

From Collateral Damage to a New Lease on Life



We pride ourselves in being nationalistic; whatever country we are from is of course the very best. We are willing to defend our country and we join the military to keep aggressors at bay.

We train, we learn about our 'noble' causes and we are willing to give our lives for the good of country. However, the countries with a superior military also take it upon themselves to police and invade other countries and 'protect' their populations from their 'dictators', or any other reason that confirms the saying, **"The first casualty in war is the truth"**.

Many of us when we return from the warfare in these sometimes far-away countries have terrible visions and haunting nightmares of people and children getting killed by us and our drones, along with our fellow soldiers and/or limbs that we lost. Some of our disillusioned, war-weary, veterans ended their life. The [mental pain](#) was too much to bear no matter how tough we thought we were.

We felt that we were taken for a ride and so we were. We were swept along by [the four horsemen of the apocalypse](#):

1, the **White Horseman** riding high with the 'noble' causes of nationalism, politics and/or religion;

2, the **Red Horseman** with the red bloody sword of our country's military machine;
3, the **Black Horseman** of business-suits and taxes;
4, the last and ending **Pale Horseman**: Death.

We started out and got carried away with the political promises and fell for the alleged white and noble causes of nationalistic and/or religious fervour of our high-riding leader on his [white horse](#).

Because of these noble causes, we decided to join the [red horseman](#) with the sword of the glorified military war machine, red with blood.

We were thrilled to be tested to the limit of our human endurance with the distinct possibility of making the ultimate sacrifice for our fatherland. But when we returned the reality dawned on us that we stained our swords with the blood of not only soldiers but also innocent women and children.

We were shocked when we came to the realisation that we rode these two horses for the benefit of the ones riding the [black horse](#) of business in black suits, who made huge profits on these wars and us giving our lives for what? 'Was it really for freedom, for our children, for our future, was it really against that person being such a dictator and did we really do it for democracy ... OR ... **was it for some other reasons and did we leave that country in shambles**, so big business could profit from the weapon and arm sales, the oil, the gold, the minerals, the crops and riches of that country, which our black horse riders are cashing in on with enormous lucrative deals? Is that why we killed these people?'



As we started to realise what it was all about, we began to contemplate to [end our life](#) and possibly surrender to the last, and final [pale horseman](#): with his colour of Death. "Shall I just end it all?" and some of us did.

No human being had the strength to break the sweeping fascination that these horsemen have over us and to expose to us the spiritual powers of what is going on in our life.

(These horsemen hide behind the first four seals of the book with seven seals in Revelation chapter 5)



Even in heaven they couldn't find any angel or saint to expose and show the world how these horsemen run side by side to conquer the souls of mankind.



'And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, **"Who is worthy to open the book, (of world history)** and to loosen the seals thereof?'

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book... And I wept much, because **no man was found worthy to open and read the book**, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders said unto me, Weep not: look, **the Lion of the tribe of Juda**, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the book, and to undo the seven seals of it.

And I looked..., and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, 'You are worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for [you were slain](#), and have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And have made us unto our God kings & priests and we shall reign on the earth.' (Rev.5:2-12)

Only Jesus, known as the Lamb of God, could expose and break the power that these four horsemen have over us since the beginning of time.

However, if, when we are about to join the fourth pale horseman: Death, we can find the grace to reach out to Jesus and ask him for forgiveness **no matter how shameful** our deeds were, then he will open our eyes and cleanse us. He will make us new and our tears will wash away our excruciating nightmares of unbearable guilt, and it will be replaced with peace that passes all understanding. We are not able to comprehend his genuine all-encompassing forgiveness and concern for us in spite of what we have done, until we decide to reach out to him...

Listen to this true account:

“There came a leper to Jesus, imploring him, and kneeling down, saying, ‘If you will, you can make me clean.’ And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and said to him, ‘I will; you be clean.’ And as soon as he had said it, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.” (Mark 1:40-42)

Here you see Jesus having empathy and touching the leper which was totally forbidden by the law. People threw stones at lepers to keep them away.

May we never think that Jesus will throw stones at any of us for what we've done, on the contrary he



said, ‘Whoever comes to me I will never cast out or reject.’ (Jn.6:37) Some of us might think, ‘I am no leper I am a dead man walking.’ But that is no excuse to not come to Jesus as he raised Lazarus and a few

others from the dead. **That choice of Jesus is ours alone,** nobody can make this decision for us...

Not God, nor Satan can choose for us, nor can we pass the blame to our former commanding officer, because this is our personal birthright and responsibility. In Jesus we will find the [strength to forgive](#) others and even forgive ourselves.

This simple prayer starts us in the right direction:

“Dear Jesus, as you know in my ignorance I used your name as a curse word. I now come to you like that leper did, asking that if you will, that you please make me clean. I know that I am on the scrapheap, I have fallen in a [hell hole](#) of depression and cannot get out. I totally don't deserve your healing nor your forgiveness; but I ask for your mercy as mercy is only shown to the undeserving of who I am the least.



I will read what your disciples [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#) recorded about you so I can get to know you better. If you can help me then I'd like to be of help to someone else, so my life will again have a bit of meaning.

I would really appreciate that. Thank you”

‘And the Lord said, “A new spirit will I put within you. I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (Eze.11:19) Where old things are passed away and all things are become new.’” (2Cor.5:17)

If we were willing to fight and lay down our lives for our fatherland with these disastrous mental consequences, then should we not be more than willing to dedicate our lives for the Kingdom of our true heavenly Father, where the ultimate power is love and forgiveness?

The apostle Paul said, ‘I die daily’. What he was trying to say is. ‘I put aside my personal desires to bring others into the safety and freedom of my Father's Kingdom.’

Jesus said, “the Kingdom of God is inside you.’ (Luke 17:21) He also said, ‘The Kingdom of heaven suffers violence but the violent take it by force.’ (Mat.11:12)

We have to grab hold of the Kingdom in our heart and refuse to let it go, no matter the battering of the enemy with ‘how useless you are’. He's doing his utmost trying to destroy our faith in [God's word](#), undermining it with [alleged-scientific theories](#) and intoxicating us with, ‘God does not care for you’, but nothing could be further from the truth.

When we do any sport whether it is cricket or football, we can do it in different classifications.

We can play football with friends and family once a week on Sunday more like a social event.

We can also train on Wednesday evening and then play on Sunday, or we can train three times weekly and feel pretty dedicated when we compare ourselves to the easy-going-Sunday-only players. But we don't feel that way when we look at the professionals, who eat, sleep, talk, study cricket or football. These guys strive and give their all to reach the national team or to get that Olympic gold medal. The same is with our spiritual life for the Lord; we can hit church once a week, or add a Wednesday night Bible study. But nothing compares to [giving our all](#) for the Lord when we eat, breathe, sleep and



talk with Jesus and follow him. You gave your utmost and best for your fatherland - Now you have the chance to do it for your Father in heaven. If you meant that prayer and will study the gospels then you're taking hold of your golden opportunity to a new lease on life. This lease is worthy of your all.

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