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Hum Core

Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Was: A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations*, Fourth Edition (New York: Basic, 1977).

Study Questions:

1. What is "aggression" and why is it "the only crime that states can commit against other states"?

2. How are the "rights" of political communities like or unlike those of individuals (what Walzer calls the "domestic analogy")?

3. What is the importance of "territorial integrity"?

4. What are the six propositions that make up the "legalist paradigm" for international relations?

5. Explain the concept of "appeasement." When might it be justified?

6. What is meant by the concept of "balance of power"?

7. Can there be such a thing as a "preventive war"? Under what circumstances might such an action be justified? Compare what Sun Tzu or Machiavelli would say.

8. We traditionally speak in terms of "self-determination" and "self-help" with regard to the sovereignty of political communities, but are there circumstances when nation-states might be justified in intervening in the affairs of another nation-state?

9. How might one evaluate the ethics of one nation's "humanitarian" intervention in the affairs of another?

10. Can we speak of such a thing as the "legitimate ends" of war? When should even a just war come to an end?

11. What do you understand by the phrase, "Doing justice, in the legalist sense, isn't always the right thing to do"?

12. Are there extreme circumstances when a legitimate argument could be made to override the conventional rules of war?

13. What is the difference between *jus ad bellum* (right to engage in war) and *jus in bello* (right conduct in war)?