

Conflicts, Life Management and Global Peace

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ABSTRACT: *The gradual progress of human civilization from caveman of Neolithic age to modernized human beings took long time. In this long journey, human brain, shape and size of human body, social behavior, requirements, desires, greed all have changed. Many scientific books and literature are available where the biological and social changes have been addressed. The progression of human beings with limited available resources started conflicts among societies. The history of progression of human civilization is showing that the large number of human civilizations were grown and fruitfully developed near the plain land and rivers in different era. The land near the rivers is fertile and has biodiversity. This attracted a lot of people of Neolithic age and thus started conflicts among human beings for land. At the current time, there are around 200 countries having estimated total population of 7.9 billion and it is increasing at an alarming rate. The increase in population is making chaos and creating conflicts among countries and states. The population growth, rapid urbanization, and consequent increase in pressure on ecosystem resources have ignited conflicts for natural resources like water and land. This paper discusses land conflicts, secured life management and Global Peace.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

The land conflicts between two countries, two states, two kingdom, two society and even between two individuals are so old that we can't even think without those. What we know, which is in written form or in some recognizable form, but what about that which does not have evidence and not noticed. That's why the initialization of land conflicts is beyond our imagination. There are many wars in the history which had been fought for motherland, power and supremacy. Some significant wars were Greek War of Independence (1820s), Crimean War (1853-56), Indian Mutiny (1857), Austro-Prussian War (1866), Franco-Prussian War (1870-71), Russo-Turkish War (1877-78), First Italy-Ethiopian War (1894-96), Spanish-American War (1898), Boer War (1898-1901), Boxer Rebellion (1900), Russo-Japanese War (1904-05). After that, the World War I began. As per available data, more than 16 million people died. It started with an event, and many countries got involved for personal benefits and for establishing supremacy over others. Although, territorial conflicts were present at the time of world war I and it is still present between most African, Asian countries. It was assumed that capturing of natural resources like land, mines, and forests were not prime target in World War I, but it is well known these factors were acting behind the seen and were provoking one country to attack the other. The interest of powerful nations to increase their land area, wealth and resources had started World War II. World War II was more involved and devastating than the first one. Although, some historians say that it was due to imbalance in power worldwide and some countries were unhappy with the imposed rules. It is true, but territorial conflicts and wars for expansion of states were equally responsible for world wars. In the peace summit or any summit for peaceful development of human being never addressed this critical topic. From last two decades, the land conflicts issues have not only increased but it dangerously destroying some countries. In this paper, therefor, land conflicts would be discussed in detail, following which we would discuss effective life management to weed out the causes of wars and skirmishes from the root which would eventually user Global Peace.

II. LAND CONFLICTS

The painful events occurred around 1939-1944 which destroyed many countries and took life of 75 million people. The after effect of world wars caused several hectares of barren land. Many neutral countries that have not any interest in territory expansion were affected in the wars. The nukes 'Little Boy' and 'Fat Man' destroyed two cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki of Japan. The land got contaminated by nuclear radiation and that eventually affected the human beings for five decades. Similarly, the nuclear disaster happened in 'Chernobyl' and the effects were palpable all over the globe. The area near the Chernobyl nuclear station was declared exclusion zone and that land became barren land. The political effect of this issue caused the division of USSR

in other independent nations. We are clearly visualizing the effects of war and destruction of otherwise useful fertile land, but the states, countries are so greedy that they are happy to ignore the after effect and the after-shock. We are now in 21st Century, and many countries have forgotten their past and want to live peacefully but no one can deny that the third world war is likely to happen. Some researchers claim that third World War will occur for land and water.

In this decade, the territorial conflicts hotspots are Israel-Palestine, Armenia-Azerbaijan, India-Pakistan, Ethiopia-Sudan, America-China over South China Sea, China-Taiwan, China-India and China-Philippines for South China Sea dispute. Although, the conflicts are 4 or 5 decades old, the strife among above mentioned countries has escalated in recent years. Although, the conflicts are limited to locality but its effect on human being and nature all over the globe can be easily understood. In most of the cases, the dispute is over land but in some cases the dispute is of religion which is a type of bomb which can cause massacre. The conflict of territory and land conflicts are present in middle-east, indo-pacific region, in some parts of European Union and largely in African and Asian continent. The Mother Nature has not blessed every part of land. The ratio of land to water for the whole earth is 1:2 and 2:3 for the northern hemisphere in which deserts, mountains, dense forest, cold and wet lands are present. It should be noticed that we have limited land and space for good life and thus, it creates conflicts between nations to grab land.

