



Religion and Violence

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Abstract

Since from the first civilisation, the humankind has come a long way in terms of advancement, progress, discoveries, innovations, and development. The civilisation took its complete transformation but as we are progressing forward, our thoughts, perceptions, actions and thinking are drowning in the ocean of these manmade beliefs where the terms such as contradiction, curiosity, query, and liberation is the sign of revolt for the so-called human society. Further, it is of no denial that human beings today have completely lost their touch with nature due to their consistent tampering and their super conscious hyper-individualistic mentality. This very attitude and mentality of humankind today has made them the most violent creatures of this entire ecosystem where each of them is fighting to establish their supreme power by shedding the blood of very core of the nature. Moreover, by default in any way these so-called humankind gets questioned or trafficked with the revolutionaries than this noble, non-violence and peaceful barrier called religion, tradition, rituals and customs is used as their defence. These are the most powerful weapon that has been used for manipulating million of minds overseas for committing another so-called peaceful massacre shedding the blood of another million for the sake of self-authority, power, and dominance.

Introduction

Currently, the entire world is living in such an era where ignorance, arrogance, compromisation, hyper-materialistic mentality, disguise & hyper-individualistic freedom have become the defining practices for living where all these practices have been accompanied by the very act of anger, violence, complexes, compromisation, hopelessness, broke down condition and resistance. So, would it be true to say that the world today is running after an ill-defined goal,

which are manipulated or rather say plotted in such a manner that it must fit into their terms and conditions. If we roll back to history then we can see that people back then had the ability to connect with nature in true sense. However, as the civilisation today are heading forward within their super-sensual complex more are they becoming disconnected with the nature. This disconnection with the nature has provoked human beings in becoming the self-declared lords or rather say self-declared most intelligent species. And this, hyper-individualistic complexes of human beings have compelled them to think that they are the creator of this planet, due to which everyone is rushing to hold on to the supreme power. In this unreachable goal, they are forgetting that Nature is the most balanced state, where each element of her can live harmoniously, in a clearly defined principle. For nature, every existing component is of equal importance where they are inter-dependent on one another. The slightest harms or manipulations have the ability to disrupt or dismantle this entire inter-dependent chain on which the existence of entire creation is dependent. Here, these existing components of nature can be the most invaluable dust to gigantic mountains, small stream of rivers to deepest oceans, small single cell-identifiable microorganism to multi-cell animals, each are the part of balanced state of nature. Among all these components, human beings are regarded as the most complex species with the ability to think, perceive, and destroy. Due to the fact that human beings are the most complex product of evolution, they are empowered to protect themselves from usual natural insults as well as has the ability to protect other components for the maintenance of natural equilibrium. In order to maintain this natural equilibrium, nature has its own principles, regulations, laws and orders where each and every component are governed to flow in an unbiased and uninterrupted manner. However, as the world is heading into the era of science and competition, the era of so-called modern lifestyle, they are moving further away from all the impulses of nature while creating an imaginary world where they are the supreme authority embedded with all the artificial or superficial abilities to manipulate, destroy and disrupt to make all the circumstances as per their expectation.

Expectation

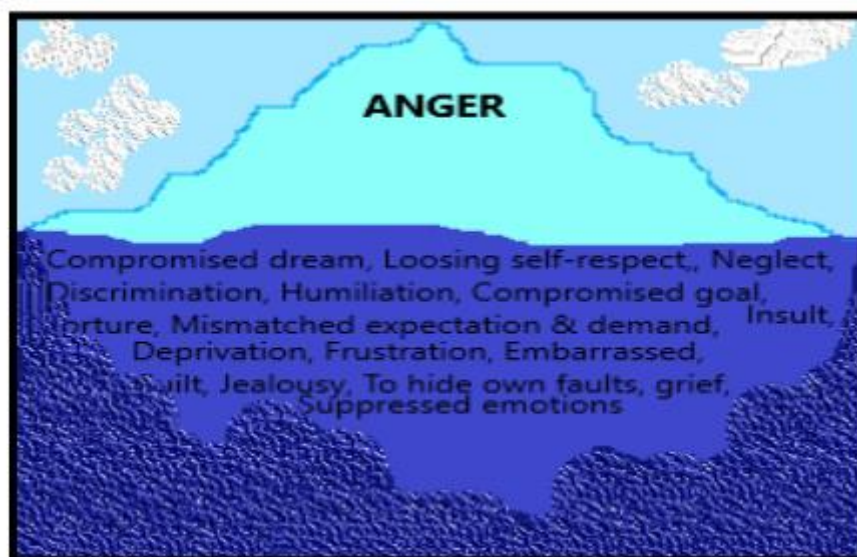
Expectation is the most un-manifested/manifested form of emotions. On the other hand, emotions are the natural instinctive state of mind, a neurological impulse that is generated through natural circumstances. This can be closely compared to nuclear fission where the nucleus of their expectation gets split into other smaller nuclei such as unquenchable desires, grief, guilt, hatredness, anger, frustration and many more; eventually breaking the person's state of mind to bombard into violence. The intensity of this violence usually starts with small acts that eventually start to take more and more violent form. There are many common events and incidents in our day-to-day life that we usually ignore or do not give much attention but in reality, these are the actual seed of future violence in the society-

1. A child enjoys by breaking the trees, tearing the leaves & flowers
2. A person feels joy by beating lower animals, irritating them with fire-crackers

3. A person feel joy by humiliating a person
4. A person loves to play with gun toys
5. A mother/father saying their child not to help other students to share class notes, not to share foods or own stuff only have to get 1st position
6. Creating environment of suspicion in the society by different authorities
7. Strangulating childhood with human loads
8. Regular witnessing of the family chaos
9. Miss-behaving with the friend
10. Stealing character
11. Witnessing of the gossips where parents are engaged in different chaotic discussion, e.t.c

In context to this, it can be to note that violence is not always intentional but the hyper-materialistic consciousness tries to prove violence as intentional by defining; “*violence is the intentional use of physical and/or psychological force or power, threatened or actual against one self, another person or against a group or community, which either results in/or has a likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment & disruption*”. For instance, if a person has developed in an un-healthy environment then the chances are likely that the person will eventually develop a violent character. In context to this discussion, it can be outlined that two of the core aetiologies of violence are- **expectation-demand-performance mismatch**. This has become not only the cause of violence but has also been the prime cause for anger, irritation, frustration, depression, broken down condition and many more. Similarly, **to get an instant reward** from individual, group, society or one-self is other core aetiologies of violence. This collectively leads to several stressful conditions of both mind & body that eventually gets burst out in the form of violence.

anger:



Ice- Berg of Anger (Dr. Sinchan Das)

In this paper our main focus would be religious violence. Religion, which is supposed to be the wisest frame, which can hold, nourish, nurture care and helps in the persistent existence of every element of the nature but has eventually become a medium for creating environment of

suspicion, mystery, hatredness and violence in the society by different authorities. Apart from religious violence there are several other forms of violence that exists in our society. Each of these has been briefly discussed in table 1.

Types of violence		
Physical violence Physical violence occurs when someone is uses a part of their body or an object to control a person's actions.	Sexual violence Sexual violence occurs when a person forced to unwillingly take part in sexual activity.	Emotional violence Emotional violence occurs when someone say or does something to make a person feel stupid or worthless.
Psychological violence Psychological violence occurs when someone uses threats and causes fear in an individual to gain control.	Spiritual violence Spiritual (or religious) violence occurs when someone uses an individual's spiritual beliefs to manipulate, dominate or control that person.	Cultural violence Cultural violence occurs when an individual is harmed as a result of practices that are part of her or his culture, religion or traditions.
Verbal violence Verbal violence occurs when someone uses language, whether spoken or written to cause harm to an individual.	Financial Abuse Financial Abuse occurs when someone controls an individual's financial resources without the person's consent or misuses those resources.	Neglect Neglect occurs when someone has the responsibility to provide care or assistance for an individual but does not.

Table 1: Types of Violence

Root of religious violence

In order rule in a harmonious manner, the society is divided into several classes and categories. Maybe this is the theoretical classification for the better understanding or for controlling but this poison of classification and categorisation is slowly injected within our soul. For instance, in during the Vedic time the society is sub-divided into several Verna and Gothra just to maintain equilibrium by dividing the work among the people. However, slowly this classification according the work has become the identity, which in turn creates a huge identity complex and identity crisis among the Verna or among the classes of the society.

