

## Terrorism

Past two and half decades have seen an exponential spike in the acts of terrorism and it is especially attributed to various organizations like the, then, LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam), Al Qaeda, Taliban, Mujahedeen and the most recently upcoming ISIS (Islamic State of Iran and Syria). But what is terrorism and why has this malignancy been spreading in the world? The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) defines terrorism as *“the unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of socio-political objectives.”*

I, personally, believe that it is the disruption of society by psychopathic and sociopathic criminals who care only about personal gain. Osama bin-Laden seemed to be a very dedicated and religious anti-American patriot, but the truth is he wanted his children to go and study in the United States of America. They are Double-Standard opportunists. They kill people at large scale and cause grief to even larger scale of people. Governments retaliate in an order to claim justice. *Retaliation breeds retaliation.* But no one wins because, *“An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.”* The problem is that there are too many people who can see. But terrorism is not limited to small militias and separatists. Governments can have factions practicing such activities. Adolf Hitler was the worst recorded human being who committed various war-crimes, crimes against peace and crimes against humanity. Denying him of the title of terrorism is like denying a man in dire need of medical assistance, the facility he deserves. However, these are odd times, and we know that the night is darkest just before dawn. Things get worse considerably and miserably just before they become better. We must never give up hope, because God created us as vectors of hope, peace and light. These people shun those who oppose progress, my thought for them is from the Bible, *“The only difference between you and God is that you have forgotten you are divine.”*

However, one must ask what is the difference between good and bad men, because all possess intelligence? Such is the creation of humanity by our supreme creator. *“Angels and demons were identical-interchangeable archetypes- all a matter of polarity. The guardian angel who conquered your enemy in battle was perceived by your enemy as a demon destroyer.”* Hence, evil is relative. *One man’s terrorist is another man’s freedom fighter.* The freedom fighters of our country (E.g. - Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, etc.) were feared as terrorists by the British Raj. Hence one has to make judgement analytically before jumping in the arena, because the world is a place of many shades. Evil can sometimes be a commodity of essence, hence the term necessary evil.

One must realize that War is fear clocked in courage. It makes no gain to anybody. So we must work actively to make peace, for Dalai Lama once said, *“There is no need for temples, no need for complicated philosophies. My brain and my heart are my temples; my philosophy is my kindness.”*

These are odd and uncertain times. We will realize that fighting amongst each other is futile. We shall emerge as prosperous beings and ascend in light, for “*even in darkness we will find light, even in darkness we have the courage to fight.*” Arise from the dust of inferiority, awake to the light of hope and prosperity and ascend to greatness.

Remember, “*The deepest realm of hell are reserved for those who maintain neutrality during moral crisis.*”

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