The modern era generated new problems for society. The land conflict, the industrial revolution, agricultural revolution, dairy industries revolution and urbanization use the precious fertile land. The land scarcity is not only induced through natural climate-driven phenomena, but also through anthropogenic interference. The deforestation for agricultural land, urbanization on former agricultural land and mining at the forest are prime examples of conflicts for land. However, climate change, access to resource and distribution of resource cause conflicts indirectly. Highly complex and interlinked other factors such as political, economic, and social conflicts, including ineffective institutions, social inequalities, or low economic development also contribute to the conflicts. It is well known to everyone that economy guides the country policy and dictates the policy makers. Some responsible countries are aware of the forecast situation over climate change which is directly linked to land; but some countries are not aware of this at all and some are not in a situation to think of this. Thus, the potential unwanted industrialists are taking advantage of the poorly resourced countries and are making the extreme and unjust use of land. This should be stopped as soon as possible and the use of land and conflicts on use of land should be seriously discussed in the United Nation as well as Global Peace Summit.

The challenges and problems have attracted some international alleviation strategies that aim to address the global challenge of climate change. For example, when efforts to offset carbon are made through nature conservation, it forces communities to leave their land. Conflicts among them and the government are the result. Similarly, conservation of natural habitat of wild lives and construction of wild life sanctuaries displace people which cause conflict between government and local land owners. It is tough for any government or policy maker to satisfy everyone but for human safety and security, hard and feasible steps are necessary. Two key mitigation strategies feature strongly in the Paris Agreement where land is particularly important: (1) Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) to reduce emissions from conversion of forests to increase carbon sinks through sustainable forest management, and (2) renewable energies, with a focus on large-scale wind power plants, to phase out fossil fuels. Also, the strategies for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) should help avoiding conflicts.

The cooperation of people in urban and rural areas may mitigate the conflicts over use of lands. The advancement of transportation and airplanes, ships, bus, taxis are making the life easy. Anyone can visit any other country within fraction of hours. It makes whole world as a global village but, increasing population density in the host communities may also implicate resource scarcity and a potential for conflicts between host communities and incoming migrants. The impact of urbanization has been the urban heat islands and steadily growing traffic deteriorating the quality of air day by day. The improvement of air quality through the uptake of pollutants and reductions of energy costs for the cooling of buildings demands urban space. Additional pressure evolves through increasing property values in proximity to green spaces due to amenity and aesthetic reasons. Such developments, in the worst case, may even lead to forced relocation of disadvantaged people, who often informally inhabit land which becomes more valuable through urban growth and consequent land scarcity leading to community conflict which is ultimately caused by land use conflict.

Asian and European countries are facing challenges of changes in landscape structure. The change in landscape structures generally promotes change in ecosystem, floods, droughts, landslides and others. For example, Uttarakhand flood in India was due to a large rock and ice avalanche, Similarly Kedarnath flash flood in India was due to a mid-day cloudburst which flooded cities and caused landslides. Although, issues related to changes in the landscape were noticed and addressed by European Environmental Agency; in Asian region less attention has been paid to this issue. Eleven global megatrends (GMTs) have been identified by the European Environmental Agency which should be addressed as soon as possible. The land conflict issues are generally assessed by analyses and statistical models of changes of areas of land cover on a broad scale. A method based on Geosystem theory has been developed at the Institute of Landscape Ecology of the Slovak Academy of

Sciences since the early 1980s and this has been applied to a number of concrete territories but now new techniques like GIS, remote sensing, satellite view and other computer techniques are being taken into consideration. The aim of these techniques is to mitigate the effect of land use conflict. Several researchers gave the solution and the best solution is integrated landscape management. The main statements from Rio Summit 1992 are still valid in the modern industrially recolonized society and these are as follows: Several sectors claim land for their activities in the same territory. There is only one landscape space, which is to be accepted by each sector. Activities use the landscape, but are in conflict. Conflicts cause environmental, economic and other problems. To solve conflicts, an integrated approach is needed for management of land resources.

