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TO WAR! TO WAR! Off to War we go...

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The candidate Barack Obama promised to shift directions and move us out of Iraq so we can go to war in Afghanistan. It is a campaign promise he has kept. It is one all of us will learn to regret. We should not be disappointed by a promise that is kept. We should be disappointed the President has fallen into the old trap of going to war...any war. I pray he will re-read Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s brilliant sermon delivered at Riverside Church in New York on April 4, 1967. He titled his sermon, "A Time to Break Silence: Beyond the Vietnam War." President Obama has decided to escalate the war against the people of Afghanistan, a nation that knows too well the evils of war and the long, lingering deadly affects war has on a people and nation. We in the United States have no knowledge of such evil. It has been eight years of USA bombardments in Afghanistan and could be another decade before it ends. Evil is powerful. It is extremely dangerous and sinful when we perpetuate evil against the poorest, most desperate peoples, including our sisters and brothers in Afghanistan. **STOP THE WAR!** If we must fight a war, let it be to stop poverty, hunger, injustice, and inequality. We have felt the suffering of too many for too long. Mr. President, you also promised "CHANGE we can believe in." That is the campaign promise I pray you will keep.