce-pan here below. It was founded on behalf of our priests, to the end that the latter may never be wanting in good cheer.

Moses: A prophet inspired of God who gave him a holy and righteous law, which he was obliged to change later on, seeing that it had become worthless... He was the meekest of men, as he himself tells us.

Inspiration: A peculiar effect of divine flatulence emitted by the Holy Spirit which hisses into the ears of a few chosen of God...

Benjamin Franklin (American Statesman, 1706-1790)

"Original sin was as ridiculous as imputed righteousness."

"I wish it (Christianity) were more productive of good works ... I mean real good works ... not holy-day keeping, sermon-hearing ... or making long prayers, filled with flatteries and compliments despised by wise men, and much less capable of pleasing the Deity."

"As to Jesus of Nazareth, my opinion of whom you particularly desire, I think the system of morals and his religion...has received various corrupting changes, and I have, with most of the present dissenters in England, some doubts as to his divinity; though it is a question I do not dogmatize upon, having never studied it, and think it needless to busy myself with it now, when I expect soon an opportunity of knowing the Truth with less trouble."

Lighthouses are more helpful than churches.

He [the Rev. Mr. Whitefield] used, indeed, sometimes to pray for my conversion, but never had the satisfaction of believing that his prayers were heard.

David Hume (Philosopher, 1711-1776)

"No testimony is sufficient to establish a miracle, unless ... its falsehood would be more miraculous than the fact which it endeavors to establish."

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John Adams (American Statesman, 1735-1826)

John Adams "The government of the United States is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion." (Treaty of Tripoli, Article 11: Written during the Administration of George Washington and signed into law by John Adams.)

"The divinity of Jesus is made a convenient cover for absurdity."

"As I understand the Christian religion, it was, and is, a revelation. But how has it happened that millions of fables, tales, legends, have been blended with both Jewish and Christian revelation that have made them the most bloody religion that ever existed?"

Thomas Paine (American Statesman, 1737-1809)

"What is it the Bible teaches us? -- rapine, cruelty, and murder. What is it the Testament teaches us? -- to believe that the Almighty committed debauchery with a woman engaged to be married, and the belief of this debauchery is called faith."

"It is the fable of Jesus Christ, as told in the New Testament, and the wild and visionary doctrine raised thereon, against which I contend. The story, taking it as it is told, is blasphemously obscene."

"As to the Christian system of faith, it appears to me as a species of Atheism -- a sort of religious denial of God. It professes to believe in a man rather than in God. It is a compound made up Chiefly of Manism with but little Deism, and is an near Atheism as twilight is to darkness. It introduces between man and his Maker an opaque body, which it calls a Redeemer, as the moon introduces her opaque self between the earth and the sun, and it produces by this means a religious, or an irreligious eclipse of light. It has put the whole orbit of reason into shade."

"I believe in one God, and no more; and I hope for happiness beyond this life."

"I do not believe in the creed professed by the Jewish church, by the Roman church, by the Greek church, by the Turkish church, by the Protestant church, nor by any church that I know of. My own mind is my own church"

"All national institutions of churches, whether Jewish, Christian, or Turkish, appear to me no other than human inventions set up to terrify and enslave mankind, and monopolize power and profit."

"Each of these churches shows certain books, which they call revelation, or the word of God. The Jews say that their word of God was given by God to Moses, face to face; the Christians say that their word of God came by divine inspiration; and the Turks say that their word of God, the Koran, was brought by an angel from heaven. Each of these churches accuses the others of unbelief; and, for my own part, I disbelieve them all."

"No man ought to make a living by religion. It is dishonest so to do."

It has often been said that anything may be proved from the Bible; but before anything can be admitted as proved by the Bible, the Bible itself must be proved to be true; for if the Bible be not true, or the truth of it be doubtful, it ceases to have authority, and cannot be admitted as proof of anything.

I would not dare to so dishonor my Creator God by attaching His name to that book (The Bible).

Of all the systems of religion that were ever invented, there is none more derogatory to the Almighty, more unedifying to man, more repugnant to reason, and more contradictory in itself, than this thing called Christianity. Too absurd for belief, too impossible to convince, and too inconsistent for practice, it renders the heart torpid, or produces only atheists and fanatics. As an engine of power it serves the purpose of despotism; and as a means of wealth, the avarice of priests; but so far as it respects the good of man in general, it leads to nothing here or hereafter.

Ethan Allen (American Revolutionary and Statesman, 1738-1789)

"That Jesus Christ was not God is evidence from his own words."

"I have been given the denominated as a Deist, the reality of which I never disputed, being conscious that I am no Christian."

Thomas Jefferson (American Statesman, 1743-1826)

"The clergy, by getting themselves established by law, & in-grafted into the machine of government, have been a very formidable engine against the civil and religious rights of man. They are still so in many countries & even in some of these United States. Even in 1783, we doubted the stability of our recent measures for reducing them to the footing of other useful callings. It now appears that our means were effectual."

