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Degeneration of Our Human Values

- 'Man is a product of his environment'
- 'Give him some place to live and work and he will transform'

Robert Owen

Early 19th century English
Industrialist cum philosopher

Someone abuses you — you will abuse him with same malice. It is a natural instinct.

For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

'Newton's Law'

7.1 Human behaviour

- Misbehaviour by a passenger with a conductor or the conductor with the passenger is a usual sight. The same is true at most public places where a person has to deal with the other. It may be in a bus, at a bus stop, railway station, post office, telephone and electricity offices or elsewhere. The *baboo* behind the window is usually arrogant. Public would often experience a general contempt in attitudes and dealings. It would appear as if one was imposing on the other even in simple matters. One would encounter similar situation at most government offices. There is sort of a conflict between government and the public, each despising the other and dealing with a contempt. The official concerned may avoid you, harass you, delay your work or find your faults and create hurdles. **Unlike other countries where people believe in dignity of labour and do even a menial job with a smile and with pride, our bureaucrats and their petty staff do their routine work as if they were doing a great favour to the public.**

Misbehaviour may occur at private organisations also, but generally they are polite and courteous and try to maintain their self-esteem and dignity. This is not taught, this is a normal business culture that one adapts automatically.

- You go shopping and find no place to park your vehicle. The excessive urbanisation and half-cocked town planning, lack of imagination and foresight being the major causes. Where should one park his vehicle and how far? All places except authorised parking are tow-away zones and the authorised parking is overcrowded. Thinking that you may not take long you park the vehicle at a tow-away zone and by the time you are back your vehicle is towed away. Then there may arise a tiff with the tow-away van and the traffic police on the road or at the police station. Everybody blaming the other. You may murmur, "the corporation will make office complexes, markets, shopping arcades but will forget the parking. Do they think people will come on foot to offices or for shopping?." Most of us curse them so. But they blame us, "these educated elite, moving in high society can buy a car but do not know how to park. If they can disregard the law the country is sure to go to dumps. This worthless educated and affluent society!"
- At a bus stop we do not form a queue, we see the commuters scattered on the road quite disorderly, providing a chaotic scene, blocking the traffic. The conditions are such that one is forced to clamber. There are no bus stops, or shelters at the first place. Even where the bus stops are, no one would know, where the driver will stop the bus, before the stop or after the stop and how much before or how much after. The number of commuters is so heavy that catching the bus is a skill, particularly during peak hours. The younger ones are always ready for a marathon but where do the aged and the ladies go? Since the buses are few and their services uncertain no one likes to take a chance for the next bus. What will you call it, lack of civic sense, indiscipline, lack of consideration for others or the demand of the situation? Now it has become a habit, crowd or no crowd passengers will scatter on the road and run after the buses.
- You do not get regular power and so you may install a small generator and release toxic gases in the neighbourhood besides making a lot of noise. Your comfort would be somebody's agony.
- Your taps are dry, water pressure is low even on the ground floor. The occupant on the ground floor will keep open all his taps the whole night with buckets, troughs, drums, earthen pitchers or whatever under it. He never knows when the water may trickle. Now, what should the occupants of the upper floors do, get up at 4 o'clock in the morning and put their buckets below the common tap provided by the landlord for this purpose? Now everybody staying

in that house will like to fetch water from this tap. How should one manage? He or she is to get ready for the office or get the children ready for school or make the breakfast. And then there may be some phone calls also during this chaos. All this builds up tension and one may blurt out a few tiffs even with his dear ones.

To ease out the situation the practice is to fix a pump in the main water line itself and suck out neighbour's water also. Now you need not get up at 4 o'clock and put your bucket under the tap. But the neighbours will not spare you. Even the person on the ground floor may not get water despite pressure when the first floor pump is on. With the rising problem of water getting more acute with time, people have found an alternative by putting individual pumps on the main line. We have witnessed a unique system in a multi-storey colony, everybody having installed his individual water tank on the ground floor where they were parking their vehicles, tapped the pipeline with their tank permanently and a pump from the tank to their floors. It is an act of mutual cooperation with the neighbours. Now they can freely smile at each other.

Note

Now most taps have already gone dry in many parts of the country and one is compelled to buy water from tankers supplied by local governments or private contractors and observe strict rationing on its consumption such as by forgoing bath even in scorching summers.