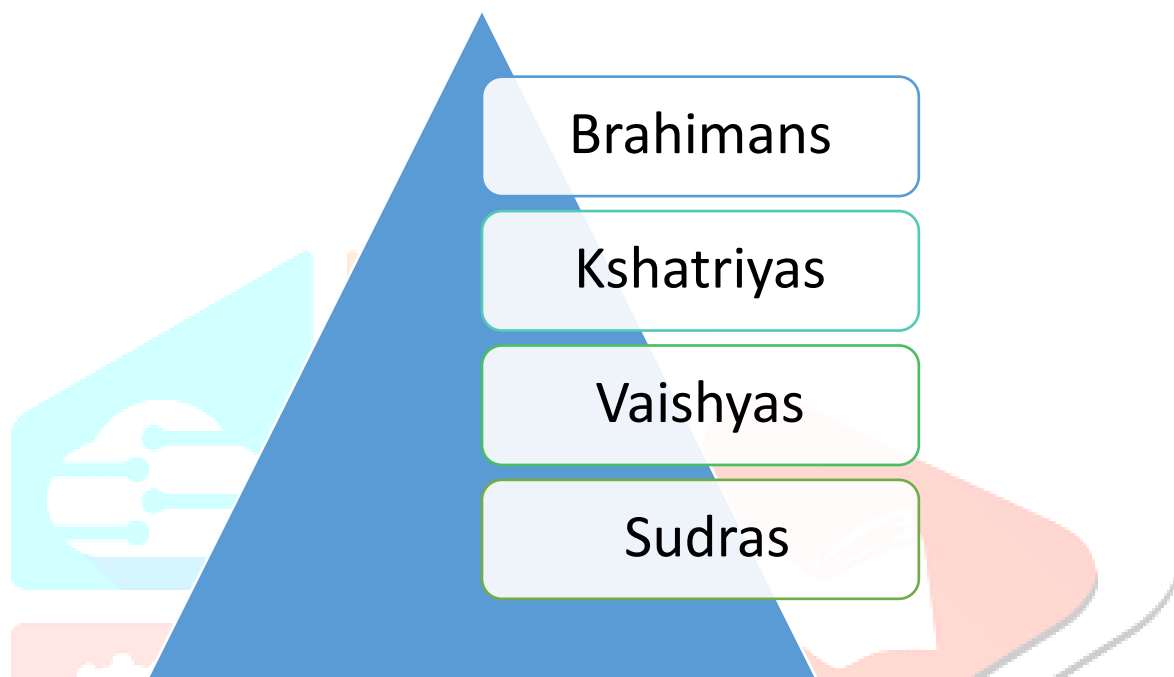


Figure 1: Verna system

Like for example, the Brahmins are allotted to do teaching jobs and worshipping services as they are considered to be an intelligent class of the society whereas Kshatriyas are empowered to maintain the equilibrium within the society and social-culture. On the other hand, vaishyas are for the trading to regulating the economy and sudras are liable to maintain all the social duties and all the customs as well as social equilibrium. But these classification becomes highest and lowest, middle etc. powered, powerful and powerless. However, this are not at all the class system of vedic times or not at all the class system of the society. This class system is the derivation and derivatives of the original class system, which is being prevailed now a days. As a result of this, it is being deconstructed manipulations, misconceptions and unethical practices in the name of reties, rituals, and ancestral practices. All this have collectively become the most un-detachable practices of day-to-day living where people would blindly follow the instruction even if it caused them taking the live of innocents.

On the other hand, Freud outlines that religion is no more than a historical analysis due a believe that the very idea of religion teaches and explain human beings regarding its facts as well as condition of external reality while showing them what he/she does not find. This eventually allows them to present claims regarding their beliefs. Freud question the origin of these claims

based on three most conflicting yet historically unsatisfactory reasons. Our society taught as well as instructed us not to question, not to ask and not to enquire. We are bound to follow social norms and rules blindly without questioning a single point because:

- ***We must trust without demanding proofs***
- ***We must believe because our ancestors also believed***
- ***We have to believe because we have evidence from ancient times***

These reasons can certainly be observed among all of us, we practice, belief and follow a specified pattern of rituals and the moment a question come why, we fail to explain. This profoundly happens in a society because we all have surrendered ourselves to uncertainties of these claims. In case of our ancestors, we fail to realise or rather say ignore the fact that they were way to conservative in comparison to us, due to which they were bound to choose what we can no longer continue. However, we blindly follow all these practices based on the evidences that has been generated in the ancient times. Considering this, it can be noted that all these records which are often used for shielding inhuman acts in the name of religion are often based on the evidences that are not authentic rather they are full of contradiction, manipulations and self-claimed perceptions. In context to this, Freud assert that *the use of the revelation itself as proof to their doctrine is not authentic*. This certainly does not mean there is an issue in a person being a religious but why use religion as shield to establish violence in the name of Peace? Why present it as mystery among them? Is the God hypnotical illusion or something beyond our consciousness or is it the isolated unconsciousness of the universe?

Religion

Religion is a philosophy, which holds, guides and manifest the entire species. On the other hand, it can be said that Religion holds the entire species in the harmony to live with uniformity, sacredness, purity and love under the clearly defined principle. As nature is the eternal flow of energy, it demands to flow in an uninterrupted manner. Any slightest disturbances in this uniformity of the nature can create a gross, drastic disharmony in the entire universe. As the result of this, the entire life cycle should be damaged and the entire environmental and psycho-environmental cycle should be distorted. Therefore, if one wants to live in a harmonious manner then they must obey the rules of nature and must have the guts to be connected with the nature form the very fundamental things.

Human beings are more and more inclined towards religion due to number of reasons. One of the core reasons for instance is that very fact that religion helps an individual in coping up with their self-fear and anxiety, especially the fear of death. Fear is considered as one of the most fundamental weak point of all the living beings. Similarly, John C. Flugel has discussed that one of the most significant roles played by religion in person's life is an ability to cope with guilt. For instance, there is this belief among humans being that they can repent their sins by making the offering of sacrifice to God. God can be defined as the condense unconsciousness, which can be manifested as our consciousness by the means of several experiences but God is one unique

uniform, uninterrupted, un-divided entity, which is nothing but the most fundamental electromagnetic field of the universe.

In this highly scientific and modernised society, religion has become most sensitive subject which has been making its stronger grip on not just our action but also on our thoughts, practices and perceptions. In Freud's view, it is not only a mistake for us to hope for a saviour who is not likely to come because saviour simply does not exist, which he rather termed "**collective neurosis**". However, it is to note that by the term collective, Freud does not claim that all the religious individuals must be neurotic in a clinical sense but they are considered neurotic because they all have grown up in a society. In such a situation, they all undergo some basic process of socialization within an already manipulative religious society because of which they eventually start to believe experience and observe all the element of their communities in a distorted manner.

According to Thomas Hobbes (*Theory of the relationship between humans (individual and society)*), humans have the tendency to be competitive, aggressive, greedy, anti-social and animalistic. In case if they are let untreated then chances are there that they would lifelong go on waging wars against one another. In contrary to this, the French philosopher Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778) stated that human by default are good in nature but it is the mistakes of their community that makes them selfish and destructive. In context to this, Hobbes claimed that men in their natural state always want to subdue others, which means that they only want to seek profit and glory by harming other. However, Rousseau argues that human beings are good but the present state of the society is destructive. This support the fact that violence is not always intentional rather it is the influence of both nature and nurture.

There are many customs and rituals around that world, where one such ritual is **self-flagellation, muring of Muharram or Day of Ashura**, which includes harming of self and other in the name of religious practices. During these events, the devotees of Shia community hit themselves on their chest with sharp blades on chain called zanjizani while in some part of countries people hit themselves on back with a chain or very sharp objects such as knife. These events are performed recklessly on streets within many countries such as India, Pakistan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, United States and Australia. The very act of **self-flagellation** has been marked as a controversial practice in both Christianity as well as in Islam; despite of which millions of people each year performs this self-violence in the name of age-old religious practice.

