



King Leonidas of Sparta

ΜΟΛΩΝ ΛΑΒΕ!

mo-lone lah-veh

Two little words. With these two words, two concepts were verbalized that have lived for nearly two and a half millennia. They signify and characterize both the heart of the Warrior, and the indomitable spirit of mankind. From the ancient Greek, they are the reply of the Spartan General-King Leonidas to Xerxes, the Persian Emperor who came with 600,000 of the fiercest fighting troops in the world to conquer and invade little Greece, then the center and birthplace of civilization as we know it. When Xerxes offered to spare the lives of Leonidas, his 300 personal bodyguard and a handful of Thebans and others who volunteered to defend their country, if they would lay down their arms, Leonidas shouted these two words back.

They mean, **“Come and get them!”** They live on today as the most notable quote in military history.

And so began the classic example of courage and valor in its dismissal of overwhelming superiority of numbers, wherein the heart and spirit of brave men overcame insuperable odds. Today, there lies a plaque dedicated to these heroes all at the site. It reads: “Go tell the Spartans, travelers passing by, that here, obedient to their laws we lie.”

We have adopted this defiant utterance as a battle cry in our war against oppression, because it says so clearly and simply what we all feel towards anyone who would disarm us to then enslave us.

It signifies our determination to *not* strike the first blow, but also to not stand mute and allow our loved ones, and all that we believe in and stand for, to be trampled by men who would deprive us of our God-given – or natural, if you will – rights to suit their own ends.

In us, they will find no sheep, willing to be led to slaughter, terrified by force of numbers. Rather, they will meet hearts of steel, hearts which intend no evil, but will brook none either.

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