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As the weather begins to cool, oh wait this is Fresno. Another month before the temperature becomes tolerable. Yet with Christmas products already in the stores, America gets ready to forget and back off from the holy, holidays.



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## Nuclear fall- out, continues to fall.

Live and let live, it happened so long ago, and we have learned our lessons, right? Wrong! Since the nuclear destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki over 77 years the United States has learned to build more and more weapons of destruction and of different varieties. Smaller and more dangerous, currently we may have nuclear weapons that can fit in a lunch box, enjoy your meal. We have handed the technology, spawned an industry, like candy on Halloween to friendly (?) nations like Iraq and Iran. We are on the cusp of surrounding Russia ready to blame Putin for anything that goes wrong. Does this sound like we learned anything? Instead of learning to put away such dangerous toys and make agreements never to go nuclear again, especially after seeing its destructiveness. We continued to build more and more as well as to deceive the public with propaganda techniques claiming that that it wouldn't be harmful or used for peaceful reasons. This actions of a small group of people continue to reverberate around the world bringing the most negative consequences to our planet.

Back then our own Military's Chief of Staff condemned the dropping of these bombs saying that it was dishonorable to bomb a purely civilian population, but they were overruled, perhaps, due to the desire to see how effective, how many people that this device could kill and destroy. During the war, these designated cities were left alone from any bombing or strafing by Allie forces despite that Tokyo had been firebombed constantly which led to the deaths of nearly 100,000 people. At Hiroshima, the bomb was set to explode at 100 feet in the air thus avoiding the fear that had it exploded on contact with the ground that the ground would muffle the effectiveness in total killed. The results were devastating but not satisfying to all. Somehow the need for death needed more fear, more idiocy, and more weapons.

Of course, these bombs were never meant used to end the war, that had already been accomplished. The only impediment was weather the emperor would abdicate and hand himself over to the allies or to remain as a figure head to the Japanese people. This outcome was decided by our President Harry Truman who as a young Lieutenant at the end of the first world war had written in his diary that he believed the world would be much better if before or even after the Armistice was to go into effect that American and Allied troops should swoop into Germany and kill every German man, woman and child considering that the German race was nothing more than a violent and cruel race deserving of annihilation. The world would be better without them he wrote. A little less than 30 years later, after looking over pictures of Hiroshima and the damage, he must of became scared to believe that he would be known as the world's worst mass murderer. Truman accepted the terms of keeping the Japanese emperor and order that boats that had shipment of food and aid to the Soviet Union and was diverted to Greece, continuing a lie that since then, has consistently built up to this trouble world.

Eisenhower upon preparing to leave the White House as President spoke out against these forces that with every bomb, every war planes every instrument of war would take away from the children and the future that they're parents hope they could achieve. Much has been done trying to convince such a small number of people that the nuclear is deadly to humans, even California own Governor Newsome has back down and is contemplating on paying billions to continue a de-activated nuclear reactor. In my day, liberals were supposed to be made of sterner stuff.

So, when all is said and done, we can look back and say that only a few demented people got us into this mess but that so many people that could have gotten out of this failed to do so. You can sit back and sing that old Monty Python song, "Always look on the light side of Death", and don't forget to whistle or it's up to all of us. The price of living should cost a little more than dying but what do I know. Somehow to Live and let Live shouldn't be about death but contradictions are what humans do best. Fortunately, the Holi daze season is coming up. -RG

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