There is no end to such vagaries. Since all such makeshift arrangements are not permitted in law, the local inspectors have a field day and your pump remains connected for a consideration. While the government continues to be dry its staff makes a fast buck. The scarcity of a commodity makes one unscrupulous and callous in many ways. Well there is no way out. One cannot do without water or power or other basic necessities of life. But all this has given chance to one and all to blame each other. Most of us have become selfish by necessity - but it is our compulsion. It may put others to some inconvenience but all are helpless. There is a total failure of essential services in the hands of the government. The normal life has become unbearable and hard to live. The situation is worsening with every passing day. How shall people survive in the long run under such constantly deteriorating conditions is difficult to imagine.

- What the government does today becomes redundant the next day. Take urbanisation, colonisation, housing, schools, roads, transport, markets, malls or whatever. Everything is grossly inappropriate. All

public places become crammed in a few years that even walking becomes difficult (see Section 8.6). Same is the story of water, power, sewage and garbage disposal systems. Everything is so faulty and acutely inadequate that one is forced to clamber. The whole country has reached such a low ebb that everything is pathetic. Our self-esteem and pride have sunken deeper than the ground water table. It is possible that the degeneration of our moral values is faster than the receding of the water table.

- When we go to Japan or US we don't litter their roads and buildings. Not that someone tells us not to do so, we do it of our own instincts. Our conscience does not permit us to litter there. **Human nature is such that it does not act or react wrongly unless it is provoked to do so.** A neat road, a neat floor and our conscious will not allow us to litter or dirty it. Back home, to litter roads or buildings is so natural despite the caution boards not to do so. What we are accustomed to doing here we don't do there. There can be hundreds of such instances, where our action or reaction may be that of indifference, because we are not sure of its truthfulness or sanctity. Like scooterists, cyclists and rickshaws crossing under the barrier of a closed railway level crossing as they are not sure for how long the barrier will remain closed. Similarly people may not abide by the compulsion of fastening seat belts on congested roads or restricting speed to 50 kms/hr on highways and flyovers required under traffic rules.

When the conditions are conducive the people automatically act with abiding sense of duties. It is a natural instinct. The people by themselves reform their actions and deeds and act in a more dignified manner. **Calling someone irresponsible, callous or uncivilised, in small matters, is uncalled for. That means, we want to overlook the realities of the situation. Very frankly, most of us may litter a dirty road or an untidy floor. Our domestic servants may throw the household garbage in the next-door empty plot. In US people don't do so because they are provided means at their doorstep to dispose of their garbage in a dignified manner.**

Corollary

One adjusts to the easy course. The same person would behave differently when the conditions are conducive. One does as the others do (herd mentality). To change this we must change the conditions. To expect any better from the present system of governance is like expecting shade of clouds on a scorching day.

7.2 Our passive attitude

- We don't buy books. We are a nation with poor reading habits. Illiteracy and economic constraints are the main reasons, besides day-to-day conflicts noted above. Most people are busy making both ends meet and hence reading is not a priority.
- Even in free time we are not free mentally. While in US and Europe or other affluent societies a person is usually busy reading when waiting for a bus, train or a waiter in a restaurant. Even as a stranger he has the time and attitude to say hello to us with a smile and bring a temporary smile on our tense countenances also.
- There is no dearth of talent or persons of vision in our country. There is a wide variety of good books available in the market written by great scholars, intellectuals, reformists and persons of eminence. It is overwhelming to see that there are many who are concerned about the welfare of the people. They also want to transform the nation through their expertise in a particular field. But the overall condition of the nation remains dismal. Motivating and thought-provoking books can bring other laurels but by themselves can bring little change in the system or the societies. To make it happen, a rigorous follow-up is necessary so that thoughts of change can disseminate and percolate to the people and the society. In our case good literature benefits only a few and fails to bring about intended change in the thinking and approach of our people.
- For long our story writers, film makers, print media and TV live-talks have been unfolding the system's callous attitudes and public harassments. All have tried their utmost to expose and reform the sinister facet of our system, the harm our guardians have done and are doing to the nation and the people, and even the actual crimes they are committing. Bollywood's in-depth studies of our system and its true depiction on screen are remarkable. In spite of all this there has been no revolutionary change in our callous system or in the attitude of our people and life goes on as usual. In fact by doing so we have made our system more fearless, insensitive and immune to human sufferings. **Reform is possible only through a true leader. Look around for that leader, he alone can execute our message in letter and spirit and bring about the long-awaited transformation.**

Degeneration of TV family opera

Many of our TV serials now show promiscuity without any deterrence or fear. Wife changing husbands or husband changing wives, is

now common on our TV opera and this is on the rise because it sells. There is no curb on it of any kind. TV opera is a big source to suggesting ideas to our people and many of such ideas culminate in perverse thoughts and actions. Similarly dozens of round-the-clock news channels also cover more of rapes, murders, extortions, suicides and crime stories. Also police apathy and excesses, shelter to criminals, corruption in various government departments, judiciary and CBI. Police committing crimes with innocents is crueller than criminals committing cruelty on their victims.

