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Trinity Nuclear Abolition (TNA) is a living organism whose tissues are people, whose organs are spirits of health and sustainable systems of robust living free of nuclear weapons and human-made nuclear energy. TNA has five core values: Direct Action, Nonviolence, Solidarity, Egalitarianism, Spiritual power

THE HEART OF THE BEAST

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County Police and Pro-Force Security 100 miles from my home are disturbing the peace on earth. Breaching the security of civil society globally, their work is to enforce the policies of their departments, determined by what Saint Paul called “powers and principalities” (Romans 8:38). A few days ago, June 20th 2011, two dozen men and women in uniform did their job of preventing prayers at the site of the plutonium pit facility. “Security” people are supporting the ongoing work of mass destruction!

Nuclearism is a perverse philosophy whereby people protect, serve, and honor lethal games of sub-atomic energy. The permanent toxic contamination that results from that play does not dissuade people from irresponsibly practicing nuclear science. They are quite happy with the system. Those of us with no physical power to protect our people and planet from the work of spiritual terrorists were physically stopped from peacefully praying at the site of ongoing nuclear terrorism.

I'm disturbed by the jobs holding those “security” people hostage to nuclearism. Why are peaceful nuclear abolitionists held captive in jails and prisons while the security forces at nuclear facilities and their local police departments rest at home, after tacitly supporting nuclear weapons production and crimes against peace?

During the 24 hours from noon on Fathers Day (which was also Holy Trinity Sunday this year) to noon on Monday my two dozen people conducted a public prayer-action for peace. Our grand finale was when five of us were arrested after trying to achieve the group's goal of praying an extra hour at the Chemistry Metallurgy Research Replacement Nuclear Facility (CMRR-NF, a.k.a. the plutonium pit factory) that's under construction near the current pit factory. The Lab had not stopped us from holding a public vigil in front of the main entrance to LANL, but when two dozen of us tried to walk the extra mile to the CMRR's high-tech global destruction worksite, LANL security team members warned us that we had no freedom to walk further on this otherwise publicly-accessed sidewalk. A hundred other people, not labeled “demonstrators” continued to freely walk on these sidewalks during the next 30 minutes of our mild spectacle of stationary demonstrators and the five of us holding a large banner saying “Disarm Los Alamos.”

The employees of LANL, our spectators, do nothing to break the grip of nuclearism over LANL projects. Despite their daily breach in global security, they deserve true peace, security, safety, and a fulfilling human life. Every person deserves such goodness. We were

there to spread that message, and to encourage LANL's workers that they can change course, support goodness, and stop LANL's nuclear terrorism. We ran out of fliers to distribute to our fellow pedestrians—fliers about The Nuremberg Principles, the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and Article VI of the U.S. Constitution. International law supports civilian responsibility to prevent nuclear and other crimes against peace. God gives us all the capacity to make choices, to act responsibly, to protect our children and other creatures on earth. People who consistently choose to harm or endanger other people need to be held accountable and have a chance to make amends.

The Chief of Police and Security Chief finally agreed to not stop us from proceeding another six blocks towards the CMRR, as long as we put our banner away. They said that only folks with a Q- or an L-Clearance can proceed beyond the badge-check gate in the road for the final quarter-mile to the CMRR. They assumed none of us have such Clearance. They would make no exception to the rule, despite dozens of their gunmen being present and keeping us closely supervised. Our negotiations and slow walk gave them time to station themselves in front of the badge-check gate. One hundred feet before the gate is a yellow traffic sign announcing a badge-holders' area. The police drew an arbitrary line at the sign, so we got on our knees, singing and crawling a meter beyond the yellow sign.

Our crawl was a nonviolent posture inviting peace and justice. We sang “stand up—make a choice—create a world without nuclear threats,” while the police ironically encouraged us to stand up so they could take us into custody more conveniently. We did not resist, but kept singing, encouraging them to stand up for the cause while we could only crawl.

We are grateful for the folks around the country who prayed for nuclear abolition and for the safety of all at Los Alamos over the past few days. But the work for peace **MUST** continue and expand. Last week the U.S. Congress offered a hollow salute to peace and sanity by cutting the CMRR's budget by \$100 million (one-third of this year's prior committed funds), but won't consider protecting the security of our people in New Mexico by cutting the project's \$6 billion budget altogether, and committing current funds to desperately needed nuclear cleanup.

I'm not yet a father. My co-defendants are parents, grandparents, and a great-grandparent. We (and the others who were separated from us long before reaching the CMRR site) all understand the parental responsibility of protecting the innocent from violence and spiritual mass destruction. We tried yesterday, but our physical powers were limited by our brothers and sisters working to protect the immoral, disgusting criminal activity of nuclear weapons development. I am disheartened by the success of the powers and principalities which keep the Heart of the Beast (Los Alamos) running happily on the blood of fearful obedience to the status quo.