27 But I ^akeep under my ^bbody, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy ^aconvocation unto you; and ye shall ^bafflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. 28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

Figure 2: 1 Corinthians 9:27 and Leviticus 23: 27, the misinterpretation of actual meaning of self-flagellation

However, the biggest irony or rather says a mysterious default, the human being has been ignoring or being kept hidden is that both the holy text books of Christianity and Islam fails to mentions the very act of **self-flagellation**. In contrary to this, both Christianity and Islam convey to its devotees that self-hurt in any form is an offensive crime then what is the necessity of all these age-old practices that demonstrate hurt, sorrow, violence and self-hurt, however there no holy scripture that promotes self-hurt, injury or harms in any form. For instance, in the holy texts of Bhagavat Gita, Bible, Quran, Pali or any other spiritual book refers the very act of self-hurt or harm to other as the mode of ignorance and evil “*मूढग्राहेणात्मनो यत्पीडया क्रियते तपः । परस्योत्सादनार्थं वा तत्तामसमुदाहृतम् ॥ १९ ॥*” “whereas this very ignorance is one of the root causes of hideous violence in future. This is to wonder as what makes human beings blindly follow or conduct all these acts for the sake of their so-called belief. Man is the beast with very strong urges; with evolution, men have transformed them into super-sensual creatures rather than being more altruistic.

[Leviticus 19:28](#) ESV / 417 helpful votes

You shall not make any cuts on your body for the dead or tattoo yourselves: I am the LORD.

[2 Timothy 1:7](#) ESV / 264 helpful votes

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

[1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#) ESV / 233 helpful votes

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

[1 Corinthians 6:19](#) ESV / 203 helpful votes

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

[1 Peter 5:7](#) ESV / 202 helpful votes

Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

[1 John 1:9](#) ESV / 193 helpful votes

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

mūḍha— those with confused notions ; *grāheṇa*— with endeavor ; *ātmanaḥ*— one's own self ; *yat*— which ; *pīdayā*— torturing ; *kriyate*— is performed ; *tapah*— austerity ; *parasya*— of others ; *utsādana-artham*— for harming ; *vā*— or ; *tat*— that ; *tāmasam*— in the mode of ignorance ; *udāhṛitam*— is described to be

*mūḍha-grāhenatmano yat pīdaya kriyate tapah
parasyotsadanartham va tat tamasam udāhṛitam*

Translation

BG 17.19: Austerity that is performed by those with confused notions, and which involves torturing the self or harming others, is described to be in the mode of ignorance.

Commentary

Mūḍha grāheṇāt refers to people with confused notions or ideas, who in the name of austerity, heedlessly torture themselves or even injure others without any respect for the teachings of the scriptures or the limits of the body. Such austerities accomplish nothing positive. They are performed in bodily consciousness and only serve to propagate the grossness of the personality.


“Sacrifice” for instance is one of the most common practices, which is performed by almost all the people within their respective geographical distribution under different terms such as *Qurbani, Bali, Yajna, Reraya Qurben, Mahabali, Propitiation, Kourban, dabiha* throughout the course of evolution. This particular practice includes mass murders and slaughtering of not just the animals but humans as well but ironically, it is acceptable because it has been the part of ancient culture, tradition, custom and religious practices. Walter Burkert defines that in Greek, sacrifice is the act that was been derived from the hunting practices where these hunters eventually started to feel guilty for killing another living being for their food and survival, due to which they tried to refuse their responsibility in this ritual. In order to avoid this, they started practicing buphonia as a part of Dipolieia. This eventually got regarded as a religious practice where a working ox would be sacrificed to Zeus Polieus with an expectation that Zeus will protect their city. Similarly, during the Shang and Zhou dynasty, sacrifice hold for unifying the states as well as to demonstrate the strength of the emperor's rule. If we date back all these sacrificial ceremonies than it would fail to provide an ethical and scientific meaning as why one has to slaughter, kill, or hurt self or the lower animals in the name of age-old practices. However, one common reason as why the sacrifices were performed back than was to ensure an adequate flow of food for better survival. Along with this, it can also be noted that the lowers animals have become just the victims of those who wanted to proclaim their power, dominance, abuse, rule and authority. In this current era, the intensity of this very ancient practice has increased like a wild fire, killing millions of lives in the name of religious beliefs.

In India, there is this legendry myth among the Hindu devotees that **offering or sacrificing their hair** to lord will bring them fortune with a belief that this way they are repaying their loan to Kubera (hindu deity for wealth). This legendary myth has been attracting millions of people

from not just India but from around the world to travel down to two of the temples in the Southern India (Trupati Venkateswara Temple and Tirupati Balaji Temple) in a hope to find answers to their prayers. Under this cloak of devotional belief runs the biggest business of hair industry. The market is worth \$250 million annually for India where Trupati Venkateswara Temple alone earns 11.17 crore with the auction of about 143.9 tonnes of hair.

However, it is an irony that the authentic source of any religious scriptures be that be holy Quran, Bible, Gita, Pali or many fails to specifically mention or reason out as why animal sacrifice, mass murder, or slaughter are the part of religious practices. This does not mean that one must stop killing animals or stop eating meats but it is to make people realise the fact that they kill animals for the sake of their survival. Further, what is the necessity of having a flesh of endangered or endemic species on your plate when the need of your protein can be met by chickens. People need to realise the difference between their need and luxury instead of making a triumph on getting an instant reward on eating the most exotic species on the planet. The desires of human beings are unquenchable as they are always after unachievable goals; if we continue to follow this trend than the day is not far when human flesh would actually be hung in the meat shops while people would compete to buy for their gratification. If killing, abusing, dominating, hurting, bullying humans is against the act of humanitarian law than why the ritual of sacrifice under differ geographical distribution falling under the will of humanitarian act. Each human, group, tribe, community has their own terms and condition for performing any customs but a thing to ponder to why same ritual has different believes and theologies based on their geographical or climatic condition?

For instance, the very concept of “**Jihad**” has created a steam of chaos among the people while attracting millions of individuals from across the borders into the cycle of mass violence, destruction and disruption in the name of holy war for the establishment of Peace. But is it the reality? Or the act of some mask faced super-sensual intellectuals framing the concept of peace while establishing the relicense to self-empowerment for the sake of religion by massacring lives of millions of innocents. However, the very meaning of **Jihad** has been manipulated and has been delivered in different forms as per the understanding of various leaders throughout the course of history whereas today’s generations are blindly following it, without looking for the exact reasons or meaning of these practices as their curious mind is totally destroyed. *M. Yusuf Yahaya (Interpretation of Jihad in the Qur’an)* in his paper outlines different meaning of Jihad as interpreted by different prophecy throughout the course of history (Table 1).

<p>Abu al-Qasim al-Husain</p>	<p>والمجاهدة استفرغ الوسع في مدافعة العدو، والجهد ثلاثة أضرب : مجاهدة العدو الظاهر، ومجاهدة الشيطان، ومجاهدة النفس، وتدخل ثلاثها في قوله تعالى : «وجاهدوا في الله حق جهاده» (الحج : ٧٨)، «وجاهدوا بأموالكم وأنفسكم في سبيل الله» (التوبة : ٤١)، «إن الذين آمنوا وهاجروا وجاهدوا بأموالهم وأنفسهم في سبيل الله» (الأنفال : ٧٢) وقال صلى الله عليه وسلم: جاهدوا أهواءكم كما تجاهلون أعداءكم، والمجاهدة تكون باليد واللسان، قال صلى الله عليه وسلم: جاهدوا الكفار بأيديكم وأنسنتكم. (أبو القاسم الحسين بن محمد، ٢٠٠٤، ص ١١٥-١١٤)</p> <p>جهد : الجهد والجهد الطاقة والمشقة وقيل الجهد با لفتح المشقة والجهد الواسع وقيل الجهد للإنسان، وقال تعالى : والذ ين لا يجدون إلا جهدهم (التوبة : ٧٩). وقال تعالى «وأقسموا بالله جهد أيمانهم» (فاطر:٤٢)، أي حلفوا واجتهدوا في الحلف أن يأتوا به على أبلغ ما في وسعهم. والإجتهاد أخذ النفس بذل الطاقة وتحمل المشقة ويقال جهدت رأى وأجهدته أتعبته بالفكر، والجهد</p>	<p>Jahada: al-jahdu and al-juhdu means the power (might) and the obstacle, it is said al-jahdu means an obstacle, al-juhdu generally signifies to a sort of struggle dedicated to the mankind.</p>
<p>surah At-Taubah: 29</p> 	<p>فَقَاتِلُوا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَا بِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَلَا يُحَرِّمُونَ مَا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَلَا يَدِينُونَ دِينَ الْحَقِّ مِنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ حَتَّى يُعْطُوا الْجِزْيَةَ عَنْ يَدٍ وَهُمْ صَاغِرُونَ</p>	<p>“Fight those who believe not in Allah nor hold that forbidden which had been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, (even if they are) of the people of the Book, until they pay Jizyah (given tax) with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.” (At-Taubah: 29).</p>