All this is suggestive of anarchy and rising crimes in our country and rising perverse attitude of our people and the system. It has now disseminated deep into our national fabric. We are gradually becoming a nasty country, barbarian by actions and indifferent by deeds and that is a dangerous situation.

7.3 Our incongruous notions

It is sometimes noticed through the writings and expressions of eminent thinkers, writers and general public that they too have a certain kind of attitudinal bias towards the affluent society vis-a-vis the rural poor. It is good to express the socio-economic disparities of our country and the vast gap between the rural poor and the urban rich, which is a harsh reality. But this disparity is a result of our overall failure on all fronts and lack of grooming and education. The affluent society is in no way responsible for it. Let us not divide the nation into this kind of class conflict when we already stand polarised due to castes, religions, languages and culture. Those who migrate to cities from rural areas are generally less educated or uneducated. They obviously have to pick up low level jobs. For this, our system alone is to blame, not the affluent society. **Our guardians took the pledge for development of the nation and prosperity of its people at the *midnight hour* but they have grossly failed to honour their pledge. The masses themselves are not responsible for their illiteracy and poor plight. It is our system's making of them, their sinister design and gross incapability in keeping our ignorant masses poor, weak and illiterate because their timidity is the present system's strength (Section 5.2(II)).**

Similar feeling may also exist amongst many affluent people for those who are weak and work as labourers, domestic servants or do other menial jobs. According to them this class is responsible for high births, filth, indiscipline and crimes in the society and general backwardness of the country. Such expressions create a serious class

conflict between the rich and the poor and that is not healthy for a country.

7.4 Religion and brotherhood

God created us alike and man created the distinction. We are not interested in any partisan thought or activities. Any such thought process that may divide us or make one feel inferior to the other or vice versa must be shunned. **We are looking for a casteless and creedless society.** Unfortunately the secularism practised by us has promoted a feeling of partisanship rather than togetherness. Remember, it is not religion or race but the economic health and prosperity of the people that is important. The affluent societies of developed countries don't quarrel over dignity of labour, caste, creed or religion. All can sit together, eat together and discuss together irrespective of their caste, creed, religion, education or earnings. They are not conscious of such disparities, neither do they have them to that extent.

RELIGION IN OUR COUNTRY

It is a philosophical subject. Man was created as one by God without any caste, creed or religion. Before the evolution of civilization, man lived as separate individuals/groups in different parts of the globe without knowing for long that there existed other communities also in other parts. They created their own dialects, cultural and social activities, style of living, religion and beliefs and practised them. With time, their beliefs strengthened and so the traditions. With the spread of civilization began interaction of these communities with others as they shifted places in search of livelihood and then for trade and social company. Thus disseminated the religion and faith from one community to the other. Now this faith cannot be disturbed. Let us not fan this to fanaticism, although an element of fanaticism is present in most religions. Each community likes to express the superiority of its religion over others. Thus disseminated Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism and other religions. It gave rise to rivalry and efforts to promote one's religion. These activities sometimes lead to communal tension and abuse.

No religion preaches us to undermine other religions. All religions preach us to live in harmony, peace and togetherness and spread out the message of love and brotherhood not hatred or contempt. They inculcate in us resilience, tolerance and forbearance for all religions and faiths, even sacrifice when needed. Religions by themselves are never weak, their interpretation or unkindly teachings may sometimes make them so. Let us not belittle these with our incongruous obsessions. But

in a large country like ours that has 4,635 communities and castes, there is bound to be enormous diversity in religions and faiths and it is difficult to practise this philosophy wholeheartedly and in true spirit. Yet we have coexisted for thousands of years peacefully. In the past 1000 years at least, communities following different religions, speaking different languages, having different food habits and living styles have come from different parts of the world and settled here. Each of these has its presence felt in terms of religion and traditions. Our short-term interests and illiteracy sometimes tarnish this image and lead to some unpleasantness, ugly situations and tensions. In the present scenario, we better talk less on religion and emphasise more on our work and duties to attain prosperity and happiness for all. **Work by itself is worship and so also caring for the fellow beings. Our first religious motto should be to work for everybody's well-being and dedicate our entire self for this cause.** Everything else shall happen on its own. We are therefore not in favour of talking religion, our present faiths and beliefs. They continue as they are and followed with care and restraint. When we start working hand in hand and march together shoulder to shoulder to reconstruct the nation, the self-inflicting partisan thoughts and communal feelings shall vanish of their own.

