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Come September, many disasters are happening around the world.. Katrina in Japan, air accidents in many countries, flood in India and so on. In this let us remember the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack in New York. This day has changed the history of the world. People have seen cruelty, some have not even recovered from the great mental depression. No sweet for those affected. It appears that New York city is still not fully recovered for dollars have been lost and business and economy is affected heavily.

Let us express our feelings towards the sufferers of the tragedy on September 11 and share with all some of the feelings of millions of educated on "Terrorism" and the difference it has made in our lives, individual and collective.

"Terrorism is the the calculated use of violence (or threat of violence) to attain goals that are political or religious or ideological in nature; this is achieved by coercion or instilling fear among civilians creating anarchy and pandemonium. Acts can be government officials, military personnel, people serving the civilians and women and children are the most affected one. Acts of terrorism tend to blend into a strategy of guerrilla warfare. According to one view, terrorism is another person's freedom fighter. Random violence against civilians (non-combatants) is an action."

Let us also recollect the other great historical event that occurred on the same date in America a superpower on the same date viz. 11th September. Coincidentally Swami Vivekananda on the platform of the Parliament of Religions of Chicago is also on September 11th in 1893 and preached the importance of Tolerance. Strangely the great Swami, in his very first lecture, spoke mainly on tolerance and Acceptance. He said, 'we believe not only in Universal tolerance but we believe in the acceptance of all religions'. He quoted from a famous hymn to God Siva written by Pushpadanta several centuries ago. He stated, 'As the different streams having their sources in different places, but all running to the sea, so, O Lord, the different paths which men take through different doctrines, they appear, crooked or straight, all lead to Thee'.

He then concluded with the following wonderful words, which appear most beautiful before: 'Sectarianism, bigotry, and its horrible descendant, fanaticism have filled the beautiful earth. They have filled the earth with violence, drenched it often with blood, destroyed civilization and sent whole nations to despair - let us stop this taken during the last one year may be the death knell of all fanaticism, of all weapons, of all weapon or with the pen and of all uncharitable feelings between persons pursuing the same goal'

Though we are yet to find out what all ideas worked behind that tragedy can be sure that an extreme fanatic ideology that considered all other id and itself as the only worth living ideology was behind the dastardly act. revealed that this fanatic ideology was inculcated into receptive minds of instruments of terror that revealed itself at the W.T.O. and other important Fanaticism drives away all reason and thus persons with fanatic ideas act animals. Fanaticism is the fuel by which the machine of terrorism works.

Fanaticism has been there in human life whenever people have been deprived. What is this spiritual food? The disciplines or values of life that lead people with the Universe and with God and thus come to love humanity and God everywhere.

The Vedas, the oldest available scriptures to humanity, The Holy Bible, The religious scriptures say that all this creation is God alone and should love this Divinity is in every creature as its fundamental, inalienable nature. Vivekananda proclaimed the 'Divinity of man' in his many lectures in America. 'divinities on earth, sinners? It is a libel to call a man so'.

When this idea of the Divinity of man is widely taught, not only in our schools all churches, mosques, pagodas, Tabenacles and Temples where most innumerable millions, then only people will get their highest respect and regard, irrespective of wealth, intelligence, power etc. Then only the very idea of harming anyone will appear abhorring. Then alone can violence be radically uprooted from society.

In spite of the utmost technical and science education that people are getting and respect for fellowmen as a brother in God is lacking. This is what happens. politicians prepare nuclear weapons, biological bombs, ultimately killing the hearts of people. Is there any wonder if such people indulge in wholesale killing of fellow-beings as in the 'program of Hitler' or 'the tragedy of September 11'? This is the mental impact that Terrorism of September 11 has made on the world.

The difference it has made in our life is that it has awakened a sense of fear against falling a prey to the 'brain-washing' ideologies masked under various religions. innocents, there can be no religion except Demon's dance.

Men who join such fanatic's training camps are generally the poor and the 'brainwashed' to think that by killing others not of their fold, will confer honor and its unending joys' as a reward for their religious and pious act!

This is made possible in general where people don't have basic freedoms and are led by nose as it were by selfish politicians. We have to stop all help to pseudo-democracies. We have to push on with meaningful education supplying skills and spiritual 'values' that will make our men and women not only ethical. Goodness can be summarized as truthfulness, a feeling of brotherhood and sympathy to serve the needy and a firm conviction that humanity is one. Do not anyone would mean bringing unhappiness on ourselves. Let us make a sincere prayer please bless us all with the will to spread these ideas of love and brotherhood wherever irrespective of cast, creed and religion.

Let all the nations, organisations, cultural societies join together to spread
terrorism.