

# THINK

A mother spends years of her life caring for her baby yet a blow to the head, a bullet, a bayonet, shrapnel or some flying debris from a building exploded by terrorists or by so called “legitimate military action” may nullify all her effort. So, before causing mischief or resorting to violence think of the mother who may well be your own mother. You may be unfairly treated, you may even be persecuted and your life may well be threatened and it may be that violence seems to be the only way out, still before going for it think ... think of the mother.

God created the earth and made it suitable for life in billions of years and we are polluting it in producing unnecessary, 'amenities'. So before cashing in on a, 'new idea', think of the consequences. We may never acquire the sophistication needed and we may not have the time needed to unpollute what we have polluted or what you are about to pollute.

Humanity has survived, to-date, all its murderous tendencies because the atrocities were local in nature. But poison gases, biological weapons, and atomic weapons may be too much, too global, and too devastating for it. So before going to war in this day and age think. There may be no winner left.

Agreed that biological and atomic weapons give us a sense of security and superiority, agreed that they are meant only as deterrents. Yet some snapped nerve, in a political power game, some miscalculation or some human or mechanical error may cause the genie of global destruction to come out of the bottle. So before creating the genie in the bottle, think. Once freed the genie may not want to go into the bottle. Or the bottle may break.

It may look quite attractive to brand as terrorists and uncivilized a nation so that after the sanctions you may buy their oil on the cheap, but people may know your ploy. They may get the notion that dishonesty pays. They may come up with their own kind of underhand tactics. Before using political might for unfair and unjust profit think ... the example you are setting abroad could be mimicked at home.

Look around you and note, the universe around us seems to be so hostile to life that for all we know, with life and humanity on it, earth is like an oasis in an otherwise lifeless desert or earth is like a boat in the vast sea of emptiness. Before trying to impose your will upon others think: Would you want to burn this oasis? Would you want to be the one who rocked this boat?

God almighty created us and let us have our mind and He helped us develop it. Our forefathers then pondered over the mysteries of nature and with help from God created various sciences. Today, those sciences are at such a stage that they are blessings

if used properly and justly and they are terrors from hell if misused. So before announcing a new discovery think: What good is it going to do to humanity?

Read history to see that many civilizations succumbed to the intruders, in trying to “keep the barbarians out”. The basic impulse there was the fear of having to share the God-given bounties with the apparently less fortunate. Walls of hatred were created in addition to material walls and deterrents, preemptive strikes were organized to ensure keeping out the “undeserving, unreliable, and incapable”. Thanks to hatred, they often ended up squandering the bounties in defending the very bounties they were concerned about. So before erecting the walls think. The walls have a bad habit of coming down crashing.