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The Resolution of conflicts – THE THIRD-PARTY LAW

Long lasting conflicts in the Middle East and other parts of the world, have left many of us wondering if there is any hope for these conflicts to ever get resolved. Moreover, fears have been prevalent that these conflicts will eventually turn into a for us all devastating wars. The developments of the past 20 years and current time have spiked these fears further.

However, there are solutions! We do have the power to resolve any human conflict.

In 1968 the American Researcher and Philosopher L.Ron Hubbard wrote in an essay:¹

“I have for a very long time studied the causes of violence and conflicts amongst individuals and nations.

If Chaldea could vanish, if Babylon turn to dust, if Egypt could become a badlands, if Sicily could have 160 prosperous cities and be a looted ruin before the year zero and a near desert ever since-and all this in *spite* of all the work and wisdom and good wishes and intent of human beings, then it must follow as the dark follows sunset that something must be unknown to man concerning all his works and ways. And that this something must be so deadly and so pervasive as to destroy all his ambitions and his chances long before their time.

Such a thing would have to be some natural law unguessed at by himself.

And there *is* such a law, apparently, that answers these conditions of being deadly, unknown and embracing all activities.

¹ L.Ron Hubbard “The Third-Party Law” 26. December 1968 Issue I

The law would seem to be:

A THIRD PARTY MUST BE PRESENT AND UNKNOWN IN EVERY QUARREL FOR A CONFLICT TO EXIST.

or

FOR A QUARREL TO OCCUR, AN UNKNOWN THIRD PARTY MUST BE ACTIVE IN PRODUCING IT BETWEEN TWO POTENTIAL OPPONENTS.

or

WHILE IT IS COMMONLY BELIEVED TO TAKE TWO TO MAKE A FIGHT, A THIRD PARTY MUST EXIST AND MUST DEVELOP IT FOR ACTUAL CONFLICT TO OCCUR.

It is very easy to see that two in conflict are fighting. They are very visible. What is harder to see or suspect is that a third party existed and actively promoted the quarrel.

The usually unsuspected and “reasonable” third party, the bystander who denies any part of it, *is* the one that brought the conflict into existence in the first place.

The hidden third party, seeming at times to be a supporter of only one side, is to be found as the instigator.

This is a useful law in many areas of life.

It *is* the cause of war.

One sees two fellows shouting bad names at each other, sees them come to blows.

No one else is around. So *they*, of course, “caused the fight.” But there *was* a third party.

Tracing these down, one comes upon incredible data. That is the trouble. The incredible is too easily rejected. One way to hide things is to make them incredible.”

L.Ron Hubbard further stated:

“Farmer J and Rancher K have been tearing each other to pieces for years in continual conflict. There are obvious, logical reasons for the fight. Yet it continues and does not resolve. A close search finds Banker L who, due to their losses in the fighting, is able to loan each side money, while keeping the quarrel going, and who will get their lands completely if both lose.

It goes larger. The revolutionary forces and the Russian government were in conflict in 1917. The reasons are so many the attention easily sticks on them. But only when Germany’s official state papers were captured in World War II was it revealed that *Germany* had promoted the revolt and financed Lenin to spark it off, even sending him into Russia in a blacked-out train!

One looks over “personal” quarrels, group conflicts, national battles and one finds, if he searches, the third party, unsuspected by both combatants or, if suspected at all, brushed off as “fantastic.” Yet careful documentation finally affirms it.

This datum is fabulously useful.

Sometimes two parties, quarrelling, suddenly decide to elect a being to blame. This stops the quarrel. Sometimes it is not the right being and more quarrels thereafter occur.

Two nations at each other’s throats should each seek conference with the other to sift out and locate the actual third party. They will always find one if they look, and they *can* find the right one. As it will be found to exist in fact.

There are probably many technical approaches one could develop and outline in this matter.

There are many odd phenomena connected with it. An accurately spotted third party is usually not fought at all by either party but only shunned.....

Quarrels between an individual and an organization are nearly always caused by an individual third party or a third group. The organization and the individual should get together and isolate the third party by displaying to each other all the data they each have been fed.

Rioters and governments alike could be brought back to agreement could one get representatives of both to give each other what they have been told by *whom*.

Such conferences have tended to deal only in recriminations or conditions or abuses. They must deal in beings only in order to succeed.²

This theory might be thought to assert also that there are no bad conditions that cause conflict. There are. But these are usually *remedial by conference unless a third party is promoting conflict.*

In history, we have a very foul opinion of the past because it is related by recriminations of two opponents and has not spotted the third party.

“Underlying causes” of war should read “hidden promoters.”

There are no conflicts which cannot be resolved unless the true promoters of them remain hidden.

This is the natural law the ancients and moderns alike did not know.

And not knowing it, being led off into “reasons,” whole civilizations have died.

It is worth knowing.

It is worth working with in any situation where one is trying to bring peace.”

² The Third-Party is always a person. He may belong and is in contract with a company, government or other institution, creating and forwarding false information, spreading rumours, often both about one or the other or both opponents. Both opponents need to review their information on the other and deal in facts not rumours, hearsay or unverifiable authoritarian information. The question is: Who do they receive their information from about the other and what does the information tell them. A skilled negotiator accepted by both parties should be leading the findings.

L.Ron Hubbard further pointed out the major stumbling blocks in actually discovering the third party.

He stated:

A third party is ONE WHO BY FALSE REPORTS CREATES TROUBLE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE, A PERSON AND A GROUP OR GROUP AND ANOTHER GROUP.

This statement has become very apparent in recent times in particular in view of how present time media reports on issues trying to manipulate the public for hidden special interests. It is however an old wisdom on how to create problems between groups or people often used by secret services.

People generally are not of ill intent, they can communicate their differences and come to agreements. If not true we would have ceased to exist in all a long time ago. But time is here to step up the effort and confront the current issues. The technical means of war we have today demand we take action.

Knowing the law above we can isolate the few of ill intent. So, let's park them so we can concentrate on evolution and construction and not on revolution and destruction.

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