III. CONFLICTS IN SEA AND OCEAN WATER WAYS AND SKY WAYS

Conflicts in sea and water ways have been discussed in detail in the author's different article. Sometimes, there are conflicts even with the skyways. These developments are absolutely repugnant to the ideas of Global Peace. Conflicts, may these be in waterways, skyways and more common in land, are to be resolved peacefully through discussion in diplomatic channels rather than by deploying armed forces or by employing other demoniacal biological and chemical weapons.

IV. LEARNING LIFE MANAGEMENT

Urbanization in the present day is rapid and consumerism is rampant. Market driven economics are consumers oriented. A blitzkrieg pervades everywhere; there is a mad rush for instant gratification and overnight stardom. People are keen to achieve social status and material prosperity. Human relations are strained very much. We are increasingly becoming unable to spend quality time with family, friends and loved ones. Pent up emotions are causing erratic human behavior. It is becoming increasingly difficult to make even basic sacrifices and adjustments in life. On the top of those human traits of greed, anger, jealousy, hatred, and lust are making the problems further compounded. This is, however, not the conjuring of an entirely grim scenario. Time tested techniques handed down over generations are useful to dodge these problems.

To manage our lives effectively, we have to look at life in a holistic manner. This is the only way by which we can properly handle unceasing work. We are now feeling an urge to struggle for a better state of life than the present one. The normal ambition and the goal of life is to earn as much money as can be imagined to fulfill our ever growing materialistic needs. Nonetheless, in the heart of hearts every person craves for unalloyed happiness and uninterrupted peace. There is an unending inner quest of all humans to attain peace. At the end of the day, introspection tells us that the materialistic gratification is only means to real end-bliss. Unfortunately, most humans function purely on the basis of instincts like those of animals. They make little or no use of their intellect. We are constantly struggling to regain our true nature i.e. we are the Nectar's children. Sooner or later, a time will come when we have to realize our true identity. People do live following their innate instincts or tendencies. In the present day, peace and contentment constantly eludes majority of us. More often than not, we want more and more than what have been handed to us on a platter. We have to overcome these shackles without much regret to apparent failures. Desired happiness still proves to be a chimera and a delusion.

Unhappiness and frustration as the end result makes us feel all efforts as meaningless. However, this sultry and shoddy experience is not completely worthless. This experience in life helps us inching forward to the ultimate goal of having peace in mind. These sweet and sour experiences having the reflections of various desires, actions, achievements, setbacks and the knowledge that we gain as we live life are the sum total of individual personalities. We become richer in wisdom that helps us develop emotional balance. We have to train our mind by strengthening our will power and intellect will determine our personality. Our personalities are the outward reflection of our mind and its various reactions to external stimuli. Sound knowledge and actions help shape integrated personality. Integrated personality gives us wisdom and helps us conducting all actions in a manner that reflects inner wisdom. Our feelings, eating habits and the behavior are the manifestation of our personality.

The mind is very choosy and behaves like a mad elephant. Usually, individuals are dictated by the terms of their mind. On the contrary, man must be able to control his mind like a well-trained dog. There comes intellect as our obeying servant. Thus, we can direct our actions in the right course and avoid the wrong ones. The degree to which we control our mind, the mind would be directed to that extent. Mind usually gets weakened by gross and subtle desires and very often we are getting swayed by our drifting and erratic mind. But that's not the end of the story, we have to look beyond. Efforts must be made and then only we can expect and hope for our mind-full actions. There are ways and means by which we can improve our will power and develop confidence in our abilities. Their lies the importance of learning, the art of managing one's personal life. The society comprises of individuals and the more the number of such well-trained individuals to that extent the society is likely to behave well and in a disciplined manner.

We have to struggle hard, strengthen and reform our character with the stole intention to develop a strong personality. We have to improve our willpower and develop confidence in our abilities. We have to

follow concrete steps which will help us attain our chosen goal of everlasting happiness, bliss and peace. This can only be achieved by learning the art of managing one's personal life. Extensive travels, good reading habits, and righteous living can help us becoming a dynamic force in our day to day lives. The fulfillment of only secular living gratifying the materialistic need only can never be succor to have the happy and peaceful life. This higher learning and practice of good and helpful actions must be carried to the doors of every person. Thus, a teacher becomes a better teacher, a student becomes a better student and an individual becomes a better individual.