"But a short time elapsed after the death of the great reformer of the Jewish religion, before his principles were departed from by those who professed to be his special servants, and perverted into an engine for enslaving mankind, and aggrandizing their oppressors in Church and State." Thomas Jefferson to Samuel Kercheval, January 19, 1810

"An amendment was proposed by inserting 'Jesus Christ,' so that [the preamble] should read 'A departure from the plan of Jesus Christ, the holy author of our religion'; the insertion was rejected by a great majority, in proof that they meant to comprehend, within the mantle of its protection, the Jew and the Gentile, the Christian and Mohammedan, the Hindu and Infidel of every denomination."

"In every country and every age, the priest has been hostile to liberty. He is always in alliance with the despot, abetting his abuses in return for protection to his own. It is easier to acquire wealth and power by this combination than by deserving them, and to effect this, they have perverted the purest religion ever preached to man into mystery and jargon, unintelligible to all mankind, and therefore the safer for their purposes."

"There is not one redeeming feature in our superstition of Christianity. It has made one half the world fools, and the other half hypocrites."

"The clergy converted the simple teachings of Jesus into an engine for enslaving mankind and adulterated by artificial constructions into a contrivance to filch wealth and power themselves...these clergy, in fact, constitute the real Anti-Christ."

"Millions of innocent men, women, and children, since the introduction of Christianity, have been burned, tortured, fined, and imprisoned, yet we have not advanced one inch toward uniformity."

Were the Pope, or his allies, to send in mission to us some thousands of Jesuit priests to convert us to their orthodoxy, I suspect that we should deem and treat it as a national aggression on our peace and faith.

The Christian god can easily be pictured as virtually the same god as the many ancient gods of past civilizations. The Christian god is a three headed monster; cruel, vengeful and capricious. If one wishes to know more of this raging, three headed beast-like god, one only needs to look at the caliber of people who say they serve him. They are always of two classes: fools and hypocrites.

Christianity is the most perverted system that ever shone on man.

...I concur with you strictly in your opinion of the comparative merits of atheism and demonism, and really see nothing but the latter in the being worshipped by many who think themselves Christians.

History I believe furnishes no example of a priest-ridden people maintaining a free civil government. This marks the lowest grade of ignorance, of which their political as well as religious leaders will always avail themselves for their own purpose.

James Madison (American Statesman, 1751-1836, Co-Author Declaration of Independence)

"During almost fifteen centuries has the legal establishment of Christianity been on trial. What has been its fruits? More or less, in all places, pride and indolence in the clergy; ignorance and servility in the laity; in both, superstition, bigotry, and persecution."

"In no instance have ... the churches been guardians of the liberties of the people."

"Religious bondage shackles and debilitates the mind and unfits it for every noble enterprise."

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." [from The First Amendment to The United States Constitution]

"The civil government ... functions with complete success ... by the total separation of the Church from the State."

"We hold it for a fundamental and undeniable truth that religion, or the duty which we owe our Creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence. The religion, then, of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man: and that it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate."

Abraham Lincoln (American Statesman, 1809-1865)

"The Bible is not my book nor Christianity my profession. I could never give assent to the long, complicated statements of Christian dogma."

"My earlier views of the unsoundness of the Christian scheme of salvation and the human origin of the scriptures have become clearer and stronger with advancing years, and I see no reason for thinking I shall ever change them."

I see a very dark cloud on America's horizon, and that cloud is coming from Rome.

I am for liberty of conscience in its noblest, broadest, and highest sense. But I cannot give liberty of conscience to the pope and his followers, the papists, so long as they tell me, through all their councils, theologians, and canon laws that their conscience orders them to burn my wife, strangle my children, and cut my throat when they find their opportunity.

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Albert Einstein (Scientist, 1879-1955)

"My religion consists of a humble admiration of the illimitable superior spirit who reveals himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble minds. That deeply emotional conviction of the presence of a superior reasoning power, which is revealed in the incomprehensible universe, forms my idea of God. "

If people are good only because they fear punishment, and hope for reward, then we are a sorry lot indeed.

"I cannot imagine a God who rewards and punishes the objects of his creation, whose purposes are modeled after our own - a God, in short, who is but a reflection of human frailty. It is enough for me to contemplate the mystery of conscious life perpetuating itself through all eternity, to reflect upon the marvelous structure of the universe which we can dimly perceive and to try humbly to comprehend even an infinitesimal part of the intelligence manifested in Nature."

Mark Twain (American Writer, 1835-1910):

"The Bible is a mass of fables and traditions, mere mythology."

"It ain't the parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand."

"I am plenty safe enough in his hands; I am not in any danger from that kind of a Diety. The one that I want to keep out of the reach of, is the caricature of him which one finds in the Bible."

