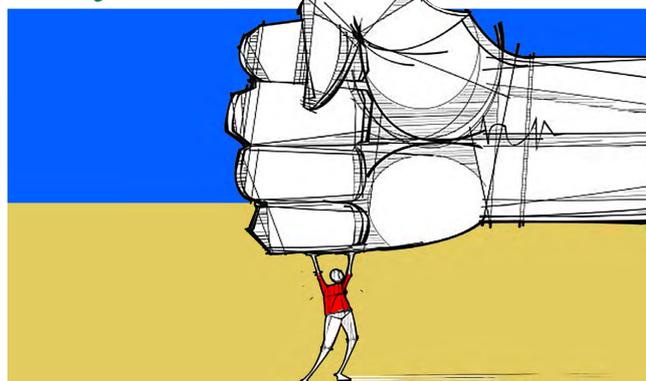


western world in the hope of a good life? In India, why did a gang of men rape and torture an innocent woman in a moving vehicle in 2012, leading to her untimely death? It is because of the peace that was missing in the lives of such deranged people, that over a period of time, they had a need to fill some void, and many have become evildoers as they've filled their lives with evil, rather than with peace.

Perhaps more wars have been waged in the name of love and religion, as is prevalent today. In the most developed nations, racial discrimination is a plague that has demoralized an entire nation. Such discrimination appears to stem from a sense of superiority as the ideology of Nazism, but, in reality, it actually is an inferiority complex, aiming at becoming superior. Why do nations conspire and attack the sovereignty of another nation that is peaceful? What is the need of nuclear weapons? Well, we as a human race have become insecure, in our own sense of security. During my duty station at the UN office in Vienna, where the International Atomic Energy Agency - IAEA, an agency that oversees the peaceful use of nuclear energy is based, I could only wonder at the development of nuclear weapons with over 2000 nuclear tests conducted to date and about 12,400 reportedly remain in the world. World powers seem to have not learned lessons from when the United States detonated



restless people. Diplomacy and dialogue has lost its essence in this prideful world, be it in geopolitics or in personal lives. The very person that says, "Let's communicate to solve our problems" have been the architect of such problems, and when asked to resolve



these issues, they evade answering or clarifying, and some of them claim to be experts in conflict resolution. Such is the depravity of the restless human soul.

With over fifteen years as a counselor, I've seen all types of people who have been hurt, broken and their lives utterly destroyed because of the acts of evil people. When I had confronted a person who had destroyed the happiness of a family, and said that what this person had done was evil, the person replied by saying, there is no such thing as evil. I replied by saying, one look at what you have done is enough to prove the existence of not just evil, but of the devil. No human being can cause such heinous crimes, unless there is something drastically wrong with their minds and hearts.

No one is born as an evildoer, it is a learned behavior, and such learning happens when our lives have been filled with hatred, unresolved pain and grief. For those of you who are reading this, I pray that you seek God for peace and healing. Shalom!

two nuclear weapons over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6 and 9 August 1945, respectively. The two bombings killed between 129,000 and 226,000 people, most of whom were civilians, and remain the only use of nuclear weapons in armed conflict. You see, innocent lives are always lost at the cost of evildoers; be it at a national level, international conflict, or, in the raging hearts of



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**J**ESUS SAID: Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.] John 14:27

The number one craving in the hearts of every individual, be it of tangibility or intangibility; is that every person seeks to have peace. Some strive to derive peace from happiness, but, sadly, such happiness is confused for hedonism, which is the pursuit of pleasure and sensual, self-indulgence.

We live in a materialistic, clustered world of greed, like chasing after the wind with the hope to capture it in our pockets; and by that pursuit, many have become godless, heartless and merciless, only to realize that vanity of vanity, all such pursuits are worthless. Some have gone ever farther from the truth that the Holy Bible describes as, "slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil..." Romans 1:30 NIV

Ever wondered what causes a group such as the Taliban to kill its own people? What causes a lover to betray, cheat and jail the other? It's the war that has been waging in the hearts of such individuals that has manifested itself as a monster. Why did Ted Bundy, the American serial killer, kidnap, rape and murder young girls and women in the 1970s? Or, why did the proverbial harlot of Sherwood Park or Shelly Prasad, destroy the lives of innocent migrant men who had come to the