<p>Abu Ja'far At-Tabari</p>	<p>حدثني محمد بن عمرو قال. حدثنا أبو عاصم قال. حدثنا عيسى. عن ابن أبي ناجح. عن مجاهد: قَاتِلُوا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَا بِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَلَا يُحَرِّمُونَ مَا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَلَا يَدِينُونَ دِينَ الْحَقِّ مِنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ حَتَّى يُعْطُوا الْجِزْيَةَ عَنْ يَدٍ وَهُمْ صَاغِرُونَ، حين أمر محمد وأصحابه بغزوة تبوك.</p>	<p>Muhamad bin ‘Amru uttered to me, he delivered the hadis (Prophet’s speech) from Abu ‘Ashim, from Isya, from Ibnu Abi Najih, from Mujahid (executor of Jihad at Apostle Age), he said: “Fight those who believe not in Allah nor hold that forbidden which had been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, (even if they are) of the people of the Book, until they pay Jizyah (given tax) with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued, when the Prophet and his Companions were commanded at Tabûk war ((Abu Ja’far At-Tabari : 200)..</p>
<p>al- ‘Ankabût: 69</p>	<p>وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ</p>	<p>“And those who strive in Our (cause), We will certainly guide them to our Paths: For verily Allah is with those who do right.” (Al-‘Ankabût: 69)</p>

<p>Surah Luqmân: 14 and 15, Allah said</p>	<p>وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ وَهَنَّا عَلَىٰ وَهْنٍ وَفَصَّلَهُ فِي عَامَيْنِ أَنِ اشْكُرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ إِلَيَّ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٣١﴾ وَإِن جَاهِدَاكَ عَلَىٰ أَن تُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا ۗ وَصَاحِبَيْهُمَا فِي الدُّنْيَا مَعْرُوفًا ۗ وَاتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ مَنْ أَنَابَ إِلَيَّ ۗ ثُمَّ إِلَيَّ مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾</p>	<p>: “And We have enjoined on man to be good to his parents; his mother bears him in weakness upon weakness, and his weaning is in two years; and that (you must) be grateful to Me and to both your parents. To Me is the eventual coming.” (Q.Lukman (31): 14)</p>
<p>al-Hajj: 39-40</p>	<p>أُذِنَ لِلَّذِينَ يُقْتَلُونَ بِأَنَّهُمْ ظَلَمُوا ۖ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ نَصْرِهِمْ لَقَدِيرٌ ﴿٣٩﴾ الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا مِن دِيَارِهِمْ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ إِلَّا أَن يَقُولُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ۗ وَلَوْلَا دَفْعُ اللَّهِ النَّاسَ بَعْضَهُم بِبَعْضٍ لَّهُدَمَتِ صَوَامِعُ وَبِيَعٌ وَصَلَوَاتٌ وَمَسْجِدٌ يُذَكَّرُ فِيهَا اسْمُ اللَّهِ كَثِيرًا ۗ وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَن يَنْصُرُهُ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ ﴿٤٠﴾</p>	<p>Permission (to fight) is given to those upon whom war is made because they are oppressed, and most surely Allah is well able to assist them. Those who have been expelled from their homes without a just cause except that they say: Our Lord is Allah. And had there not been Allah's repelling some people by others, certainly there would have been pulled down cloisters and churches and synagogues and mosques in which Allah's name is much remembered; and surely Allah will help him who helps His cause; most surely Allah is Strong, Mighty.</p>

Table 1

In context to the aforementioned issues, it can be noted that human being has given their major emphasis on manipulating the religion for three major agendas,

- ✚ Firstly, for meeting self-expectation,
- ✚ Secondly, to get a hold of power as an instant reward and
- ✚ Thirdly, to get a hold of economic stability while making religion and various so-called religious practices as the shield for their most hideous crime.

The Crusades for instance are the series of religious wars that was been fought between the Christians and Muslim for the securing control over various holy sites as well as to establish themselves as the supreme power. In during this eight major Crusade that occurred between the year of 109 and 1291 lead to most violent, bloody and ruthless conflicts that killing millions of innocents just for the sake of religion. The so-called holy wars in the history until today marks a major question to all the humans who proclaim them to be religious or the restores of peace and humanity in the society. *“when true motive of all the religion is peace then why this so-called holy war are considered to be righteous...what is the need of this mystification in the name of religion”?*

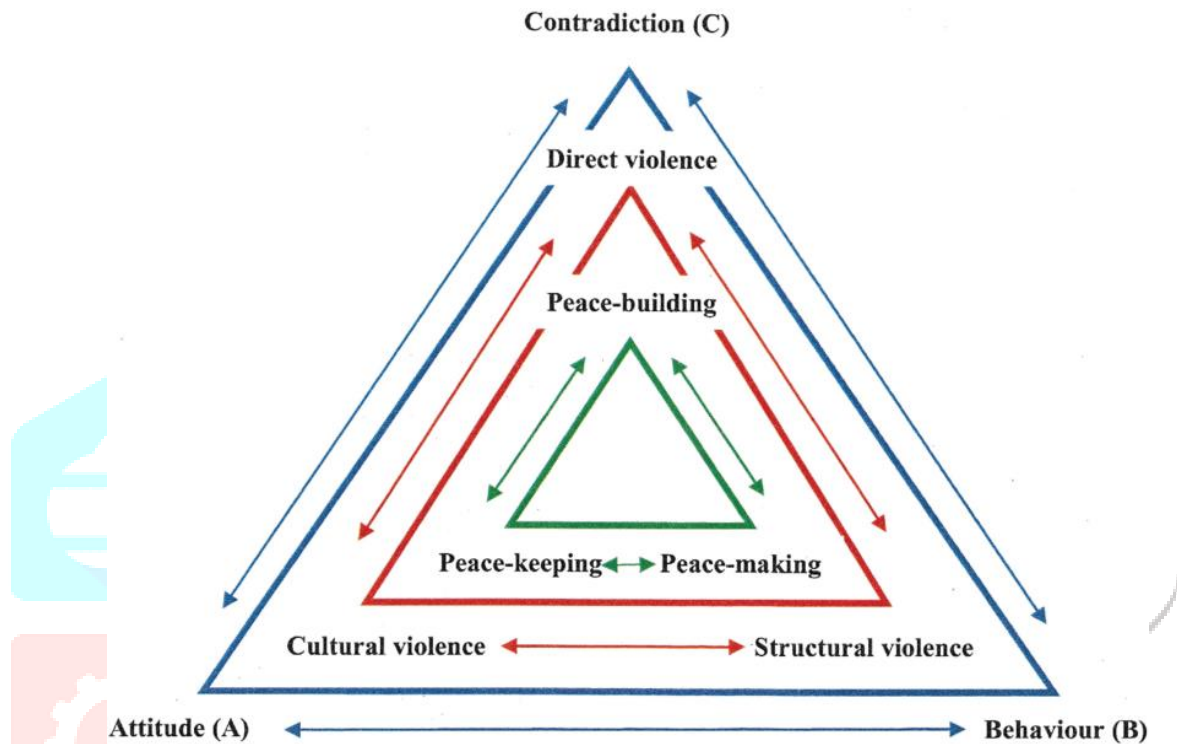
In 1907 (*Obsessive Actions and Religious Practices*) Sigmund Freud outlines that the behaviour of religious people, which are often similar to neurotic patients. In resemblance to this statement, Freud give major focus on the *“pattern of doing things”* and the guilt that generates within the individuals in case they fail to perform those rituals in a perfectly structured manner. Considering this, it can be outlined that among a religious individual and neurotic’s patients, ceremonies are often associated with the repression of their fundamental impulses. (*Repression is the unconscious blocking of unpleasant emotions, impulses, memories and thought form your conscious mind (Wikipedia)*). Further, Freud has stated that *“Psychological disturbances usually arise from the depression of sexual desire”* where in case of religion, it occurs due to self-repression in process of controlling the instincts-ego. By saying this, it can be outlined that if the repression of sexual desire can cause self-induced mental disorder then practiced or practicing religious rituals can be considered a *universal obsession neurosis*. The only major difference between the two is the fact that neurosis is exclusively sexual in origin while in case of religion they spring from egoistic source.