"Our Bible reveals to us the character of our god with minute and remorseless exactness. ... It is perhaps the most dam-natory biography that exists in print anywhere. It makes Nero an angel of light and leading by contrast."

"In religion and politics people's beliefs and convictions are in almost every case gotten at second-hand, and without examination, from authorities who have not themselves examined the questions at issue but have taken them at second-hand from other non-examiners, whose opinions about them were not worth a brass farthing."

Man is a Religious Animal. Man is the only Religious Animal. He is the only animal that has the True Religion -- several of them. He is the only animal that loves his neighbor as himself and cuts his throat if his theology isn't straight.

If Christ were here now there is one thing he would not be-a Christian.

A man is accepted into a church for what he believes and he is turned out for what he knows.

There is one notable thing about our Christianity: bad, bloody, merciless, money-grabbing and predatory as it is - in our country particularly, and in all other Christian countries in a somewhat modified degree - it is still a hundred times better than the Christianity of the Bible, with its prodigious crime- the invention of Hell. Measured by our Christianity of to-day, bad as it is, hypocritical as it is, empty and hollow as it is, neither the Deity nor His Son is a Christian, nor qualified for that moderately high place. Ours is a terrible religion. The fleets of the world could swim in spacious comfort in the innocent blood it has spilt.

During many ages there were witches. The Bible said so. The Bible commanded that they should not be allowed to live. Therefore the Church, after doing its duty in but a lazy and indolent way for 800 years, gathered up its halters, thumb-screws, and firebrands, and set about its holy work in earnest. She worked hard at it night and day during nine centuries and imprisoned, tortured, hanged, and burned whole hordes and armies of witches, and washed the Christian world clean with their foul blood. Then it was discovered that there was no such thing as witches, and never had been. One does not know whether to laugh or to cry.

Strange...a God who could make good children as easily as bad, yet preferred to make bad ones; who made them prize their bitter life, yet stingily cut it short; mouths Golden Rules and forgiveness multiplied seventy times seven and invented Hell; who mouths morals to other people and has none himself; who frowns upon crimes yet commits them all; who created man without invitation, then tries to shuffle the responsibility for man's acts upon man, instead of honorably placing it where it belongs, upon himself; and finally with altogether divine obtuseness, invites this poor, abused slave to worship him!

O Lord our God, help us tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the shrieks of their wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with their little children to wander unfriended the wastes of their desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst, sports of the sun flames of summer and the icy winds of winter, broken in spirit, worn with travail, imploring Thee for the refuge of the grave and denied it...

The Christian Bible is a drug store. It's contents have remained the same but the medical practice continues. For 1,800 years these changes were slight-scarcely noticeable... The dull and ignorant physician day and night, and all the days and all the nights, drenched his patient with vast and hideous doses of the most repulsive drugs to be found in the store's stock... He kept him religion sick for eighteen centuries, and allowed him not a well day during all that time.

These people's God has shown them by a million acts that he respects none of the Bible's statues. He breaks every one of them himself, adultery and all.

Our Bible reveals to us the character of our god with minute and remorseless exactness... It is perhaps the most damning biography that exists in print anywhere. It makes Nero an angel of light and leading by contrast.

I bring you this stately matron named Christendom, returning bedraggled, besmirched, and dishonored from pirate raids in Kiao-Chow, Manchuria, South Africa, and the Phillipines, with her soul full of meanness, her pocket full of boodle, and her mouth full of pious hypocrisies. Give her soap and a towel, but hide the looking-glass.

He killed all those people -- every male.

They had offended the Deity in some way. We know what the offense was, without looking; that is to say, we know it was a trifle; some small thing that no one but a god would attach any importance to. It is more than likely that a Midianite had been duplicating the conduct of one Onan, who was commanded to "go into his brother's wife" -- which he did; but instead of finishing, "he spilled it on the ground." The Lord slew Onan for that, for the lord could never abide indelicacy....

Some Midianite must have repeated Onan's act, and brought that dire disaster upon his nation. If that was not the indelicacy that outraged the feelings of the Deity, then I know what it was: some Midianite had been pissing against the wall. I am sure of it, for that was an impropriety which the Source of all Etiquette never could stand. A person could piss against a tree, he could piss on his mother, he could piss on his own breeches, and get off, but he must not piss against the wall -- that would be going quite too far. The origin of the divine prejudice against this humble crime is not stated; but we know

that the prejudice was very strong -- so strong that nothing but a wholesale massacre of the people inhabiting the region where the wall was defiled could satisfy the Deity.

There has been only one Christian. They caught him and crucified him — early.

The so-called Christian nations are the most enlightened and progressive ... but in spite of their religion, not because of it. The Church has opposed every innovation and discovery from the day of Galileo down to our own time, when the use of anesthetic in childbirth was regarded as a sin because it avoided the biblical curse pronounced against Eve. And every step in astronomy and geology ever taken has been opposed by bigotry and superstition. The Greeks surpassed us in artistic culture and in architecture five hundred years before Christian religion was born.

