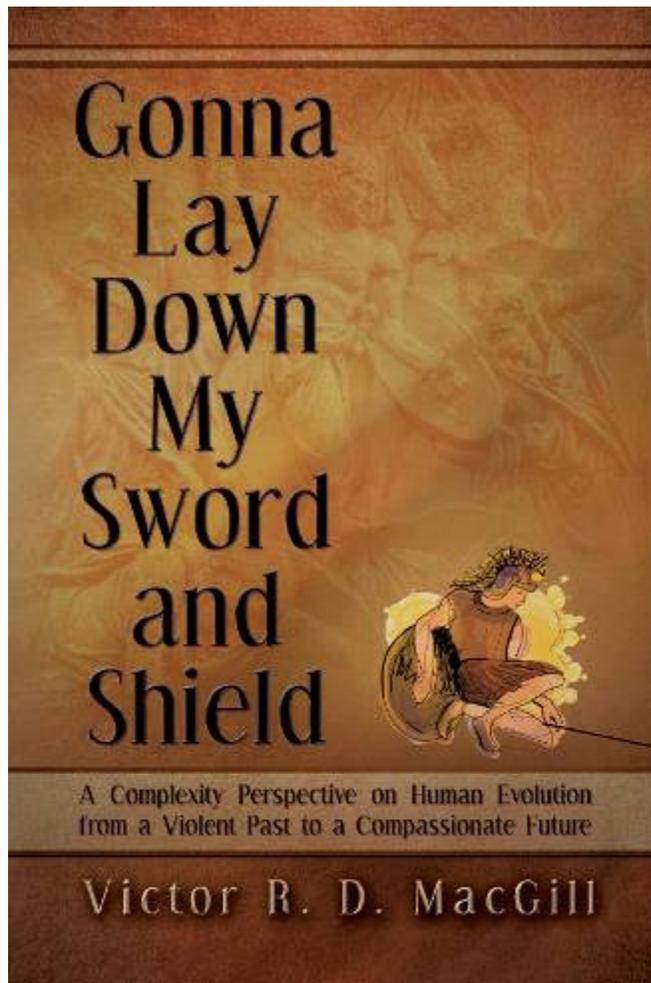


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Can We Change From Warriors to Peacemakers?

Coming from a violent and warring history, isn't it time to lay down our swords and shields and embrace a peaceful future?

The enlightening new book *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield* suggests how we can create a better world and go *from a Violent Past to a Compassionate Future*. According to author Victor R.D. MacGill, "What I offer is only a very small part of the jigsaw puzzle that will help us move into the future."

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– **Alexander Laszlo**, Ph.D., president of the International Society for the Systems Sciences

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GONNA LAY DOWN MY SWORD AND SHIELD: A COMPLEXITY PERSPECTIVE ON HUMAN EVOLUTION FROM A VIOLENT PAST TO A COMPASSIONATE FUTURE (ISBN: 978-1-60976-420-3) is now available for \$21.50 and can be ordered through the publisher's website: <http://sbpra.com/VictorRDMacGill> or at www.amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com.

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