When these types of human beings (*obsessive neurosis*) eventually get exposed to frustration through external world, though otherwise independent, are peculiarly disposed to psychosis. Currently, they are the essential precondition for criminality, where the aetiological precondition of neurosis not yet known. However, the participating cause for them can be due to frustration and internal conflicts. And this conflict arises in them due to three major physical agencies, i.e. arisen of the conflicts within the libidinal economy in consequence of their bisexual disposition and conflicts due to the erotic and the aggressive instinctual components (*libidinal Types, Freud (1931a)*).

In addition, it can also be observed that the humanity today has inherited the whole bunch of severe emotional ambivalence (*the state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone (Wikipedia)*), since the evolutions and the degree of this ambivalence is

increased like a wild fire within the society. According to Johan Galtung (*A Mini Theory of Peace*), the root cause of conflict is always the contradiction, incompatibility or clash of goals that quickly transform into class of parties and violent behaviour. In during any process of this stage, negative attitudes are mostly likely to enter; where this particular attitude, behaviour and contradiction collectively feed into one another in vicious cycle. (*a sequence of reciprocal cause and effect in which two or more elements intensify and aggravate each other, leading inexorably to a worsening of the situation (Wikipedia)*)

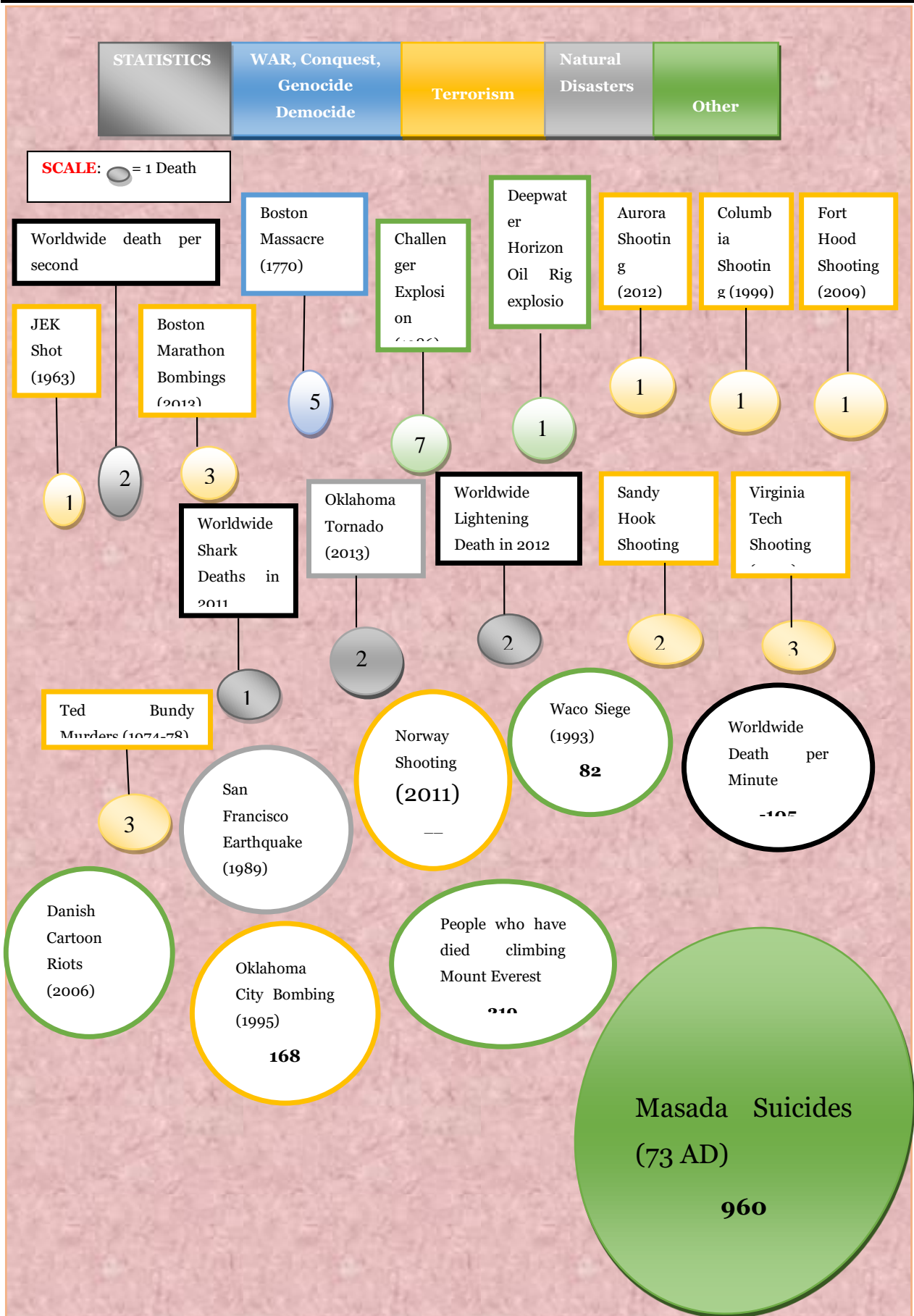
Galtung's Triangle of Conflict, Violence & Peace



The model was initially proposed by Johan Galtung in 1969. In context to the model, Galtung has viewed conflict as a triangle that consists of three sided; Attitude (A), Behaviour (B) and Contradiction (C) that lies on the tip of the triangle. Before getting deeper into the model its necessary for us to understand the difference between symmetric and asymmetric conflicts. According to the model, each time Attitude (A), and Behaviour (B) have a relatively similar or equal position, they tend to enter into a Conflict due to diverging interests or we can also call it as **symmetrical conflict**. When in relationship between A and B, one of the parties has the clearly super standing or power in comparison to other. This can also be taken as a situation where inequalities between the two sides are more prominent, which is considered as asymmetric conflict. This can be commonly observed this day among the majority and minority groups, who are fighting war after war just to establish their authority or rather, say power over the world. In a long run, this power-seeking mentality of the people or so-called leader of various religious groups, community, tribes are eventually started to take more hideous frame while shedding the blood of millions of innocents. Religions, amongst majority groups have now become the medium of violence, which does in a way indicate that all the practices, rituals, taboos, traditions, believe is turning into *universal mental obsession* and we all are equality the culprits as well as victims.

In *Totem and Taboo*, Wundt explains that the most primitive source as well as most lasting human instincts is nothing but the fear of “demonic” power that lies in tabooed object. He further explains that Taboos are nothing but the objectified fear related to it. Bit by bit, these taboos have grown into force due to its own basis among human beings. In addition, it has eventually been able to develop or rather say transformed into rule of custom and tradition, which has now finally become a law. So, a question to ponder here *“Is or has religion giving origin to cult or the fear of human beings?”*





SCALE CHANCE: ○ = 1,000

Masada Suicides (73 AD)
960

9/11
2,996

Tiananmen Square Crackdown (1989)
4006,000

Worldwide Death per Hour
-6, 7300

Japan Tsunami (2011)
20k

Titanic Accident (1912)
1,502

Hurricane Katrina (2005)
1,833

US Gun Deaths Per Year
31k
11k homicide
20K suicide

US Car Accident Deaths Per Year
32K

US Suicide Per Year
38k
8k Women
30K men

Afghanistan War (2001-present)
15k-30K
(2,700 US)

