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The Time of the Battle...

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... the warriors who take part in this unseen war are all who are

Christians; and their commander is our Lord Jesus Christ, surrounded and accompanied by His marshals and generals, that is, by all the hierarchies of angels and saints. The arena, the field of battle, the site where the fight actually takes place is our own heart and all our inner man. The time of the battle is our whole life.

These words, written by St. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain in the forward to his rendering of *Unseen Warfare**, sum up in a graphic way the life of the Christian. Christ himself states in Matthew: *“Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword.”* That is, the message of Christ does not mean that we can sit back and enjoy peace, rather it is a call to arms.

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