

The Iraqi Crisis: Hans Blix as the Problem, not the Solution.

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The theory driving the inspections in Iraq holds fundamentally that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. Hans Blix knows very well that any empirical and scientific enterprise comprises three essential components. These are: theory, observation, and analysis. Theory is the product of reasoning which may be inductive or deductive but theory is never a truth in itself.

The observational aspect of science aims at collecting data to test the theory to find out the degree of truth in it. Assessment of the degree of truth falls under the umbrella of the analysis aspect in which the pattern observed is compared with the pattern that the theory suggests. If the error or difference between what is predicted by theory and what is obtained from observation is not appreciable, then the theory is tentatively accepted. The tentative acceptance of the theory, however, does not mean that the theory is true.

Hans Blix and his team were sent to Iraq to obtain the necessary facts to test the theory that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. As a citizen of this planet, I was shocked that the recent report of Hans Blix was not based upon facts, but upon speculation. Theories are neither falsified nor confirmed through speculations. Hans Blix knows that very well for otherwise he would not have qualified to be Dr. Hans Blix. His report to the United Nations was neither black nor white and smacks of

hypocrisy rather than science! Indeed, it was the Blair of Bush science!

Hans Blix and his team have paid surprise visits to numerous sites which Tony Blair and George Bush claimed to be citadels of weapons of mass destruction. In how many of these sites did the observations substantiate the theories? Why could Hans Blix not come out strongly that so far the theories propounded have been found to be nothing but lies? Day in and day out the peace-loving people of this planet including myself are bombarded with the threat of war against the poor people of Iraq who have suffered for over a decade of inhuman sanctions. Countries that profess to belong to the superpower axes such as Russia, China, Britain and France are now proving beyond reasonable doubt that they are irresponsible super-monsters who have so fallen in love with American dollars that they cannot use their veto power to bring peace.

The whole scenario of the threat of war against Iraq seems to have more to do with Social Darwinism and greed for Iraqi oil than anything else. The gang of five in the Security Council (USA, Britain, France, Russia, China) with veto power derived their veto power directly from their possession of the weapons of mass destruction. Some of them belonged to a team that dropped the most lethal weapons of mass destruction on human beings in Japan in complete contravention of the Geneva Convention. What moral authority has this gang of five to demand that Iraq should not have weapons of mass destruction? That moral authority can have its roots only in the same Social Darwinism upon which the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty was based. Why should some

human societies have the right to possess weapons of mass destruction and others deprived of that same right? Surely, it is because of Social Darwinism. The threat of war against Iraq sends the clear message that no country is really free until it has abundant weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them. It is a warning to those countries that rush to sign that despicable Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and a lesson to all those countries that have signed it to withdraw from it.

The unscientific behaviour of Hans Blix can be interpreted within the context of Social Darwinism. The inspectors should have been selected from Third World countries that do not possess weapons of mass destruction and do not have the capacity to produce them and not from countries that are super-guilty of possessing them or have the capacity to produce them. Hans Blix may as well be a believer in Social Darwinism and not a believer in scientific proof.

The recent kangaroo evidence that Colin Powell provided to the Security Council confirms that super-monsters can engage in clownish demonstration of games and deceit to establish casus belli. Before the first Gulf war lies were propounded to the effect that Iraq had amassed thousands of tanks and hundreds of thousands of troops on the Saudi Arabian border ready to invade Saudi Arabia. After the war, it was found that there was no truth in that allegation. Again, before that Gulf war, Iraq was accused of atrocities in Kuwait against children in incubators. That also turned out to be utterly false. The peace-loving people of this planet are tired of these lies to establish casus belli. Hans Blix must focus on science and not on Colin Powell.

I was surprised that Hans Blix requested for U2 spy planes to fly over Iraq. Will any of the gang of five (USA, Britain, France, Russia, China) ever allow spy planes from elsewhere to fly over

their respective countries. Be it known to the gang of five and to Hans Blix that Iraqis are not crocodiles, they are not guinea pigs, they are human beings who deserve respect and dignity as human beings. Instead, Hans Blix must suggest that illegal no-fly zones operated by two members of the gang of five over Northern and Southern Iraq in complete disrespect of the United Nations be stopped. If the United States and Britain do not respect the United Nations to the extent that they can violate the sovereignty of Iraq with impunity, then, who do they expect to respect the United Nations, crocodiles and guinea pigs? That is, surely, Social Darwinism at its peak!