

THE UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations was created after the Second World War to tackle the challenges the problems of the survival of mankind together. After its inception, the main challenge became the issue of nuclear catastrophe. The five nations, possessing nuclear capabilities at that time, were given the responsibility to develop mechanisms to bring peace and security on Earth. They constituted the Permanent Members of the Security Council. The other nations joined the organization to seek a platform to interact with other nations and build their own security of survival.

The organization became an organ of reconstruction and development of the nations deprived of the opportunities of growth because of the lack of financial resources, technological backwardness and lack of good governance. The developments of nations, which provided the citizens with the security of life, were considered essential for maintaining peace. The UN became as organ of development aids and a platform for negotiations between the rich North and the poor South. The US became the main aid giving nation. It also provided the main funding for the running of the organization. After the Western European nations, after Second World War, economically came on their feet and reinvigorated their economies with the help of the US, they also started contributing to the development projects in the poorer countries – mostly in Asia and Africa. The development assistance became a way of maintaining power of influence in the old colonies, and thus finding opportunities of market and investment in other nations. In some cases the development aid was linked with the opportunities to establish military bases.

These days' humanitarian interactions to protect people from violations of human rights are becoming more and more an open issue to debate in the international forum. The first of such intervention sanctioned by the Security Council was conducted by NATO in Yugoslavia in order to stop ethnic cleansing. It was possible as consequence of demise of the Soviet Union and political reorientations of the countries of the Eastern Europe. More recent intervention occurred in Libya, where mass agitation started against the rule of Muhammad Gadhafi, as a part of the “revolution” called “Arab Spring”, which was triggered and sustained by social networking. The

brutal reprisal that followed in order to quell the agitation brought charges of crime against humanity against Gadhafi and paved the path of military intervention by NATO (Security Council was more reserved at that time in sanctioning a full military intervention). As Russia and China accepted the idea of establishing no-fly zone over Libya, it gave NATO the pretext for intervention.

Syria is another country where the “Arab Spring” has bloomed and fights between Sunni and Shia have begun. President of Syria, Assad has mobilized its military power to quell the opposition financed and trained by the West and its Arab friends in the Middle East. US, UK and France have tried to get sanctions from the Security Council for a military intervention in order to replace Assad with a “democratic” ruler. This time China and Russia have blocked all efforts of such a military move. The Western powers have now moved behind the rebels trying to throw Assad, while Russia and China still do not budge from their position of supporting the Syrian regime.

In this situation the military intervention by NATO in Syria and Iran without releasing another World War seems remote. These developments are converging to a dangerous moment of confrontation between the Western countries, Japan and South Korea on one side, and China, Russia, Iran, Syria (and, may be India) on the other side. History will witness who will come out victorious in this geopolitical battle for the future. Whoever becomes the winner, the world will usher in a new age for mankind. The new war will have much deeper impact in changing the history of mankind than any other events in history so far.

What will be the nature of the new world? What will be the new elements in the social order that will emerge after the demise of the modern age, which started with industrialization? As said before, nothing is written in Heaven. The new world will emerge from within us, by using the power of the human mind, which beckons us to create a new civilization. We must look deeper into our mind, and gaze at the events of history, which has brought us here, in order to understand our own nature and the possibilities of our evolution as a “higher-man”

In such a world, which is infected with so many malaise, how to build a healthy foundation and

structures of an “Enlightened World”?

First we need to have a clear concept about the nature of an enlightened system and how is it going to differ from the economic-political systems which have existed in the past? How to overcome the obstacles which have hindered human civilization so far in finding ways of happiness and meaning of life beyond personal greed and private interests? Is there any moral rule written in Heaven, which should guide us to formulate model of social-economic behavior?

So far, most rules have been created by human beings based on their understanding of the world, history and themselves. In the past the religious teachings and scriptures have been used to find allies of power among the fellow human beings and Heaven has been exploited in order to ascend to power and maintain dominance over the ignorant mass.

These days this story has changed from allegiance to Heaven to Free-Market force. More and more Heaven is falling and knowledge of science and technology are replacing views about cosmos, nature and ourselves. With this development, more and more Free-Market values are determining the premises of happiness and joy of life. As a consequence more and more human being are getting disoriented in the world and loosing direction to live and act in ways which may bring meaning to life.

In this circumstance, the laws and regulations of the modern democracies are being written by mortal women and men in defense of ideas which may be appealing to the voters. These democratic social-orders are run by people, who wish to amass political and economic strength by rallying people behind their ideas wrapped around some party political ideologies. In this democratic competition voters can be bought with money, or manipulated by offering more purchasing power bringing consumer happiness. However, there exists no direction, goal or vision beyond keeping momentum of economic growth supporting the ever growing consumer-culture and keeping people engaged in the activities related to the Market.

In order to steer the civilization towards the vision of the “higher-man”, we must know who we are, where we are, and why we are? What roles can we play in this cosmic stage? What should

be our destination of life in this amazing universe?

So, we need to conceive our position and relations with the rest of the creation first. We must have answers to the questions posed above. The way we see ourselves, and understand the meaning of our existence in the cosmos will decide our path.

The belief in the old ideas about the universe and ourselves, where things happened according to the decree of Heaven, has weakened. Instead, scientific knowledge has gained prominence in the world view of the modern man. However, one should not delude oneself to believe that what we know as scientific truth is the final answer about the universe and ourselves. They could be erroneous and might need revision.

The views about the nature of creation of the universe, and the reality, on which the ideas of the enlightened-world are based, are fundamentally different from the views about universe and life, which are believed by people today. We need a change of paradigm before we may usher in an enlightened civilization on Earth.

The knowledge about the new universe and nature of the reality entangled in multiple spheres of consciousness will be the foundation on which we may build this new-civilization. Knowledge of the profound nature of ourselves and the universe will be source of values and visions to guide us along the enlightened-way.