Once again people may not have noticed but we must give credit to our cinema and TV where Hindus, Muslims and other communities work together hand in hand and spread out a fragrance of love, amity and togetherness. We have applauded them all with the same gaiety and admiration without even the slightest discrimination. We must learn from their deeds.

GUJARAT FLARE-UP (2002)

Avoid instigation that may lead to catastrophe.

Despite our above philosophy it is difficult to keep a silence on the communal flare up in Godhra and Ahmedabad (Gujarat, 2002). Godhra was a culmination of instigation, hatred and ill-will of one community for the other and a few unscrupulous elements exploiting it for their self appeasement. We must not forget that a destruction is a destruction and so also are killings. When these are within a nation they eat away the nation's roots and lead to devastation. The beastly attitude of our people and unabated killings have once again reminded us of the heinous carnage of partition (Section 25.2). We have failed to learn from our past. Everything apart, such acts only render us weak and vulnerable and incapable to progress. Dissection of our country on false ideologies

has already destroyed this nation and we have not been able to restore its lost glory and reverence upto now. If economic well being and prosperity of the nation is ever in the minds of our people and the polity then at least now we must build a stronger bond to build a better tomorrow. Our earlier philosophy of socialism has licked the dust and "remove poverty" slogan has become "remove the rich" fiasco. It is a different matter that in the post-liberalisation open-market conditions, the gap between the rich and the poor is widening at a galloping pace. Now secularism has broken the freak thread of brotherhood and fanned it with partisan activities. Not only our freedom, the whole country is in peril. Remember, a dispute within a family may lead to utter destruction irrespective of who is right and who is wrong. On the top of it our "seasoned and respected leaders" blurt out such outrageous and venomous statements that instigate more animosity and partisan thoughts in different communities rather than provide a healing touch. In 2003 one community distributed tridents (*Trishul*) to its followers and another palms of steel as a symbol of peace. Prompted by this Laloo Prasad, former CM of Bihar preached its followers to pick up *lathis* while another community wanted to distribute axes (spears). What shape the evolution of these **armed peace movements** may take only time will tell. It is just the beginning.

We surely have lacked prudent leadership to nurture good habits, teach magnanimity and make our people worthy citizens of this worthy nation.

Diversities of mind and body, thoughts and speech only make us drift apart rather than bring us closer. Ethnic diversities, cultural disparities, religious backwardness, racial hatred and human rights abuses are a few such diversities and our country has lots of them. Our lip motto "unity in diversity" is too hypocritical. We should try to strengthen our mutual bond and generate more love, regard and consideration for each other to stay together and strong. A small drift may upset the semblance and spoil the social fabric, knit with so much self-restraint, care and inherited culture. This kind of polarisation is very dangerous and self-destroying. It may disintegrate our nation into pieces like the erstwhile USSR. We should not forget the tragic partition of our country already. Let's therefore not venture out any such suggestion in our sheer ignorance or lack of wisdom that may lead us to such a sordid situation once again. We should carefully listen to such voices already reaching us from different quarters and states of the country.

- Minorities are not responsible for discriminative civil codes or special rights if any, as some allege, extended to them by our own polity only to appease them. They did not snatch these from others. These were accorded to them officially. If one feels this is discriminating or unjust, better question those responsible for it. Why crucify your brethren. Most of us are against disparity of law or law of acquaintances (recognizing some and ignoring others) in a free society. It is unfortunate that partition has not only dismembered us, it has also infused hatred amongst communities which is proliferating. This is a highly volcanic situation. If the communities do not relent in their attitudes and foster feelings of love, amity and togetherness, the country is destined to doom.

