

## Carl Kabat, behind bars again

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I feel bad that [Carl Kabat finds it necessary to protest](#) [1], as he does, knowing that his actions will lead him to spend more time in prison. But his conscience demands that he acts, and he does. I think he wonders why more consciences don't make similar demands, given that we are living with insanely immoral nuclear weapons and most of us are hardly giving it a second thought.

It should be noted here that Kabat is a totally nonviolent person and none of his actions endanger any lives or cause anyone any harm.

Sometimes he splatters paint on a nuclear silo. Other times he'll take a hammer and symbolically dent a hatch. This time he showed dressed as a clown.

It is easy, very easy, to dismiss Kabat's actions. After all, the rest of us don't act as he does. Dismissing him dismisses us.

And while I recognize there is more than one way to work against nuclear weapons I think we owe Kabat some serious recognition. I suspect that Jesus would feel quite comfortable in his presence. They might have a laugh together before they cried.

Kabat lives with a lot of collective pain. We owe him a lot, even as we might prefer not having to think about why he feels compelled to act as he does.

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