Nothing agrees with me. If I drink coffee, it gives me dyspepsia; if I drink wine, it gives me the gout; if I go to church, it gives me dysentery.

The church is always trying to get other people to reform; it might not be a bad idea to reform itself a little, by way of example.

The two Testaments are interesting, each in its own way. The Old one gives us a picture of these people's Deity as he was before he got religion, the other one gives us a picture of him as he appeared afterward.

God, so atrocious in the Old Testament, so attractive in the New -- the Jekyll and Hyde of sacred romance.

To trust the God of the Bible is to trust an irascible, vindictive, fierce and ever fickle and changeful master; to trust the true God is to trust a Being who has uttered no promises, but whose beneficent, exact, and changeless ordering of the machinery of His colossal universe is proof that He is at least steadfast to His purposes; whose unwritten laws, so far as the affect man, being equal and impartial, show that he is just and fair; these things, taken together, suggest that if he shall ordain us to live hereafter, he will be steadfast, just and fair toward us. We shall not need to require anything more.

William Howard Taft (American Statesman, 1857-1930):

"I do not believe in the divinity of Christ and there are many other of the postulates of the orthodox creed to which I cannot subscribe."

Mahatma K. Gandhi (1869-1948), Indian nationalist leader:

It is impossible for me to reconcile myself to the idea of conversion after the style that goes on in India and elsewhere today. It is an error which is perhaps the greatest impediment to the world's progress toward peace ... Why should a Christian want to convert a Hindu to Christianity? Why should he not be satisfied if the Hindu is a good or godly man?

How very nice it would be if the missionaries rendered humanitarian service without the ulterior aim of conversion.

I hold that proselytisation under the cloak of humanitarian work is unhealthy to say the least. It is most resented by people here. Religion after all is a deeply personal thing. It touches the heart. Why should I change my religion because the doctor who professes Christianity as his religion has cured me of some disease, or why should the doctor expect me to change whilst I am under his influence?

My fear is that though Christian friends nowadays do not say or admit it that Hindu religion is untrue, they must harbour in their breast that Hinduism is an error and that Christianity, as they believe it, is the only true religion... so far as one can understand the present (Christian) effort, it is to uproot Hinduism from her very foundation and replace it by another faith.

The first distinction I would like to make ... between your missionary work and mine is that while I am strengthening the faith of people, you (missionaries) are undermining it.

If I had the power and could legislate, I should stop all proselytizing ... In Hindu households the advent of a missionary has meant the disruption of the family coming in the wake of change of dress, manners, language, food and drink ...

I regard Jesus as a great teacher of humanity, but I do not regard him as the only begotten son of God. That epithet in its material interpretation is quite unacceptable. Metaphorically we are all sons of God, but for each of us there may be different sons of God in a special sense. Thus for me Chaitanya may be the only begotten son of God ... God cannot be the exclusive Father and I cannot ascribe exclusive divinity to Jesus.

It is my firm opinion that Europe (and the United States) does not represent the spirit of God or Christianity but the spirit of Satan. And Satan's successes are the greatest when appears with the name of God on his lips.

I consider western Christianity in its practical working a negation of Christ's Christianity. I cannot conceive Jesus, if he was living in flesh in our midst, approving of modern Christian organizations, public worship, or ministry.

It pains me to have to say that the Christian missionaries as a body, with honorable exceptions, have actively supported a system which has impoverished, enervated and demoralized a people considered to be among the gentlest and most civilized on earth.

**A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
(Founder of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, India, 1896-1977)**

“The sastras [scripture] of the yavanas, or meat-eaters, are not eternal scriptures. They have been fashioned recently, and sometimes they contradict one another. The scriptures of the yavanas are three: the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Koran. Their compilation has a history; they are not eternal like the Vedic knowledge. Therefore although they have their arguments and reasoning, they are not very sound and transcendental. As such, modern people advanced in science and philosophy deem these scriptures unacceptable.”

Raja Ram Mohan Roy, (1772-1833), Indian reformer:

Most Christian converts had been allured to change their faith by other attractions than by a conviction of the truth and reasonableness.

Bhaktivinoda Thakura (Gaudiya Vaishnava Acharya, India, 1837-1914)

Bhaktivinoda Thakura “Some philosophers say that because of the first living entity's sin all the other living entities are imprisoned in the material world. Later, punishing Himself for their sins, God delivers the living entities.”

