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**WAR MONGERS TURNED INTO PEACE AMBASSADORS:
SCRUTINIZING THE WORK OF YUVAL NOHA HARARI IN
THE LIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC CORONA**

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Abstract

Since its publication, Harari's 'Homo Deus', has got much acclaims and fame among the readers as it enthuses the readers to view the world with a particular thought and ideas. In the current circumstances the Idea of Harari has much relevance, and it's an eye opener to the people who are megalomaniac, and who least bothered about their fellow beings right and dignity. What one witnesses are the aforesaid people ready to go at any extent for their fulfillment of pompous target. As the grave consequences of this pomposity and Tyrannical behavior of Human being, the world now faces the Pandemic disease Corona Virus. This paper attempts to delineate Harari's 'Homo Deus' in the light of this pandemic disease. This study will analyze some quotes mentioned by Harari (2017) to come out with similar results and circumstances in times of pandemic diseases. The study adopts the historical qualitative approach for data collection, analyses and presentation.

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Plague and war are always the top of list.

For thousands of years the answer to this question remained unchanged.

The same three problems preoccupied the people of twentieth century China, of medieval India and of ancient Egypt, famine, plague and war were always the top of list. For generation after generation humans have prayed to every God, angel and saint, and have invented countless tools, institutions and social systems – but they continued to die in their millions from starvations, epidemics and violence. Many thinkers and prophets concluded that famine, plague and war must be an integral part of God’s cosmic plan or of our imperfect nature, and nothing short of the end of time would free us from them. (Homo Deus, -1)

It is not easy to stay away from the basic disposition of human being even in the face of peril and disaster, it had never been easy for an imperial power to loosen its grip over on its subject dominions unless forced to do so. In fact, human beings must learn some lessons from the current situation or else there are dire consequences waiting for them, to teach a lesson to change his arrogant attitude. If one examines the above quoted passage one can easily understand, when one steadfastly indulge in war or create war like atmosphere just to get into power or to preserve the power he snatched through unfair means. The Nature shows human beings their inability to overcome the fury of nature, the famine the plague, even if they use all the money and the force to wipe out this disease. It only helps them to realize how helpless they are in the front of nature’s fury. When man indulge in war, reminded of the story a man who killed his father and mother and threw himself on the mercy of the nature as an orphan . In fact here in the present situation the nature itself took the initiative, erased all his beloved ones and closed ones, and the way he erased the beloved and closed ones of others for preserving his pomposity.

“For the first time in history, more people die today from eating too much than eating too little” (Homo Deus, 2) This is another lesson that nature teaches us. In earlier times there was no sufficient food to keep his body and soul alive, agreeing the fact that there is millennium of endeavor behind it to reach the present status of posterity and affluence of human life. But when one started to behave ignoring his fellow beings, this sumptuous food leads him in this state as it is mentioned in the above passage, in the present scenario nature opened the eye of people who spent resources more than what they required, now people are in the edge of shortage of resources. When human beings express their gaudy nature, they have forgotten to remember there are people who lead life without having proper food to eat or shelter to live, and then nature decides them to understand that. When someone forgets and thinks that he is the supreme power in this world, and he began to show his steadfast and fastidious desire for grapping and snatching whatever he sees, there nature comes to make him understand that he is zero in front of the fury of nature.

We ultimately forget the fact that “If heavy rains destroyed your wheat crop or robbers carried of your goat herd, you and your loved ones may well have starved to death” (Homo Deus, 2) Here rain is in the form Corona if it continues another three six months as robber it carried out your sapling diet and subsequently

what happens you and your loved ones starved to death. We are ignoring the fact that it is never going to happen in your life; this is a reminder that nothing is impossible in front of nature. This is a high time, as the title of the paper mentioned spread peace and serenity instead of creating a war like atmosphere. It never brings quiescent atmosphere rather it brings grave consequences.

Abundancy could be a curse

Most readers probably know how it feels when you miss lunch, when you fast on some religious holiday, or when you live for a few days on vegetable shakes as part of a new wonder diet. But how does it feel when you have not

eaten for days on end and you have no clue where you get the next morsel of food? Most people today have never experienced this excruciating torment. Our ancestors, alas, knew it only too well. When they cried to God 'deliver us from famine' this was what had in mind. (Homo Deus, 4)

We never get an opportunity to experience what is penury as it was faced by our forefathers, that's why we don't know the value of food, and the excruciating torment of poverty so that people are leading extravagant life without considering the fact there are people who are leading their lives without having proper food to eat. When one is pondering about grasping the power or snatching the right of others, he never has time to think about the people who have not had a plate of food to keep their body and soul alive. When one possesses everything that he needs, it's thought may lead him to think in a violent mode. In the meantime the people who don't have basic things to lead their lives, they don't have the time to think in the same way that Warmongers think and behave. At present nobody has the time because this disease doesn't differentiate between who is rich and who is poor, who belongs to well to do family, and who hails from the most lower section of the society. It strikes countries such as America that always boasts about its cutting edge technology. People there are helpless in the front of this pandemic disease. They are stunned and seeking the help of the poor countries to get minimum required needs of mask for the resilience.

