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What Did We Fight For?

World War II. has just ended. What did we fight for?

We fought for truth. That is rather a pompous sounding statement but I sincerely believe it. I was fighting for the truth, and fighting to the limit. I would rebel at fighting and bloodshed unless it were for truth as I could see it. To me, "truth is more than flesh is, mine enemy or mine", and so I fought. I know that many fought with less faith, hope and fearlessness, but they fought for what they believed in as the truth nevertheless — their way of life. ^{(1) as needed in social context}

What is the truth? It is a world marked by the spirit of the command, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Of course that is yet to be won. The more immediate truth that we fought for was our way of life as the means of transition to a greater and universal happiness. And this immediate battle has been ^{partially} won. We fought for the inalienable rights of every man: knowledge, "freedom of speech and expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear." Yes we all fought for truth — idealists, ^{but also} cynics, realists and ignorances. We won World War I, and then failed to learn to work peacefully, constructively and progressively together. We have just won World War II, and now must try wholeheartedly and continually to work understandingly ~~and actively~~ together to prevent World War III, and to build a saner world. "We delved upon a newer, mightier world, varied world; Free and strong the world we seize, world of labor and the march."

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