“Deliberating on the virtues and faults of this world, some moralistic monotheists concluded that the material world is not a place of pure happiness. Indeed, the sufferings outweigh the pleasures. They claim that the material world is a prison to punish the living entities. If there is punishment, then there must be a crime. If there were no crime, then why would there be any punishment? What crime did the living entities commit? Unable to properly answer this question, some men of small intelligence gave birth to a very wild idea. God created the first man and placed him in a pleasant garden with his wife. Then God forbade the man to taste the fruit of the tree of knowledge. Following the evil counsel of a wicked being, the first man and woman tasted the fruit of the tree of knowledge, thus disobeying God's command. In this way they fell from that garden into the material world filled with sufferings. Because of their offense, all other living entities are offenders from the moment of their birth. Not seeing any other way to remove this offense, God Himself took birth in a humanlike form, took on His own shoulders the sins of His followers, and then died. All who follow Him easily attain liberation, and all who do not follow Him fall into an eternal hell. In this way God assumes a humanlike form, punishes Himself, and thus liberates the living entities. An intelligent person cannot make sense of any of this.”

“These philosophers say that the living entity's life begins at birth and ends with death. After death, he is not born again. After death he attains the results of his actions in that one lifetime.”

“To accept this mixed-up religion one must first believe these rather implausible things: ‘The living entity's life begins at birth and ends at death. Before birth the living entity did not exist, and after death the living entity will no longer stay in the world of material activities. Only human beings have souls. Other creatures do not have souls.’ Only extremely unintelligent persons believe this religion. In this religion the living entity is not spiritual in nature. By His own will God created the living entities out of matter. Why are the living entities born into very different situations? The followers of this religion cannot say. Why is one living entity born into a house filled with sufferings, another living entity born into a house filled with joys, another living entity born into the house of a person devoted to God, and another living entity born into a wicked atheist's house? Why is one person born in a situation where he is encouraged to perform pious deeds, and he performs pious deeds and becomes good? Why is another person born in a situation where he is encouraged to sin, and he sins and becomes bad? The followers of this religion cannot answer all these questions. Their religion seems to say that God is unfair and irrational.”

“Why do they say that animals have no souls? Why do birds and beasts not have souls like human beings? Why do the human beings have only one life, and, because of their actions in that one life are rewarded in eternal heaven or punished with eternal hell? Any person who believes in a truly kind and merciful God will find this religion completely unacceptable.”

“These philosophers say that by cultivating fruitive work and speculative philosophy one should make improvements in the material world and in this way please God.”

“The followers of this religion have no power to worship God selflessly. In general their idea is that by cultivating fruitive work and speculative philosophy one should work to make improvements in the material world and in this way please God. By building hospitals and schools, and by doing various philanthropic works, they try to do good to the world and thus please God. Worship of God by performing fruitive work (karma) and by engaging in philosophical speculation (jnana) is very important to them. They have no power to understand pure devotional service (suddha-bhakti), which is free of fruitive work and philosophical speculation. Worship of God done out of a sense of duty is never natural or unselfish. "God has been kind to us, and therefore we should worship Him." These are the thoughts of lesser minds. Why is this not a good way to worship God? Because one may think, "If God is not kind to me, then I will not worship Him." In this way one has the selfish, bad desire to get God's kindness in the future. If one wishes that God will be kind by allowing one to serve Him, then there is nothing wrong with that desire. But the religion under discussion does not see it in that way. This religion sees God's kindness in terms of one's enjoying a happy life in this material world.”

Sri Aurobindo (1872-1950), Indian nationalist and philosopher:

The mentality of the West has long cherished the aggressive and quite illogical idea of a single religion for all mankind, a religion universal by the very force of its narrowness, one set of dogmas, one cult, one system of ceremonies, one array of prohibitions and injunctions, one ecclesiastical ordinance. That narrow absurdity prances about as the one true religion which all must accept on peril of persecution by men here and spiritual rejection or fierce eternal punishment by God in other worlds. This grotesque creation of human unreason, the parent of so much intolerance, cruelty, obscurantism and aggressive fanaticism, have never been able to take firm hold of the free and supple mind of India.

Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902), Indian spiritualist -

We who had come from the east have sat here day after day and have been told in a patronizing way that we ought to accept Christianity because Christian nations are the most prosperous. We look about us and we see England the most prosperous Christian nation in the world, with her foot upon the neck of 250,000,000 Asiatics. We look back into history and see that the prosperity of Christian Europe began with Spain. Spain's prosperity began with the invasion of Mexico. Christianity wins its prosperity by cutting the throats of its fellow men. At such a price the Hindoo will not have prosperity.

They come to my country and abuse my forefathers, my religion, and everything; they walk near a temple and say 'you idolators, you will go to hell', but they dare not do this to the Mohammedans of India, for the sword will be out, but the Hindu is too mild.

And may I ask you, Europeans, what country you have ever raised to better conditions? Wherever you have found weaker races, you have exterminated them by the roots, as it were. You have settled on their lands, and they are gone for ever. What is the history of your America, your Australia, and New Zealand, your Pacific Islands and South Africa? Where are

the aboriginal races there today? They have all been exterminated, you have killed them outright, as if they were wild beasts. It is only where you have not the power to do so, and there only, that other nations are still alive.