Nature's tough lessons

"There are no longer natural famines in the world; there are only political famines. If people in Syria, Sudan or Somalia starve to death, it is because some politicians want them to" (Homo Deus, 6). When people kill each other with political famines it is obviously that nature teaches them through such a natural famine. Without specific reasons when people start to kill each other just for preserving their power or grabbing the power from other people, nature watches everything and nature lets them fight each other. When the nature's turn comes it decides to teach humankind a lesson and asks them to stop if they can. Through this pandemic disease nature asks them so many questions, why do they kill each other, destroy all the natural resources that should have been preserved for the future generations, kill the innocent animals as a part of a hidden agenda, use money to spread hatred instead of peace, and why do not they respect each other at the time they should show respect. Finally, nature

observes that people are now screaming lamenting, they don't have proper food to eat, and there is no social connection, there are no individual relationships, there is no contact between human beings, there is no socialization; then nature is laughing seeing your inability, once you had all these comfort in fact you destroyed yourself, now your lamenting. This is the nature of human being, they forget to enjoy when they are surrounded by all these things. They will once come to realize that their existence on this earth will start to disappear. Whenever politicians, generals, business people and ordinary citizens made plans for future, they always left room for war. From the Stone Age to the age of steam, and from the Arctic to the Sahara, every person on earth knows that at any moment the neighbors might invade their territory, defeat their army, slaughter their people and occupy their land. (Homo Deus, 17)

This passage, clearly depicts fickle human nature when they start to envisage about their future. They always leave a room for war, it starts from the neighbors walls and this hatred walls spread to break all the humanity and finally it blocks the boundaries of nations. Now nature itself takes a decision to block you all, this pandemic disease forces the entire nations to close their borders, and to suspend trips and flights. Here now people are lamenting for not being able to travel across the globe. Once they have time and atmosphere to travel and maintain amicable relationship, during that time they give preferences to supersede over each other. They spend their precious time for planning things that never helps them to maintain the whole world as a chain. Now we are rushing to break the chain, even though we are not happy to do so. When humanity decides to break the chain nature warns them by the consequences of creating walls among the people. When human beings break the world, they break it based on their priority, convenience, religion, cast, color, status, etc. However, when the nature starts to break the world, it breaks all the priorities, and makes a complete demolition. In the form of earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes, Hurricanes, and these natural events remind us that we are weak and vulnerable. In fact somehow we could resist their destructive power, and we start to boast that our science and inventions are more than enough to resist all types of destructions. Now the size of the virus is comparatively too small to all the natural catastrophes, and we are using all our sophisticated medical facilities to resist and wipe out the virus; in spite of all the facilities and the advanced technology we are unable to fight this pandemic disease. The global economy has been transformed from a material-based economy into a knowledge based economy. Previously the main sources of wealth were material assets such as gold mines, wheat fields and oil wells. Today the main source of wealth is knowledge. And whereas you can conquer oil fields through war, you cannot acquire knowledge that way. (Homo Deus, 17)

It's really surprising to scrutinize the above quote, in the present scenario whatever a powerful economy a nation possesses this powerful economy can't be preserved or no wealth can be accumulated from that economy especially in this scenario. If one examines the countries which build up their economy based on knowledge, and those countries that build up their economy based on material

products are helpless to protect their economy in this pandemic disease time. They are planning strategies and taking steps to preserve their economy and meticulously scrutinizing the ways to stop creating ripples in the economy, in fact, the result is, they are helpless to protect the economy; even though they are kicking billions of dollars to wipe out the pandemic disease, it's all futile. In earlier times they used all these incomes to buy weapons and threatened each other, now they are ready to spend all these incomes to buy apparatus to resist the disease. However, the more money they spend there is no single device or gadget to wriggle out from this pandemic disease. Neither the weapons that they develop for killing each other are useful to kill a relatively small virus, nor the weapons which cost billions of dollars are helpful to clean the virus from this earth.

A few days before people are fighting to boost their economy and fighting for grabbing the right of invention especially the big countries like America and China, as it has been mentioned in the above quotation.