Let us not forget, Muslims were given an option to accept India or Pakistan as their homeland (in terms of our agreement of partition). They chose to stay back in India because they had affinity and faith in us. We must respect their faith in us rather than undermine them. Today they are our (younger) brothers and we are obliged to take care of them (rather than instigate). Some of the medieval rulers may have demolished temples and constructed mosques - but it was then. How can we make it an issue now and flare up the situation for the selfish motives of a few? Such issues bear no reference in today's scenario. If we give heed to them we are afraid, they may only open up a Pandora's box and we may end up counting skeletons and make the situation worse.

Note

According to many scholars and historians, most of the Muslims today are converts of Hindus both in Hindustan and Pakistan. By this philosophy also they are our brethren.

7.5 Perverse attitudes in our youth

Everybody is born noble and likes to work hard for his living.

Generally speaking, criminals are not born, they become. Like any normal child everybody is born innocent. The influence of the system and the society in which he lives and grows influences his character and attitude as discussed in Chapter 1. Harsher the treatment more callous he becomes in his attitude and behaviour. **We will therefore like to go by the philosophy that a man is a sensitive creature, honest and nation-loving and in normal course likes to maintain his self-esteem and work hard for his living rather than becoming a criminal or a parasite.**

All such evils that have set in in our society will be addressed automatically under a prudent and conscientious system of governance.

One's reaction to certain unkindly situations or mental upheavals gets reflected through his actions, deeds, thoughts and speech as a natural psychological eruption. What he turns out to be is the effect of the severity of his mental agonies, even the influence of agonies of others, his own social status, perceptions and level of education. Under such circumstances one may adapt to the easiest course that can satisfy his mental status. The causes of most subversive activities or perverse thoughts emerge from lack of conducive socio-economic environment (uncertainty for tomorrow), disparities, lack of recognition, as also lack of involvement of people in the country's welfare. **A society incapable of making its people free from wants, providing them social respect and security or protecting their lives and properties, may not be able to inculcate in them healthy thinking and approach or prevent them from perverse attitudes or subversive activities.** A neglected person may sometimes surrender to treacherous forces and adjust to the situation as part of his life. Depending upon the severity of his mental upheaval he may even adapt to a course that is not warranted. Some such recourses may be perverse in nature and lead to,

- increasing crimes (thefts, lootings, murders, dacoities, rapes)
- extremism (fundamentalism)
- terrorism
- extortionism (kidnappings)
- mafia activities
- underworld operations and
- *hawala* etc.

A good governance with prudence and vision can provide environment for healthy thinking and working and opportunities for all to earn their livelihood with respect and dignity. **It is the ability of the leadership to infuse in one and all the feeling of patriotism (not partisanship) to work with dedication and devotion for the good of the nation and the fellow beings.** So far a good governance has eluded our country and marginalised its people. It has made some rogues, some criminals, some indifferent and some revolutionaries (this too is a sort of obsession and a kind of extremism). The situation is now worsening at an alarming rate and an element of anarchy can be felt in different walks of life.

*Deprivation and lack of means of living
can make a person criminal.*

The grievances and anger of a person must be dealt sympathetically like we handle our children. Many in our society today are disgruntled and unhappy. **When the system fails to feel and perform it results in such a situation. This is evolution of anarchy.** Our aim is to cleanse the system responsible for creating conditions that compel one to surrender to such perverse attitudes. Let us not blame them or hang them for it. Provide them with a right to live in a dignified manner and one day all perverse thoughts and activities will vanish by themselves.

We will, however, like to address those indulging in subversive activities that violence and killings can never be a solution. It is inhuman and one achieves nothing by resorting to the same. One should not kill his conscience to an extent that he becomes immune to human sorrows and sufferings. Let us not forget that our sufferings will never mitigate by making others suffer.

CRIMES

Today the whole country is afflicted with perverse attitudes. **Government and the bureaucracy extract from the public with the wand of their authority and power while the so-called extremists do so on the strength of their dagger or gun. Who should we call real extortionists? Those who do it day in and day out officially and with the entire populace of the nation or those few who have adopted to it as a compulsion. Looking at innumerable cases of crimes, violences and personal revenges on TV round the clock, the newspapers full of such news items and the same being highlighted in our movies, (in many cases politicians, government higher-ups and police themselves being the main culprits) we are becoming a rogue nation with full of crimes and violences and that is degeneration of our human values.**

Note

In our society criminals are also made. In many ways the underworld activities also seem to be an evolution of our kleptocratic and fratricidal political system. Rigging of elections, preventing rival members from contesting elections, manipulations and buying over the political leaders in the making of governments, toppling of governments or murdering a rival leader are long-known to our free democracy. Such nefarious activities make use of musclemen and rogues and a lot of money transacts. These activities have gradually given rise to the underworld activities and their unbound proliferation over the years. They have close nexus with politicians and police and commit many other kinds of hair-raising and heinous crimes.

