

## **WARS VERSUS PEACE**

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The present day unrest in the minds of the people all around the world is really intriguing as well as heart breaking.

Man to man, country to country wars are a common feature. The American assault on Iraq is one of the examples. Influential countries wage wars on less developed. Ones for their growth and expansion. Prosperous people snatch sway shares of the downtrodden to have more. The quest for more will lead to our doom.

The main reason behind all this fuss is degradation of human values. Everybody has forgotten about the immense reservoir of calm dormant within us. We have lost our identity and sold out our souls to the demon of desires.

Though we claim to be educated and aware, yet we are not wise to learn from past the consequences of war. The bloody imprints on history, engraved by colonial and pre-colonial wars still send a chill down our spine. Every problem should not be dealt with money and muscle power. A tactful and diplomatic path is always a better solution.

What the entire society, various nations and individual beings need today is quiet moments of introspection and retrospection. Micro is the manifestation of macro i.e. all big things start small. Hence, we, on individual levels, must try to transform our reactive attitude to a proactive one. Mental peace and calm could be termed as bare necessities to live life to its fullest with meaning. However, I would like to add a punch at the end. Sometimes, wars become equally important to reinforce law and order as compared to peaceful negotiations. The world history gives a successful example of Italy who has always been a nation by bloodshed and destruction but it is the same nation which has produced Leonardo Da Vinci, Maechlengo and Renaissance movement which lead to complete world to the new direction.

Also, the otherwise tolerant Mother Earth sometimes turns ferocious on the inhuman and nefarious deeds of her children, she does so in order to teach them to preserve the present.

So at times wars are also necessary in the hope that the process of destruction will be followed by construction.