China Earthquake (Sichuan, 2008)
87K

American Revolutionary War
50k-100K

Syrian Civil War (2013, ongoing)
100K

Worldwide War Deaths in 2008
182K

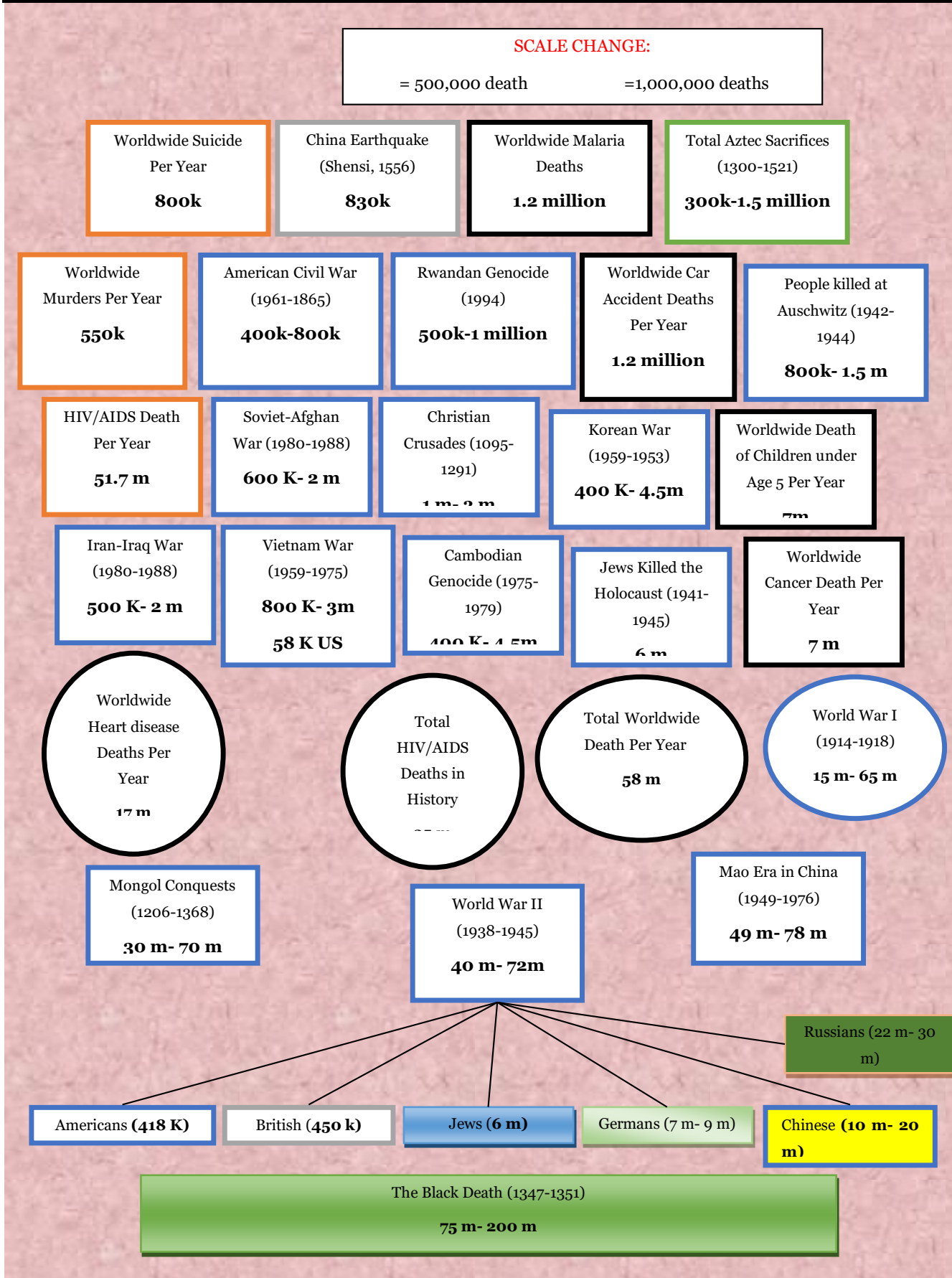
Iraq War (2003-2008)
110k-190K
(4,400 US)

Worldwide Death Per Day
151 K

Hiroshima & Nagasaki Bombings (1945)
150k-246K

Indian Ocean Tsunamis (2004)
230k- 280K

Haiti Earthquake (2010)
316K



Psychology of Religious Violence

Human psychology is one of the strangest psychologies of the ecosystem because it runs on the exactly opposite direction of the environmental psychology. It disrupts all the linkage between nature and self and tries to establish an impossible bond to satisfy their hyper-materialistic humanitarian complex, super dominative hyper-individualistic tendencies and super natural, super sensual personalities. For that reason during the course of civilisation, they have designed many ultra scientific and undoubtedly mysterious formulations by which they wants to govern the world as per their will; Religion is such a formulation of now a days.

Religion was designed to hold and uplift the species and nourish the nature as well. However, the modern self-declared lords disrupt the entire concept of religion in the direction, which ends in the dump of extinction.

Generally, human mind is more prone towards the mysterious events, unnatural stuff and unhealthy practices because of their easy accessibility and its lucrative storytelling habits. As a result of this, the religious masters have designed several protocols and methodologies for the betterment of human lives by using the keys of mysteriousness and super sensualities; but these entire scenarios is only guided by business strategies.



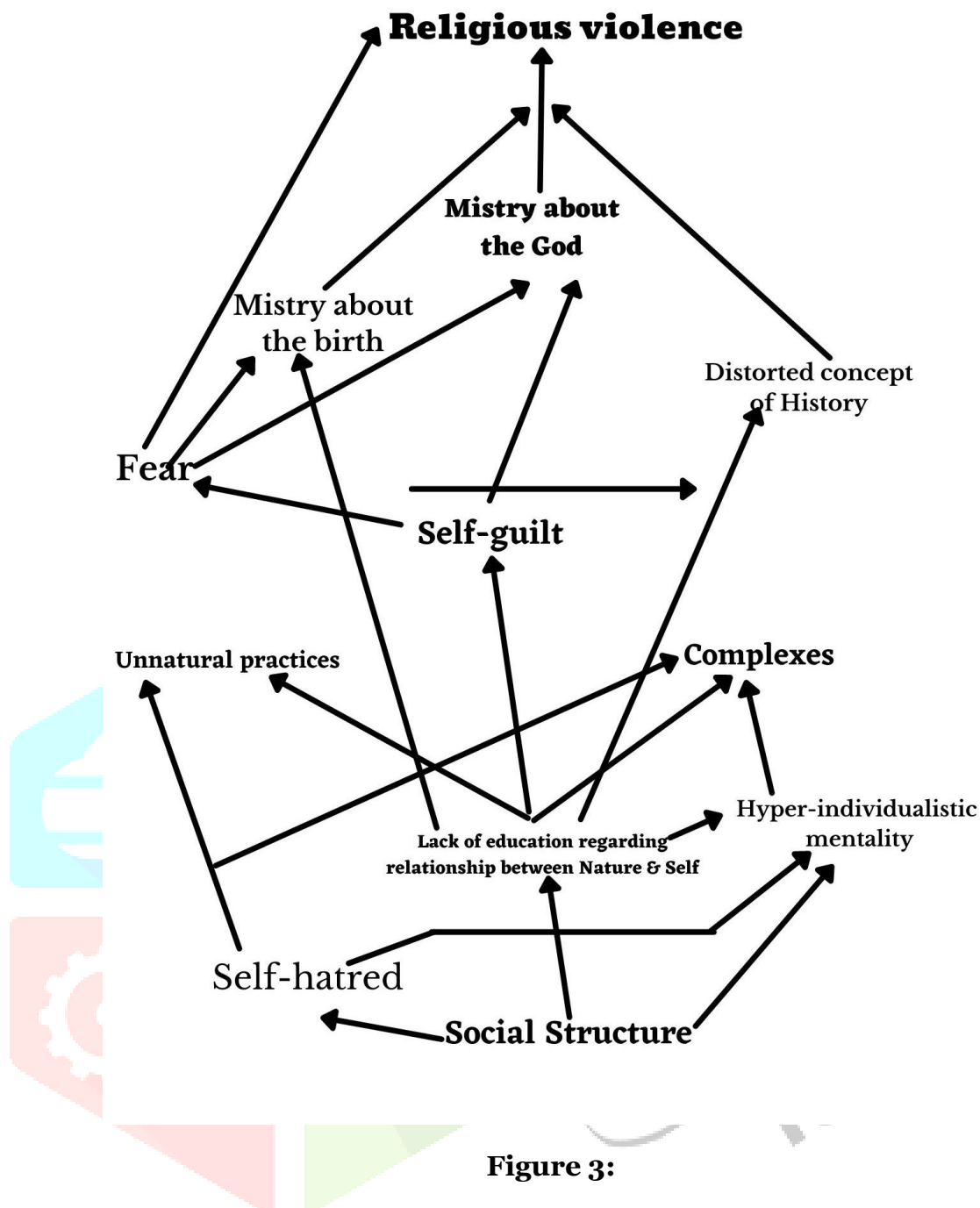


Figure 3:

