

A Quaker's Guide to the Special Theory of Nuclear Weapons Corpus

For Friends and Interested Readers



Purpose of This Guide

This document introduces the Special Theory of Nuclear Weapons Corpus to Friends (Quakers) and interested readers. It explains the theory in plain language, defines key terms, and shows how it aligns with Quaker testimonies of truth, peace, integrity, and communal discernment.

1. What Is the Nuclear Weapons Corpus?

Most people think of nuclear weapons as discrete arsenals owned by states. The Special Theory argues that, after the mid-1960s, these arsenals became interconnected into a single global hazard-system called the **Nuclear Weapons Corpus**. This system behaves as one entity rather than many.

Key Terms:

Corpus: A unified structure made of many components.

Emergence: A property where a system becomes more than the sum of its parts.

2. The Epistemological Problem

The central claim: nuclear weapons are misunderstood not just morally, but epistemologically — meaning our knowledge of them is incomplete or distorted. This prevents meaningful moral or political action.

Epistemology: How we know what we know; the structure of understanding itself.

Most people do not know how nuclear weapons work, how command systems function, or how close the world has come to accidental detonation. This ignorance forms a kind of captivity.

3. Why Quakers Are Uniquely Positioned

Quakers have a long tradition of:

- Plain speech
- Discernment
- Testimony against war
- Refusal to participate in violence

These qualities make Friends well-suited to confront the epistemological challenges of the Nuclear Weapons Corpus.

4. Binding Forces of the Corpus

The Nuclear Weapons Corpus is held together by:

- Secrecy
- Specialized technical authority
- Public ignorance
- Political narratives about safety
- Emergent global interdependence

5. The People as the Source of Nuclear Value

If nuclear weapons are a “currency of power,” their value comes from the populations they threaten. Without civilians to endanger, nuclear weapons lose strategic effect.

6. 6th and 7th Generational Warfare

6th Generation Warfare: A condition where threats, doctrines, and nuclear postures exert pressure on populations.

7th Generation Warfare: A peaceful struggle of truth, narrative clarity, and epistemic correction — led by The People.

7. A Soluble Problem

If the problem is epistemological, then correction becomes possible. Once the world understands the true structure of nuclear risk, new pathways to abolition become imaginable.

8. Queries for Friends

- Are we willing to see nuclear weapons as an epistemological captivity?
- How does the Light guide us to confront secrecy and untruth?
- What forms of nonviolent witness arise from deeper understanding?

Closing Thought

As abolitionists confronted the untruth of slavery, so too must modern humanity confront the untruth of the Nuclear Weapons Corpus. Friends may once again be called to lead.