When government becomes treacherous, people become terrorists or revolutionaries

7.6 To abate extremism or terrorism

Lack of development leads to lack of job opportunities, lack of means for living and an uncertainty for tomorrow. Poverty leads to deprivation and frustration. This leads to retaliation and then to revolt. Extremism or fundamentalism is sort of a retaliation and revolt. Those who are under-privileged or deprived do not take kindly to the affluence and riches of others, no matter they belong to two different countries or communities of the world and may not be knowing each other. It is like extortion of a rich person at gunpoint without any previous animosity or acquaintance for the victim. To nip this thought process it is absolutely essential to eradicate poverty, illiteracy and backwardness. In other words education and development is a pre-requisite if a community wishes to live in peace and tranquillity. Affluence and deprivation cannot go together be it in a community, society or a country. To feel ecstatic on one's riches and might and play oblivious to those facing deprivation, is a kind of hazardous situation and cannot sustain for long. The disaster of WTC (World Trade Centre), US (September 11, 2001) can be viewed with this perspective (there may be other reasons also but this could be one). The weak will always accuse the mighty on one pretext or the other as if the mightier one is the culprit and responsible for the plight of the other. This is the law of nature and no philosophy can address this situation more accurately than discussed above. A person will always support his action, however, heinous or unwarranted it may be by way of his incongruous pleas and accusations.

This menace is on the rise and one can hear the voices of dissent from practically all parts of the world. It is indeed an explosive situation. No amount of force to abate this menace shall bring any tangible relief. Rather it may escalate bitterness that may not be apparent now but may build up into a volcano one day and erupt with more ferocity and destruction. The only solution to abate this fragmenting and polarising thought process is to assure progress and prosperity to the under-privileged. How this can be done worldwide will call for deeper study which is the role of the UN and the affluent societies of the world. Our present brief does not warrant us to elaborate on this. Some vital areas, however, that may be taken care of to abate this situation can be:

- Provide means of education for all,
- Strict control over population to a level that can be comfortably sustained by all communities and countries of the world remembering that with the rising longevity and advancement of science and technology, mechanisation, automation and paperless

offices the need of human hands is diminishing at a rapid rate and irrespective of the affluence of a society, it may not be possible for many societies to provide jobs and means of livelihood to all their people, and

- Means of development to provide livelihood to all in a dignified way.

Extremism or terrorism is a kind of infectious disease. If not checked in time with the above measures, it may raise its ugly head and search out for new targets to vent out its frustration. **The world community must resolve such issues with restraint and humanity rather than hatred, using force or incongruous direct actions (such as US aggression against Iraq (2002-03)). Remember, hatred shall invariably be responded with hatred and animosity. We must attempt to conquer anger by pardon. Crime for crime or killing for killing would lead to more bitterness. No amount of force against someone even against terrorism shall ever result in tranquillity. The widely used global buzzwords “we shall not tolerate terrorism,” “we shall quell terrorism with all our might” is only a treatment of the symptom and not a cure of the disease. Using force against terrorism may bring a temporary relief but not a lasting peace. See Iraq torn with continued unrest, killings and abuses. Their unabated guerilla wars and enormous killings (post Iraq war) despite US vigil and presence of their mighty forces is a testimony to this. Most terrorist actions elsewhere are a consequence of killing of Muslims as alleged by the terrorist groups. Blasts in London in 2005 or Bali nightclub (Indonesia) in 2002 may be viewed as a consequence to Iraq war. By no logic or argument the Iraq war or dethroning of Saddam¹ can be regarded a peace operation for the welfare of Iraqi people or a safe world to the world community.**

The UN must play a strong and constructive role in addressing such global issues prudently rather than permit individuals or countries settle scores by themselves. Else barbarism and terrorism shall rise and communities and nations may resort to self-determination, which may be catastrophic resulting in killings of innocent people and destruction of nations. Since all this is happening in a civilised world it amounts to a blatant failure of UN like League of Nations after the Second World War.

1. Saddam was eventually hanged on 30th December 2007 after having been teased and taunted by the executioners to the shock and grief of the entire world.