Religion as of today has become the most hyper conscious sphere of human beings, which is being guarded by their external superficial behaviour such as resistant, arrogance, ignorance, anger, suppression, repression, hyper-individualistic mentality, and many more which is making them live in the false believe of their own delusional world. On the other hand, our Lack of knowledge and inability to search for truth has been collectively strangulating our curiosity. According to Freud, all the obsessive actions carriers a motive as well as meaning, which can be interpreted. Similarly, people performing all the ritualistic ceremonies are eventually crossing the sphere of religious thoughts to sphere of criminality and oppression in order to express their unconscious motives and ideas. This is the condition where the person is obeying a compulsive action in the name of religious beliefs without understating its in-depth meanings. Further, it can also be noted that motive of people which impel to religious practices are unknown or in most of the cases often represented in consciousness by other who have advanced themselves to the sphere of criminality and oppression. The charts shown above represents wars, genocides,

democide, terrorism, natural disaster and other while representing the number of death associates with each of the incidents. It is interesting to note that as we advance further down, the number of the death have been kept on increasing with very sharp Upliftment. This is the very result of our lack of knowledge towards the authentication to all the ancient ritualistic practices as well as being ignorant towards all the ill-human practices that still exists in our society with some major manipulations and misconceptions.

For instance, another major outcome can be observed from the Yemeni civil war, which is a ongoing multi-sided civil war that began in 2014 between Abdrabbuh Masnsur Hadi (Yemeni government) and Houthi armed movement along with their supporters and allies for establish their power and control over the country. Until today, the war has killed over 18,400 civilians while making the country the largest humanitarian crisis in the world. Along with this, the country also suffers from worst food security crisis with its 20.1 million people. The people in Yemen, by the age 25 have already been lived through 14-armed conflicts where it is estimated that about 19.5% of the population suffers from serious mental disorders. Among this, the children are most severely affected; 55% of the children are found depressed, 19% are fearful, and 79% of school-aged children have been reported with posttraumatic stress disorder. Children as young as 10 are forced to fight, kill and die in Yemen's civil war and the supreme authorities who a claim helps them are quietly witnessing the mass killing.

Thus, we can say that theses humans or rather say sufferers from compulsion and prohibition acts or behave like as if they were dominated by the very sense of guilt, of which the person is completely unknown. This very phenomenon has been tagged as *unconscious sense of guilt* by Freud. This sense of guilt is often sourced from the early mental events of the person, which is consistently being reviewed to them with the renewal of their suppressed or repressed temptations that arises each time they get exposed to any contemporary provocation. This eventually creates a lurking sense of expectant anxiety, which is nothing but an expectation of misfortune that is directly linked to their concept or rather say a fear of punishment that manifest even more profound with their internal perception regarding their own temptation. And in order to ignite this sense of guilt and fear, *different authorities are creating environment of suspicion in the society* to ultimately gain supreme power and control while framing religion as the curtain to hide all their inhuman acts from terrorism, civil wars, human bombs, human trafficking, sex trafficking, drug smuggling, weapon smuggling and many more hideous crimes. Nevertheless, how has all this begun or manifested?

