



Chris Mitton | The Peacemakers

Artist Statement:

Individually the title of both the gun and the t-shirt is the same - Peacemaker - reflecting the idea that they both claim to be such, albeit via different ideological routes. I like the idea that when Peacemaker is referred to, some will mean the gun and others will mean the t-shirt, and questioning which one they are referring to will encourage dialogue about the subject.

The gun, a Colt Single Action Army, known as the Peacemaker, reflects the idea that peace is achieved and maintained by the threat of force, a doctrine that would eventually lead to the mutually assured destruction (MAD) state where a war has no victory but only effective reciprocal destruction. It is effectively an expression of the survival of the fittest and represents our failure to evolve.

The t-shirt, with the logo originally designed for CND but now recognised as standing for peace generally, represents the idea that peace is achieved and maintained through awareness and dialogue and that the threat of force has no place if we are to evolve (defined as 'a change in inherited characteristics').

And in reality, it may be that both of these ideologies/methods/routes has to be employed, the use of dialogue backed up by the threat of force.



Chris Mitton | The Peacemaker (T-Shirt) | 2013 | Hand-carved Carrara marble, plastic hanger, steel base | Signed | Unique piece

Chris Mitton | The Peacemaker (Revolver) | 2012 Hand-carved Carrara marble with granite stand Signed by the artist | Unique piece

Chris Mitton worked as an assistant to the sculptor Giles Penny, and later in the stone-carving studio of Andrea Schulewitz. He now works independently at his West Sussex studio.

View a selection of Chris Mitton's marble carvings at www.tagfinearts.com/chris-mitton.html

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