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Every living person and every one to come has the right to have and use any weapon that may be used against them. The only way to prevent pre-emptive strikes is for opponents to agree to a simultaneous strike, which seldom happens. Who doubts that the defense policy of Mutually Assured Destruction prevented war between the Soviet Union/Russia and the U.S. for 50 years? Who would argue that it has not prevented a recent war between India and Pakistan?

These nuclear powers have made it so obvious that nukes make friends of adversaries; Iraq, Iran and North Korea had/have every intention of acquiring them. I'm all for it. The U.S. needs all the friends it can get, for the foreseeable future. Pakistan and Russia can definitely use the income from nuclear trade. In fact, Russia and Pakistan should dominate this market unless the U.S. decides to compete for the business. Recent talk about mini nukes tells me the U.S. Government intends to compete in the new rush to proliferate nukes. These nuclear powers all have the technology to make relatively cheap and portable nuclear devices, which are so much more practical and democratic for the people, than guided missiles. Three of these powers possess these portable nukes and all three are probably already selling them to customers who cannot make their own, or refuse to go to the trouble and expense.

Sure, nuclear contaminated conventional weapons, called dirty bombs, will have a powerful psychological effect on their victims and possible victims. Yet, a small thermonuclear device that can destroy from one quarter to all of a city would be so much better. Wouldn't you agree? I'm not talking absurdity. I'm talking reality. It is political leadership that is absurd in trying to regulate who in the world may own what weapons. "We get the good ones; you can have the rest, like Israel and Palestine."

Does it matter if I am destroyed by a nuclear weapon planted by a terrorist or a missile from some nation state? In fact, I do prefer that it be a small nuke affecting fewer of my neighbors. Where can I buy that insurance, from Homeland Security? I don't think so. How long would Saddam have held power in Iraq if an ex-patriot or other enemy could have planted a small nuclear device near a Baghdad palace he frequented? How long would Castro, Stalin, Mao or Idi Amin have lasted?

I know the typical objection to allowing just anybody to have weapons of mass destruction, but what can we do when it cannot be prevented? Certainly we will have the equivalent of a global wild west, when many adults were armed twenty four hours per day and the lawless killed one another, as best they could. That doesn't happen so much as it once did, but the lawless folks of those days had very short careers. Now they find a way to become heads of states for 30 and 40 years, in some cases. This is because no one with superior force objects to their rule in any meaningful way, until very recently.

If South Africa gave up its nuclear development program, it was not just to appease the non proliferation dreamers. It was to save money in the absence of a strong external threat. Other would-be nuclear powers are not that fortunate. They have or imagine serious threats to sovereignty and rightfully so in either case. Why don't we make friends of Iran and North Korea, before they get their

nukes?

Let the U.S. send a new message. America will treat you right, even if you have no nukes and you are decidedly more evil than we are. But then, we hate those more evil than us, unless they have nukes already. It is our duty to punish those we can get away with punishing. Ask the U.S. President.

It is mostly those who pose no threat to others that remain un-threatened by others. The United States poses a threat to the entire world and the entire world has become a threat to the United States. "All the king's horses and all the king's men" cannot prevent future attacks, no matter how much credit they spend. Only when the people of the world are armed with the weapons of mass destruction that could be readily used against them, will there be any serious discussion of disarmament on a global scale. Until then, every have-not has a duty to become a have, in order to end the dominance and submission games the dominants so love to play. Long live Mutually Assured Destruction! All for nukes and nukes for all! At least until love becomes globally preferred to fear as a means of social control.

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Earthquake Diplomacy

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Relief materials cannot bring peace (Satire)

It is good to send aid to quake victims. But it cannot stop the terrorists and the nukes.

What the people of Bam didn't suffer in the hands of the leaders of the 'rogue state' of Iran, was inflicted on them by an earthquake. So the city of about 80,000 souls had her population reduced by

half by the fateful hand of 'nature.' But I am not going to talk of miracles. Like the unearthing of a man in a closet after two weeks. No, the doctors had better explain that.

I am only interested in how this member of the infamous 'Axis of Evil' suddenly became the beloved country after the disaster.

Not that this was the only sin of Iran. Back in the day, the country had taken hostage of Americans. This Islamic state had also been guilty of gross human rights violations. And it is fingered to be hiding nukes—make it weapons of mass destruction. This is besides the several alleged terrorists' hideouts in that 'outlaw regime.' But now, thank God for the earthquake. Because what man would neither achieve by declaring the Year of Peace nor by praying for peace in Rome, is going to be brought about by the maddening of the earth.

There was general sympathy for Iran after the quake. All the country's enemies came to her rescue. Even one of her obdurate enemies sent large sums of money, relief materials and disaster management experts to Iran. That country even planned to send a high level representative to Iran, but this was randomly rebuffed.

The UN was not left in the show of support. It has already gone up cap in hand begging for millions of dollars to help Iran. Perhaps, this prodigal son will gain sanity and return someday. Who knows. Perhaps even Iraq would be a better place to live after the hanging of Saddam who was found hiding in a spider hole the other day. Who knows. Perhaps North Korea would stop playing hide and seek, and start playing ball someday—like Lybia. Who Knows. And then we would hold hands together and start shouting, Peace and Security!

But wait. All this talk about a peaceful world free of weapons of mass destruction and terrorists, is pure crap. Because there will always be nukes and 9/11's. The reason is that we have not asked the right questions. (What causes terrorism?) Neither do we know the solution. (How can we prevent it?) This is the message that I am trying to get out to whoever cares to listen with my book CHASING SHADOWS! : A Dream, published by 1stbooks.com.

It is my desire that the controversy generated by the publication of the book would lead to solving the world's political, economic, social, religious, and environmental problems that breed this monster. Then we would have prevented the sinking of this planet.

Earthquake diplomacy by relief materials cannot bring world peace. Some call it chasing shadows.

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