If Christianity is a saving power in itself, why has it not saved the Ethiopians, the Abyssinians?

Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910), Russian writer and philosopher:

I believe Christ was a man like ourselves; to look upon him as God would seem to me the greatest of sacrileges.

H.G. Wells (1866-1946), British author:

The greatest evil in the world today is the Christian religion.

I think that it stands for everything most hostile to the mental emancipation and stimulation of mankind. It is the completest, most highly organized system of prejudices and antagonism in existence. Everywhere in the world there are ignorance and prejudice, but the greatest complex of these, with the most extensive prestige and the most intimate entanglement with traditional institutions, is the Roman Catholic Church. It presents many faces to the world, but everywhere it is systematic in its fight against freedom.

As with the Christian religion, the worst argument for socialism is its adherents.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), Irish author:

Oscar Wilde When I think of all the harm the Bible has done, I despair of ever writing anything to equal it.

Missionaries are going to reform the world whether it wants to or not.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902), American suffragist:

I found nothing grand in the history of the Jews nor in the morals inculcated in the Pentateuch. Surely the writers had a very low idea of the nature of their god. They made him not only anthropomorphic, but of the very lowest type, jealous and revengeful, loving violence rather than mercy.

Helen Keller (1880-1968), American activist and lecturer:

Helen Keller There is so much in the bible against which every instinct of my being rebels, so much so that I regret the necessity which has compelled me to read it through from beginning to end. I do not think that the knowledge I have gained of its history and sources compensates me for the unpleasant details it has forced upon my attention.

Robert Green Ingersoll (1833-1899), American politician and lecturer:

The inspiration of the Bible depends on the ignorance of the person who reads it.

With soap, baptism is a good thing.

Ministers say that they teach charity. That is natural. They live on hand-outs. All beggars teach that others should give.

The clergy know that I know that they know that they do not know.

God did not reward men for being honest, generous and brave, but for the act of faith. Without faith, all the so-called virtues were sins. And the men who practiced these virtues, without faith, deserved to suffer eternal pain. All of these comforting and reasonable things were taught by the ministers in their pulpits -- by teachers in Sunday schools and by parents at home. The children were victims. They were assaulted in the cradle -- in their mother's arms. Then, the schoolmaster carried on the war against their natural sense, and all the books they read were filled with the same impossible truths. The poor children were helpless. The atmosphere they breathed was filled with lies -- lies that mingled with their blood.

Why should I allow that same God to tell me how to raise my kids, who had to drown His own?

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), American transcendentalist:

I like the silence of a church, before the service begins better than any preaching.

We must get rid of that Christ, we must get rid of that Christ!

The word Miracle, as pronounced by Christian churches, gives a false impression; it is Monster. It is not one with the blowing clover and the falling rain.

William E. H. Lecky (1838-1903), Irish Historian:

There is no wild beast so ferocious as Christians who differ concerning their faith.

W. H. Auden (1907-1973), English poet:

The only reason the Protestants and Catholics have given up the idea of universal domination is because they've realised they can't get away with it.

Ferdinand August Bebel (1840-1913), German socialist leader:

Christianity is the enemy of liberty and of civilization. It has kept mankind in chains.

William Blake (1757-1827), English Romantic poet:

William Blakelf Jesus Christ is the greatest man, you ought to love him in the greatest degree; now hear how he has given his sanction to the law of the ten commandments: did he not mock at the Sabbath, and so mock the sabbath's God? Murder those who were murdered because of him? Turn away the law from the woman taken in adultery? Steal the labor of others to support him? Bear false witness when he omitted making a defence before Pilate? Covet when he prayed for his disciples, and when he bid them shake off the dust of their feet against such as refused to lodge them? I tell you, no virtue can exist without breaking these ten commandments.

Pitrim Sorokin (1889-1968), Harvard University sociologist -

During the past few centuries the most belligerent, the most aggressive, the most rapacious, the most power-drunk section of humanity has been precisely, the Christian Western world. During these centuries western Christendom had invaded all other continents; its armies followed by priests and merchants have subjugated, robbed or pillaged most of the non-Christians. Native Americans, African, Australian, Asiatic populations have been subjugated to this peculiar brand of Christian "love" which has generally manifested itself in pitiless destruction, enslavement, coercion, destruction of the cul-

tural values, institutions, the way of life of the victims and the spread of alcoholism, venereal disease, commercial cynicism and the like.

Gore Vidal (1925 -) American writer and historian -

When the white race broke out of Europe 500 years ago,... inspired by a raging sky-god, the whites were able to pretend that their conquests were in order to bring the One God to everyone, particularly those with older and subtler religions... what prosperity we have ever enjoyed in the past was usually based on slave or near slave labor.

