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'War happens when language fails'

"Is warfare fair? No, war is never fair,
it is UNFAIR"

- a wise man

About 4.5 billion years ago, when earth was formed, there was no possibility of life. But 3.7 billion years ago, microbes were formed and the first trace of human beings were found in Africa. From then, human life has tremendously advanced. The ancient humans known to be hunter-gatherers expanded their scope of survival and invented life-changing factors like wheel and fire. In the 21st century, our life has scaled up and science



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progressed. With that, human brain as well as emotions, thoughts and values altered. Now, man is in a cut race for more power and wealth. He has inculcated in himself, the curse of aggression and violence. All of these paved the way for 'war'.

War is our greatest enemy. Over myriad of years, we have witnessed several thousand wars which resulted in aggression, violence, loss of life and limb etc. Over the period of World War I and World War II, the history wrote itself that even if millions are moaning and weeping, homo sapiens never seem to care. He doesn't care if mothers are wailing her eyes out for her dead son. It resulted in the death of millions of civilians. I remember the words of

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Woodrow Wilson - "World War is a war to end all other wars." But was it true? The answer to that would be a giant NO. We have witnessed the death of millions in several thousand wars even after 1945.

"Human race needs to slow down or else it will result in complete destruction."

The Russia-Ukraine war is the best example to how wars destroy the social, economic and political fabric of a nation. From February 2022, Russia launched full-faced attacks on Ukraine. Even when I am writing this, the effects of their hatred are lingering inside them. How about Israel-Palestine issue? The newspapers and other media platforms were abundant with the news



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of a doctor, who came to know about his daughter's death while he was treating other victims. The wail and scream of a 6 years old child who lost both legs and hands still remain heart-wrenching. How about an orphaned baby who lost all of her family members? Isn't it heart wrenching to view all these while we are comfy and cozy on the other side?

"Father, where are my limbs?", asked a 10 year old athlete whose dream was to win an olympic medal! "Shouldn't we be ashamed to sit comfortably, complaining that our food lack necessary salt and sugars?"

The drastic consequences of Hiroshima and Nagasaki could never be erased from history or from our minds.

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The tremendous devastation along with lasting effects still remain a malady to the nation. The children of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are born with physical, genetic and other consequences even after decades have passed! It is a by-hearted tale. The tale of a girl who made magic ~~to~~ with white paper ^{which} still reminds us of what she and her loved one had to go through. Sadako will forever be the epitome and representative of ample students, youngsters, babies and elders who lost everything at the cost of a war!

"War is first formed and developed
in the minds of men"
- a wise man

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The pivotal question is, what causes war? Everything that happened on earth, at every inch of development, every piece of scientific breakthrough, every hook of conflict and violence first happened inside the minds of homo sapiens. We developed greed and selfishness. In a rat race for immense desire for more wealth, a need to prove their point, view and belief, historical, cultural, political, social, geographical reasons may lead to the game of war. If we scrutiny the incident of Russia-Ukraine, Israel-Palestine, we come to the conclusion that historical reasons led to it. They have been in conflict and constant judgements over numerous numbers of years. But, one of the major reasons is truly one thing.

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"The transformation of pre-modern society to a modern one is because of development in language"

Communication revolution is an integral part of human development. When we mention communication revolution, the primary factor which pops up in our mind is truly internet and media. But it took place during the palaeolithic period. Humans came up with the idea of communication even back then. The cave paintings of Altamira are the testimony which persist this fact. We used pictures and symbols to denote influencing factors while hunting. It further progressed to sounds with the development of our vocal tract. Oral languages without a proper script was the next step in this.



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"Communication and exchange of human ideas are the basic factors in any human relationship"

Communication is the key. The exchange of thoughts, beliefs and values in a peaceful manner is the driving force of a robust bond and relation. India was under the British rule for nearly two centuries. The greatest propagator of peace - Mahatma Gandhi always communicated his ideas and beliefs with the masses. There existed this healthy communication. Wars might happen due to the lack of proper communication. Talking things out without jumping into conclusions might be the fundamental force to stop any branch of violence, be it wars or terrorism!



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"Do you know what distinguishes human beings from other organisms? It is their ability to understand, acknowledge and act accordingly with the language of values"
- a wise man.

As said before, communication is the backbone of healthy living. Language and it's effective and robust use can result in promoting peace and prosperity. The seeds of war are sown when we accept violence, hatred and greed to control us. What if I say, more uses of certain languages can fight against these evils? Yes, it is absolutely true. Wars can result in complete wipe out of an entire humanity. It results in death,

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infrastructural and economic devastation.
 The effects of a war might not only be physical. The victims of a war are victims to mental diseases. A survey conducted by the United Nations found that natives of a war affected area are more likely to fall into anxiety and depression. They might end up having psychological disorders. The trauma of losing a loved one right in front of your eyes, losing your lovely home, your life dreams and hopes getting shattered over a war period could surely destroy a person's mental state. A war happens when we forget that we are humans and we have values. A war happens when we turn into animals without human morals. A war happens when we forget a language. The language of love!



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"Love is the epitome of human language!
It is the language of the heart!"

As youngsters, we often jump to the ideology that beating someone, bursting out curse words are ideal and glorifying. If you could talk peacefully without using the means of violence, that malady would be solved in a ten fold effective manner. The same applies to wars! I think it's high time we hug the idea of language for problem-solving. I am talking about the language of values. The values of love, compassion, generosity, cosmopolitanism, fellowship and sharing. If we inculcate these languages, the curse of war would never beat an eye on us! Love and mutual-respects exemplifies what



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human languages can provide the world.
These languages can promote mutual
cooperation, understanding and hence wipe
out violence and revenge. In my opinion,
language is not mere oral and written.
Our actions and thoughts are a form of
language!

"Peace starts with a smile"
- Mother Teresa

War happens when we are unable to
communicate properly. War happens when
we are unable to understand human
emotions. War happens when human heart
is filled with the language of hatred,
revenge and ethnocentrism. What if
Russia the leaders of Russia and Ukraine

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are able to communicate and sacrifice certain things and uphold the language of mutual cooperation, understanding and sacrifice. What if India and Pakistan understands their need to hold hands and uphold the language of love and respect? Wouldn't it be the greatest happening on the mother earth that would be written in golden letters in the annals of history?

“Mahabharatha taught us nothing but the ever-lasting heinous effect of War”

The million dollar question is this. How do we put an end to the malady of war? Promoting the languages of peace, respect and cooperation would be the key.



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step to adopt. Teach the young generation that war is never the answer. It only adds up to your problems. The quote, "NONE WINS THE WAR" must linger in the minds of youth. If ~~so~~, cyber-war or the traditional war might not take place. Cyber-wars, an emerging ~~is~~ branch of war might happen because hackers know the language of computers. But if we teach the young generation, the language of love, binary digit algorithms would never take away peace and prosperity. We must promote diplomacy and foster international relations. It is high time that we adopt the ideology of Gandhi- ahimsa and satyagraha. His language of non-violence and peaceful protest must be the language of the youngsters. We must also treat the root



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causes. Steps must be taken to eradicate the detrimental language of violence and greed. I would like to remind that the language of war is a pathway to hell!

In the end, the question 'What causes a war' or 'Why does a war happen' can be answered as - War happens when language fails. Yes! War happens when the language of love, compassion, ethics, morals, respect and generosity fails! War happens when the language to understand that ~~the~~ red blood flows through all humans, fails. War happens when the language and common sense to understand we are all the children of a single mother, fails! WAR HAPPENS WHEN THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART FAILS!



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" How many cannon balls should
fly
Until there is peace forever "
- Bob Dylan
(Blowing in the wind)