Man -made problems

In 1998 it made sense for Rwanda to seize and loot the rich coltan mines of neighboring Congo because this ore was in high demand for the manufacture of mobile phones and laptops, and Congo held 80 per cent of the world's coltan reserves. Rwanda earned 240 million annually from the looted coltan. For poor Rwanda that is lot of money. In contrast, it would have made no sense for China to invade California and seize Silicon Valley for even if the Chinese could somehow prevail on the battlefield. There was no silicon mines to loot in Silicon Valley. Instead the Chinese have earned billions of dollars from cooperating with hi-tech giants such as Apple and Microsoft, buying their software and manufacturing their products. What Rwanda earned from an entire year of looting Congolese Coltan, the Chinese earn in a single day of peaceful commerce. (Homo Deus, 18)

The above quoted passage clearly depicts the tussle among the countries, for grabbing power and monopoly over trade, they fight each other for superseding each other, for gaining power and accumulating wealth, they indulged in other countries internal matter and dominated over other countries. If it is the case of some countries, some countries crucified their own people, on the basis of religion, caste, creed. They ask to prove citizenships of their citizens and those who fail to prove they coerced to go to neighboring countries, with whom they always keep a rift. The countries that unnecessarily interfere with the internal matter of poor countries for their political gain and the countries, who crucified their own citizens, don't have the time and power to crucify, in fact they are screaming and seeking the help. They are now without being interfered with and without interfering with other countries leading a stranded life. When Corona started to erupt, it erased all the domination and pomposity of people from this world.

As human beings we don't know the value of freedom as we are always free to fly and enjoy the nature, another male elephant, with whom he always roamed. One

day the forestry department captured the second elephant, and since the elephant who always walk alone, had become angry and violent. 'How would you felt if your spouse had been taken away from you? This is exactly how this elephant felt. These two elephants sometimes are separated at night, each walking its own path... but in the morning they always come together again. On that day, the elephant saw his buddy falling, lying down. If two are always together and then you shoot one. -How would the other feel? (89)

As the above quote mentioned, we were enjoying the freedom and resisting the same freedom to animals and birds. We are using animals and birds for our entertainment denying their freedom to fly and graze against great cosmic plan. One examines the human being cruelty to animals and birds, would surprise to see how heinous crimes man done towards animals. We thought that only human beings can dominate, all other mammoth and living being should come under the domination of human beings. Once the Corona out break started we began to realize the value of freedom of flying and freedom of individuality irrespective of animals, birds. All creatures in the nature deserve freedom to preserve the eternal natural law. Through this pandemic disease nature, completely, denies man's suzerainty over animals and birds. There is a scripted nature law on who tries to break it, in turn it will teach us the value of freedom and respecting the dignity of all creatures on this earth. The earth comes its full-fledged shape when all its creatures get the freedom and enjoyment. All over the world animals and birds are enjoying the freedom, and nature is healing itself, when man is captivated by this virus. In spite of nature's warning, human beings explored and exploited the nature as per their likes and dislikes. They circumscribed the beauty of the nature for their personal profits and entertainment. They unnecessarily intruded into the forest and replaced the real heirs to take the resources. They never respect dignity and freedom of the forest, demolished, looted, plundered, misused the natural resources, that were really needed to balance the equilibrium.

Until modern times most cultures believed that humans played a part in some great cosmic plan. The plan was devised by the omnipotent gods or by the eternal laws of nature, and human kind could not change it. The Cosmic plan gave meaning to human life, but also restricted human power. Humans were much like actors on a stage. The script gave meaning to their every word, tear and gesture-but placed strict limit on their performance. Hamlet can't murder Claudius an Act 1, or leave Denmark and go to an ashram in India. Shakespeare won't allow it. Similarly, hums can't live forever, they cannot escape all disease, and they do as they please. It's not in the script. (Homo Deus 234).

The above quoted passage draws our attention to the helplessness of human beings in this world. People believe that man is an indispensable part of the universe and he is the one and only factor, who is always controlling the stirring of universe. Now this disease made the human beings to understand that human power is restricted and universe is a scripted drama and no one has the full power to drive against the script. It is a fact through the millennium of endeavor

mankind has invented new things that give charm and beauty to their living in the universe, but sometimes they forget the fact that the universe placed a strict limit to all their endeavor. When they try to write their own a script against the script of eternal natural law there are some signs in the form of disease may come to teach them lessons that cosmic plan is unbreakable and nobody has the power and strength to break it. There are incidents in the past when their forefathers try to break it, they withdrawn with big blows. This is the time their progenitors must learn from the history and should learn it the lesson that the nature is the supreme power and we human kind is living here on the charity of nature for a brief period of time.