From a barbaric Bronze Age text known as the Old Testament, three antihuman religions have evolved --Judaism, Christianity, Islam. These are sky-god religions. They are, literally, patriarchal --God is the omnipotent father-- hence the loathing of women for 2,000 years. The sky-god is a jealous god, of course. Those who would reject him must be converted or killed for their own good. Ultimately, totalitarianism is the only sort of politics that can truly serve the sky-god's purpose. Any movement of a liberal nature endangers his authority and that of his delegates on earth. One God, one King, one Pope, one master in the factory, one father-leader in the family home.

Evangelical Christian groups have traditionally drawn strength from the suppressed. African slaves were allowed to organize heavenly sky-god churches, as a surrogate for earthly freedom. White churches were organized in order to make certain that the rights of property were respected and that the numerous religious taboos in the New and Old Testaments would be enforced, if necessary, by civil law.

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), irish author and playwright:

The Bible is hopelessly pre-evolutionary; its descriptions of the origin of life and morals are obviously fairy tales; its astronomy is terracentric; its notions of the starry universe are childish; its history is epical and legendary: in short, people whose education in these departments is derived from the Bible are so absurdly misinformed as to be unfit for public employment, parental responsibility, or the franchise.

I see little divinity about them or you. You talk to me of Christianity when you are in the act of hanging your enemies. Was there ever such blasphemous nonsense!

The churches must learn humility as well as teach it.

No man ever believes that the Bible means what it says: He is always convinced that it says what he means.

Martyrdom is the only way in which a person with no ability can become great.

Karl Kautsky (1854-1938) Czech writer and theoretician:

The Christian mission is merely the religious component of a general program of domination by the West.

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970) British philosopher -

Christianity has been distinguished from other religions by its greater readiness for persecution. "The whole contention that Christianity has had an elevating moral influence can only be maintained by wholesale ignorance or falsification of the historical evidence.

I say quite deliberately that the Christian religion, as organized in its churches, has been and still is the principal enemy of moral progress in the world.

So far as I can remember, there is not one word in the Gospels in praise of intelligence.

Aldous Huxley (1894-1963) the English novelist -

The religions whose theology is least preoccupied with events in time and most concerned with eternity, have been consistently less violent and more humane in political practice. Unlike early Judaism, Christianity and Mohammedanism (all obsessed with time) Hinduism and Buddhism have never been persecuting faiths, have preached almost no holy wars and have refrained from that proselytizing religious imperialism which has gone hand in hand with political and economic oppression of colored people.

The greatest evil the church has brought forth; it raises in every communion a selfish and partial orthodoxy, which consists of defending all that it has and condemning all that it has not.

Most European and American authors of books about religion and metaphysics write as though nobody had ever thought about these subjects except Jews, the Greeks Christians of Mediterranean Basin and western Europe... Like any other form of imperialism, theological imperialism is the threat to world peace.

Charles Dickens (1812-1870), British author -

Missionaries are perfect nuisances and leave every place worse than they found it.

I believe the spreading of Catholicism to be the most horrible means of political and social degradation left in the world.

George Santayana (1863-1952) American philosopher and professor:

The Bible is a wonderful source of inspiration for those who don't understand it.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu (1931 -), S. African cleric and peace activist:

When the missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said, "Let us close our eyes and pray." When we opened our eyes we had the Bible and they had the land.

Annie Besant (1847-1933), British Theosophist:

For centuries the leaders of Christian thought spoke of women as a necessary evil, and the greatest saints of the Church are those who despise women the most.

Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914), American writer -

Evangelist, n., A bearer of good tidings, particularly (in a religious sense) such as assure us of our own salvation and the damnation of our neighbours.

Christian, n.: One who believes that the New Testament is a divinely inspired book admirably suited to the spiritual needs of his neighbor. One who follows the teachings of Christ in so far as they are not inconsistent with a life of sin.

Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821), Emperor of France:

I am surrounded by priests who repeat incessantly that their kingdom is not of this world, and yet they lay their hands on everything they can get.

As for myself, I do not believe that such a person as Jesus Christ ever existed; but as the people are inclined to superstition, it is proper not to oppose them.

Alistair Crowley (1875-1947), British occultist:

If one were to take the bible seriously one would go mad. But to take the bible seriously, one must be already mad.

Charles Darwin (1809-1882), English naturalist:

I can hardly see how anyone ought to wish Christianity to be true; for if so the plain language of the text seems to show that the men who do not believe, and this would include my Father, Brother and almost all my best friends, will be everlastingly punished. And this is a damnable doctrine.

Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885), American president:

Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the church and the private schools, supported entirely by private contributions. Keep the church and state forever separated.

Victor Hugo (1802-1885), French novelist:

Hell is an outrage on humanity. When you tell me that your Deity made you in his own image, I reply that he must have been very ugly.

