Theoretical Violence

I constructed a theory years ago that I failed to elaborate on because I believed that it was self-evident and rather simple to grasp. It explains why violence can never achieve peace. This theory also helps explain why violence has defeated human institutions such as governments, churches, mosques, temples and charitable organizations. I stated this theory, which is a true statement as V+V=2V=2V(t). V representing violence, and (t) representing time.

The Judeo-Christian tradition would refer to it as, "you reap what you sow." Hindus and Buddhists might refer to this theory as the law of karma. Most scientists and religious experts will agree that there is an underlying intelligence governing the universe through laws.

Theoretical violence indicates that violence is an energy that cannot be controlled, predicted or harnessed. This theory indicates that violence grows more powerful with the passing of time when it is not balanced by its opposite force. Einstein said, "Energy cannot be created or destroyed, it can only be changed from one form to another." This infers that violence has been constant throughout human history. I however, believe that the energy of violence has increased, has transformed its opposite energy, thus destroying that opposite energy into more violence, so it is important to look at the role that time has in creating more violence.

Time is a stable variable, in its natural state it is neutral. It progresses constantly without regard to humanity. The reason the energy of violence has increased is because violence leaves a wake of bitterness, fear, anger and hatred. These unresolved emotions over time have created more violence which has lead to the ineffectiveness of human institutions to achieve peace among people and nations.

Looking at the whole of human history it is possible that violence once served as a means to correct social problems. Perhaps violence was a viable solution. We see in various religions when war was ordered because it was believed to be God's will. Examples are found in the Bible and it was on the battlefield that Ajuna conversed with Krishna. However, sometime in human history the consequences of violence began to outweigh the benefits of using violence. When this occurred, as it has, V+V=2V=2V(t) began to add other variables.

The belief that violence solved social problems continued because it once had. This delusion persisted because many people failed to recognize that violence multiplies over time. Most failed to realize that the positive results that violence once brought had changed or were temporary and short lived. When violence changed from solution to problem is unknown, but it will never change back into a means for positive social change. This change possibly occurred because society became more complex, population too great or technology became more advanced. Violence persisted, time progressed, violence multiplied and social problems became more difficult to solve.

War eroded social institutions that were meant to balance the energy of violence as humanity began to invest more time and energy into institutions of violence then into institutions that promote social progress through non-violent means. What is troubling at present is that violence has progressed past the point

that human institutions can counterbalance its energy. I acknowledge that nonviolence has lost; defeat complete. To strengthen my conclusion, the world's most recent Nobel Peace Prize winner stated in his acceptance speech that, "We must begin by acknowledging the hard truth that we will not eradicate violent conflict in our lifetimes." Violence and war has expanded its influence into every aspect of society; in an age of nuclear weapons there is not another lifetime in which to strengthen our institutions of peace. Peace has not the time left or the institutional support to counterbalance violence.

The war on terrorism is like no other war, cannot possibly be won by either side, that holds the surety of destruction of humanity. In previous wars combatants have always traded lives for land, but there is no land to win. Bitterness and fear breeds, anger rises and the energy for sustained violence has been achieved. It is by this means that violence has won, yet by this admission humanity will move forward, for victory is in surrender.

The energy of love is as sure as the energy of violence. Because our human institutions have been defeated, it is through the grace of the Creator of all energy that peace will come. Love will create a window of opportunity to heal our unresolved emotions that violence has wounded humanity with. Peace will be sustained by realizing that it is better to give our resources, than let war takes our resources; it is easier to give bread to the hungry, than to feed an army; it is less costly to give medicine to the sick, than to care for the maimed; it is greater to house the homeless, than to destroy communities; it is more sensible to educate the illiterate, than suffer from minds of ignorance.

We will rebuild our fragmented world mindful that we can only be as healthy as the sick, as wealthy as the poor, as cared for as the elderly, as loved as the mentally ill, as consoled as the crying and as peaceful as the restless. We will build upon our similarities and work for the common dreams we have for children. There is no separation between us, the borders on maps are only in our minds. Humanity has one destiny, guided by one spirituality, as the same breath of Love lives within us all. There is mercy that realizes humanity is overwhelmed by the power of violence, and can only be saved by the love of God; by loving each other.