

THE ETHICAL DIMENSION OF WAR BETWEEN THE MILITARY DOCTRINE AND THE CHRISTIAN TEACHING

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*„The wildest and brightest
soldiers are those who belong to
religious people. When you die
under the flag you believe that
you're going to your ancestors¹”*
Petre Țuțea

Since the beginning of their existence people have tended to discover and to choose the course of their action. The drama of the human condition is that man has to decide which action to carry forward, whereas his decisions can really have long-term consequences.

From a very young age we are taught to discern between good and evil, between desirable and non-desirable, between useful and useless, and later on we come to the situation to apply in our life or our fellows' the thing we think we have to do. Sometimes it is imposed to us, and on other occasions we are left to experiment, but we end by preferring certain situations, actions, and we manifest certain attitudes. Once this orientation and

¹ „322 de vorbe memorabile ale lui Petre Tutea”, Editura Humanitas, Bucuresti, 2008, p.100. The author expresses here his vision regarding war. He says „war is not made by humans, it is much too serious. God makes the war. He gives us war the same way He gives us earthquakes.”