There is in every village a torch-the teacher; and an extinguisher-the clergyman.

Thomas Huxley (1825-1895), English biologist:

The Bible account of the creation of Eve is a preposterous fable.

The dogma of the infallibility of the Bible is no more self-evident than is that of the infallibility of the popes.

John F. Kennedy (1917-1963), American president:

I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute-where no Catholic prelate would tell the president (should he be Catholic) how to act, and no Protestant minister would tell his parishoners for whom to vote-where no church or church school is granted any public funds or political preference-and where no man is denied public office merely because his religion differs from the president who might appoint him or the people who might elect him.

General Marquis De Lafayette (1757-1834), French Revolutionary:

If the liberties of the American people are ever destroyed, they will fall by the hands of the clergy.

Ferdinand Magellan (1480-1521), Portuguese explorer:

The church says the earth is flat, but I know that it is round, for I have seen the shadow on the moon, and I have more faith in a shadow than in the church.

W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965), English playwright and novelist:

I couldn't but surmise that the devil, looking at the cruel wars that Christianity has occasioned, the persecutions, the tortures Christian has inflicted on Christian, the unkindness, the hypocrisy, the intolerance, must consider the balance sheet with complacency. And when he remembers that it has laid upon mankind the bitter burden of the sense of sin that has darkened the beauty of the starry night and cast a baleful shadow on the passing pleasures of a world to be enjoyed, he must chuckle as he murmurs: give the devil his due.

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), German philosopher:

I call Christianity the one great curse, the one great intrinsic depravity, the one great instinct for revenge for which no expedient is sufficiently poisonous, secret, subterranean, petty-I call it the one mortal blemish of mankind.

In Christianity neither morality nor religion come into contact with reality at any point.

(Addressing anti-semitic Christians) You who hate the Jews so, why did you adopt their religion?

One does well to put on gloves when reading the New Testament. The proximity of so much uncleanness almost forces one to do this.

Two great European narcotics, alcohol and Christianity.

The Christian faith from the beginning, is sacrifice: the sacrifice of all freedom, all price, all self-confidence of spirit; it is at the same time subjection, self-derision, and self-mutilation...

War to the death against depravity-depravity is Christianity.

... an absurd problem came to the surface: How COULD God permit that [crucifixion of Jesus Christ]!...the deranged reason of the little community found quite a frightfully absurd answer: God gave his Son for forgiveness, as a SACRIFICE...The SACRIFICE FOR GUILT, and just in its most repugnant and barbarous form-the sacrifice of the innocent for the sins of the guilty! What horrifying heathenism!

The Christian resolution to find the world ugly and bad has made the world ugly and bad. Jesus died too soon. If he had lived to my age he would have repudiated his doctrine.

One should not go into church if one wants to breathe pure air.

The last Christian died on the cross.

Christianity makes suffering contagious.

A certain sense of cruelty towards oneself and others is Christian; hatred of those who think differently; the will to persecute. Mortal hostility against the masters of the earth, against the noble, that is also Christian. Hatred of mind, of pride, courage, freedom, libertinage of mind, is Christian; hatred of the sense, of the joy of the senses, of joy in general is Christian.

George Orwell (1903-1950), British author:

Recently I was reading somewhere or other about an Italian curio-dealer who attempted to sell a 17th century crucifix to J.P. Morgan. Inside it was concealed a stiletto. What a perfect symbol of the Christian religion.

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962), American Stateswoman:

Those of us who believe in the right of any human being to belong to whatever church he sees fit, and to worship God in his own way, cannot be accused of prejudice when we do not want to see public education connected with religious control of the schools, which are paid for by taxpayers' money.

Spiritual leadership should remain spiritual leadership and the temporal power should not become too important in any church.

Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778), French philosopher:

Christianity preaches only servitude and dependence. Its spirit is so favorable to tyranny that it always profits such a regime. True Christians are made to be slaves, and they know it and do not mind; this short life counts for too little in their eyes.

Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) German theologian:

There is nothing more negative than the result of the critical study of the life of Jesus. The Jesus of Nazareth who came forward publicly as the Messiah, who preached the ethic of the kingdom of God, who founded the kingdom of God upon earth, and died to give his work its final consecration, never had any existence. His image has not been destroyed from without, it has fallen to pieces, cleft and disintegrated by the concrete historical problems which come to the surface one after another... He is a figure designed by rationalism, endowed with life by liberalism, and clothed by modern theology in a historical garb.

Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822), English poet:

The same means that have supported every other popular belief, have supported Christianity. War, imprisonment, assassination, and falsehood: deeds of unexampled and incomparable atrocity have made it what it is.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834), British poet:

Clergymen who publish pious frauds in the interest of the church are the orthodox liars of God.

Gregory Dix (1901-1952), British Benedictine monk:

It is no accident that the symbol of a bishop is a crook, and the sign of an archbishop is a double-cross.