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"Can't we all just get along?"

Yes! I believe we can, but it takes effort, intention, and expertise. Out beyond the ideas of right and wrong, there is a field, called Alternative Dispute Resolution. If a neutral third party can help two people, two groups, or a multiparty coalition to reach agreement on the subject at hand, we can all save time and money from lost productivity, court fees, and other costly escalations. Our scarcest resource is time: imagine an expedited court docket, with fewer cases in the queue, and higher levels of satisfaction for all parties involved, due to timely conflict resolution! We can fund the future we want to live in--either by further investing in conflict, or in its resolution.