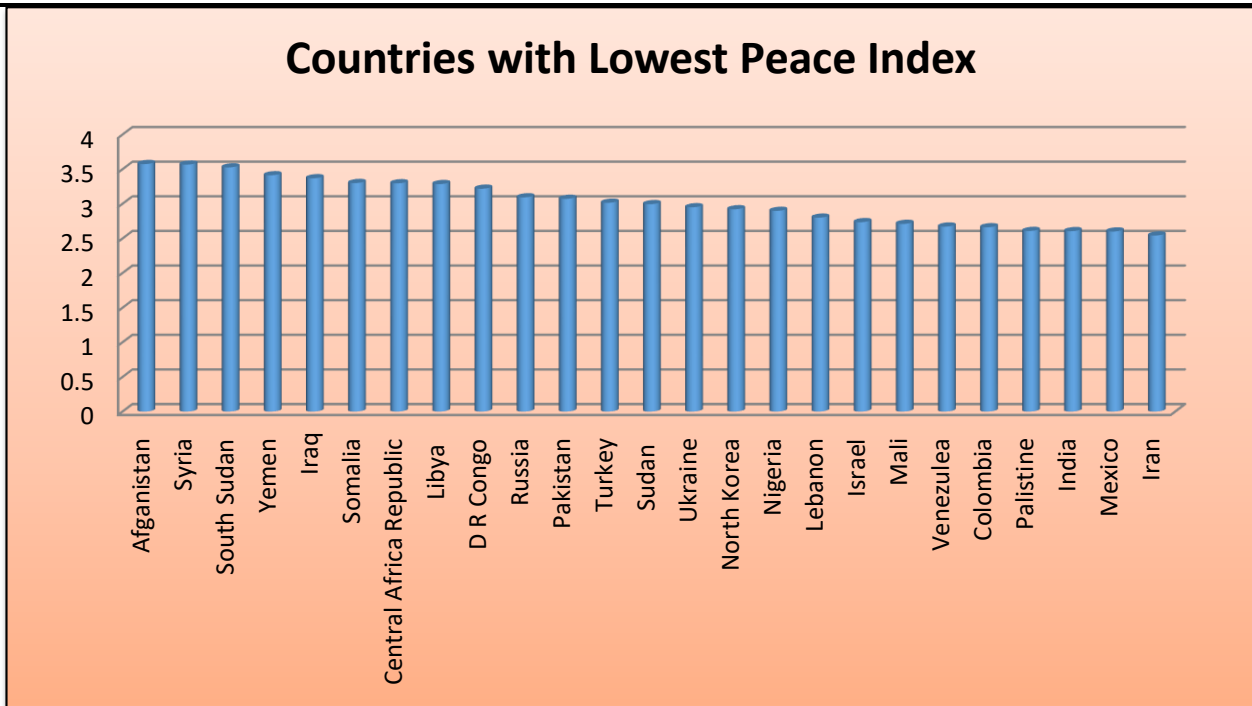


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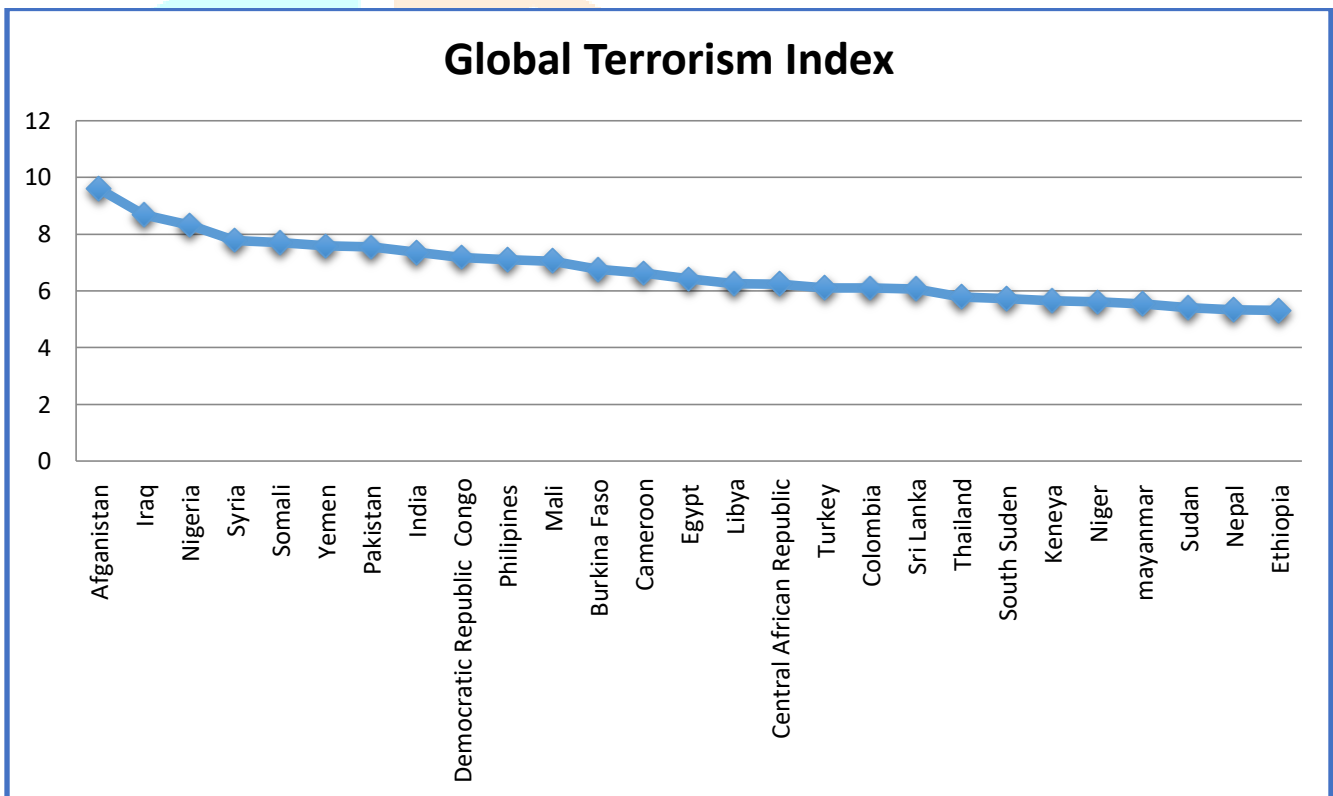


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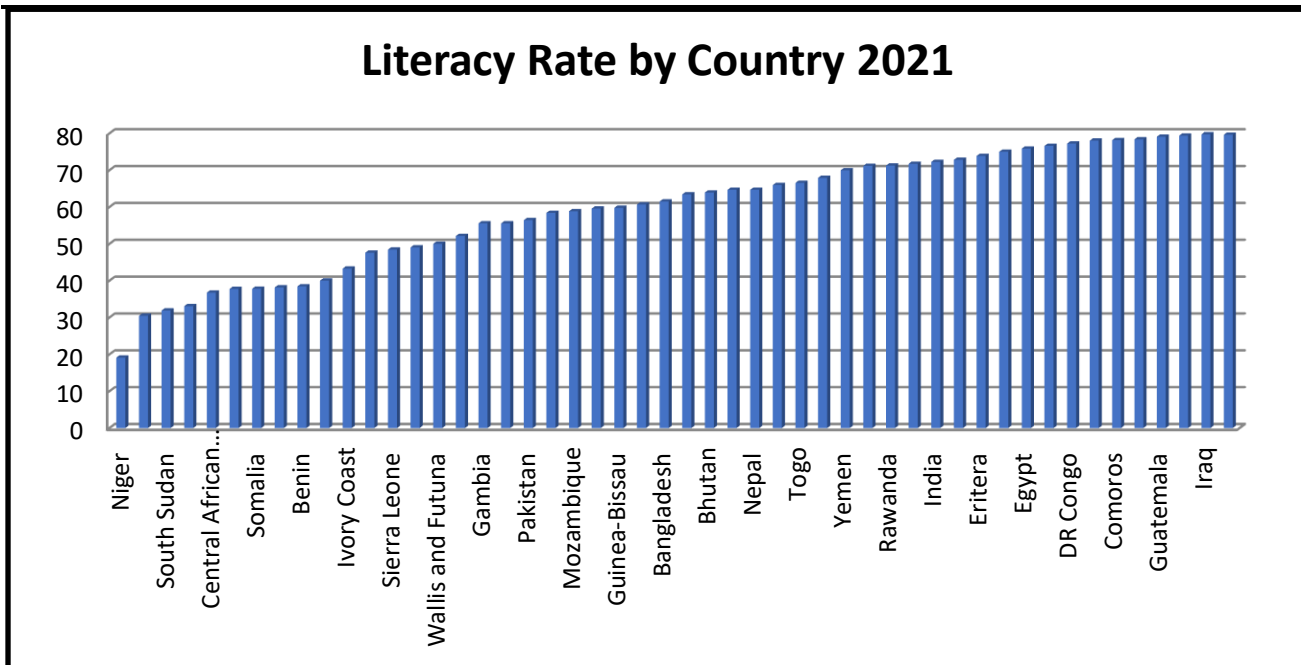


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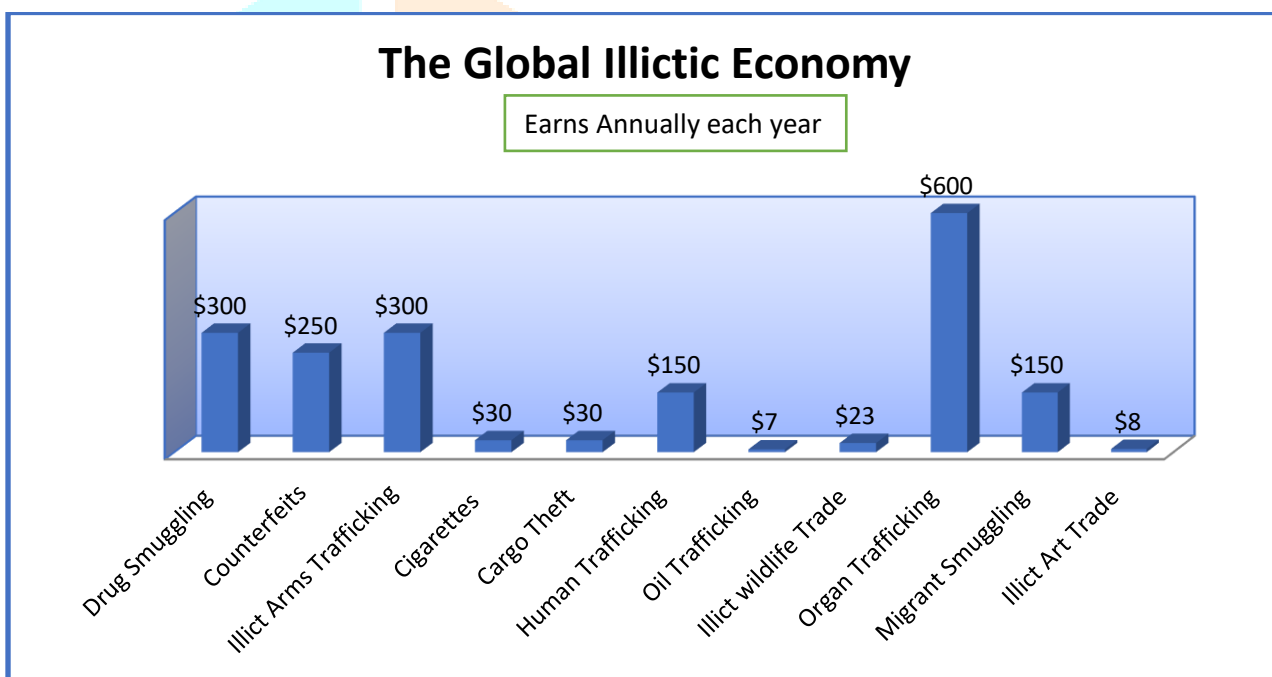


Figure 7

It all begins with initial construction of the ceremonial practices. During this phase, the person consciously learn that they will have to perform the ceremonies otherwise something ill will happen where the nature of something ill is nothing but their own expectation that is still known to their consciousness. In all this phase, the thing that is always kept hidden from them is demonstrable or being demonstrated in the form of occasion by continuously instigating their known consciousness. These ultimately instigate their expectant anxiety or *expectation-demand-performance mismatch*, which compels the person to conduct violence just to satisfy their *unconscious sense of guilt for instant reward making*. Considering this, it can be outlined that all these religious ceremonials has been implanted by humans as an action of self-defence or insurance and to use it has a protective shield or measures against all their inhuman practices.

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