Human kinds living here based on the scripted story by nature, and when one tries to break the scripted story and put an effort to damage the balance of nature, certainly nature's interventions would be there to correct and lead them according the scripture written by nature. The above quote clearly understanding us, the limit and helplessness of human being. Whatever he achieved through his millenniums of endeavor, natures need a fractions of second to wipe out it form the universe.

When examining the history of any human network, it is therefore advisable to stop time to time and look at things from the perspective of real entity. How do you know if an entity is real? Very-simple – just ask yourself, can it suffer? When the people burn down the temple of Zeus, Zeus does not suffer. When the euro loses its value, the euro does not suffer. When a bank goes bankrupt, the bank does not suffer. When a country suffers a defeat in a war, the country does not really suffer. It's just a metaphor. In contrast, when soldier is wounded in battle, he really does suffer. When a famished peasant has nothing to eat, she suffers, when a cow is separated from her newborn calf, she suffers. This is reality. (Homo Deus, 206).

The quote giving a message to view things from a real entity when something happening to our fellow beings or to any creatures in this world, we kept quiet and not ready to even lament on it. We always see things in a pompous way and callously neglected the feelings and dignity of the fellow beings. When one examines the history of sorrow incidents, whenever it happens without causing any suffer to the onlookers they always gave them a blank look. This disposition nature of human being has to change, when things badly happen to fellow beings, at least we should have mentality of empathy rather than seeing things with pompous attitude. This attitude must change the attitude of viewings things, when people lose their life, we should not say this is not me, this is not my family or this not my country man then why should I worry, in fact one must understand the fact one this calamity will succumb to all people. When Corona started to erupt in China people never thought that will come to my home someday, and they were relaxing and enjoying when the Chinese people were suffering and terribly working to wipe out this pandemic disease. None ever expected this virus will conquer the world and they never had thought about it.

Now we can't say as we said earlier when rupees falling down only India are suffering, when dollars falling down only America is suffering, when Riyal falling down only Saudi Arabia is suffering, the Corona changed the prevaricate concept of Humanity and created a pandemic suffering. And this is the high tome to stop criticizing each other before Corona virus criticizing us.

Spiritual journey is nothing like that. They usually take people in mysterious ways towards unknown destinations. The quest usually begins with some big questions, such as who am i? What is the meaning of life? What is good? Whereas the most people just accept the ready-made answers provided by the powers that be, spiritual seekers are not easily satisfied. They are determined to follow the big questions whenever it leads, and not just to place they know well or wish to visit. Thus for the most people, academic studies are deal rather than spiritual journey, because they take us to predetermined goal approved by our elders, government and banks. I'll study for three years, pass the exams, get my BA certificate and secured well-paid jobs. Academic studies might be transformed into a spiritual journey if the big questions you encounter on the way deflect you towards unexpected destinations, of which you could hardly even conceive at first. For example, a student might begin to study economics in order to secure a job on Wall Street. However, if what she learns somehow induces her to end up in a Hindu ashram or helping HIV patients in Zimbabwe, then we could call that a spiritual journey. (215)

When ponder over a thing which doesn't have a definite answer and an end, what is the use of spending our precious time on the matter which is beyond or thinking capacity and we can't reach in a conclusion. Here the passage's discussion is over religion, all scriptures leading us to the straight path, in fact when people dab religion with their vested interests there starts communal disharmony and conflict. In the pre Corona Period all Religious Charlton's were busy with selling their commodity of religion and making money from the religion for their personal benefit. In this pandemic time the person who earned money from religion and incited people to erupt violence on the name of religion is not ready to step out from their home to help the innocent people. Here this period teaching us a lesson no Saint or Mullah or Priest can rescue you they all are exploiting your feelings and leading a lavish life and this paper advises Human being don't let a few people (religious charlatans) to shape your view on an entire religion. If you want to shape you view on an entire religion don't look at them look into the religious scriptures, that scripture will always lead you in the straight path.

Conclusion

This study has been an attempt to explore a similar pandemic disease that has been mentioned in a work written by Harari 'Homo Deus' (2017). In this work and in our present study more or less the same lessons can be derived. We can do everything what we want –provided we can find a way. We are constrained by nothing except our own ignorance (Homo, Deus 235). Our mind is confined with bad thoughts and pompous dignity, through tough lessons nature teaches us to learn from our mistakes. Let us clean out this virus from this universe, before that we have to clean our minds and stay away from man-made problems. When we replace our mind from war mongers to peace ambassadors, pomposity to compassion, megalomania to consensuses, rift to amicability, of course, with these values we hold wisdom of providence and mutual consensus, we shall overcome, as we did that in the past. Let's cross our fingers, and together we can fight wisely to wipe out this pandemic disease forever.

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