It is good that the leaders in the corporate life have increasingly felt the need of training the people in their pay-role including the middle and top level management executives by meditation. Thus, the brains of the busiest people in the everyday affairs of life can be made available to the aid of lesser mortals. This practical knowledge can essentially change the philosophy of living the human life rather in a fruitful manner. In the day to day life, every thoughtful individual must be in tune with eternal calmness at least for some duration of time every day. However, this must not be purported as inactivity. This is actually meant for stilling the mind every day to have more dynamic, meaningful, vigorous energy level with refreshing mind. This cannot be achieved however all of a sudden. This could be the outcome of long patient, regular practice. This theory of living an effective life is not a dogma by believing unquestioningly. They are meant to be realized. One has to believe that the truth is eternal ever extant. The pure and subtle concentrated mind can only realize the subtlest truths.

Nothing can be achieved without purity of mind. Without the grace of one's pure mind, nothing can be achieved worthy of mention. We have to learn the means by which the mind can be purified. It is important to manage our mind. Until it becomes pure and subtle, a pure mind can only delve into the inner and higher levels of any subject we encounter in our lives. There is a fixed and regular set of ways and means to manage our lives effectively. The formative mind of a new born child can be well trained by the child's parents, specially the mom, and the parents being the first and foremost teachers of the child. In this case, the teachers in the schools, colleges and universities have to play a great and valuable role for the individual's meaningful existence in the society. Our minds must be inspired and motivated to follow the path of truth or at least to live a well meaningful life and contribute to the wellbeing of the society. Thus, an individual can have great life with lessons galore for the teeming masses. So, we can have the meaning and goal of life which will show us the right path, one should have the contentment, happiness and bliss to understand one's true and higher nature.

Ideally, one should have a dignified life which might serve as guidelines for others. Depending upon our temperament and the capacity to imbibe lessons of living a good meaningful life, it is necessary to display through one's own living a sense of love for all human beings. Modesty, simplicity, gentleness, forbearance, chastity, rationality, practicality and so on are necessary virtues which must be at least attempted to display by one's own living. There are people even in this planet earth even now in whose lives these qualities are observed. We do find extraordinary greatness even in small day to day events. We have to learn the art of effectively managing our lives with the aim of attaining happiness and peace through all our actions. A seemingly ordinary looking life may in fact epitomize a living example of the practical implementation of the precepts of all education and a source of inspiration to millions of people. One has to know the ultimate goal of one's thoughts, one has to learn the art of action and practice accordingly. One must develop will power to achieve true success. Assimilating the cause of human suffering, one has to live one's life in the spirit of a game. There must be a balance in the use of one's mind and intellect. One's control of anger and curbing of jealousy can aid one to live a successful and meaningful life. One must always watch one's thought flow. If a sizeable number of individuals live the life peacefully, this can harbor and usher peace to the society and as such we can achieve Global Peace. Thus the chances of any conflict could be minimized.

V. GLOBAL PEACE

Our ultimate objective is to live peacefully in this planet. Wars and skirmishes are to be averted by all means. The statespersons and policy makers must act harmoniously to herald Global Peace by ensuring security of all kinds: security in food, energy, water resources, health, environment, housing, sustainable development. We must realize and make use of the spirit of universal brotherhood, establish human rights everywhere and bear the torch of Global Peace.

VI. CONCLUSION

The land and its propriety always changes with the change in time. The caveman of Neolithic age also fought for shelter and the modern industrially revolutionized society is still making their own way. The tragic incidence of World War I took lives of millions of peoples and still World War II had happened. It shows the greediness of human beings. Although, land-water-sky ways conflicts were not the main reason behind war and it was at least the secondary reason. The after effects of wars developed several hectares of exclusion zone. Wars caused immediate loss of human lives as well as long term losses. In the 21st century, no one can assert that third world war will never happen. Currently, some hotspots of territorial conflicts are presents which are on

the verge of war. Moving on, the conflicts are present within the countries also. The landscape structure is changing with rapid population growth, deforestation and it is exerting pressure on ecosystem. The results are cloudburst, floods, droughts, extreme cold, and temperature rise of sea and rise in sea level. The conflicts solution is to be obtained by an integrated approach. The spirit of universal brotherhood and upholding of human rights can only herald Global Peace.

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