

# Best lessons are learnt through bitter experiences

## 1- Introduction

## 2- Best lessons are learnt through bitter experiences

(2.1) Failures teach the best lessons for the ultimate success

- Thomas Edison failed for about thousand times before inventing lightening bulb

▶ case study of Viret Kholi

(2.2) Today's Nation-state system was learnt as a necessary accommodation after devastation of thirty years of war in Europe

- Westphalian peace, 1648

(2.3) Multilateral institutions today are the lessons learnt through the great wars of 20th century

- European union and United Nations

(2.4) Demand for Partition was a lesson learnt through the bitter experiences of Hindu domination

- ▶ oppression during congress ministries reinforced Two-Nation theory

(2.5) Nationalist solidarity in global south today is a result of bitter experiences of colonialism

- ▶ Chinese nationalist solidarity to avoid the repetition of the century of humiliation.

(2.6) Global financial crises taught the limitations of capitalist system, leading to state regulation and a welfare system

- ▶ 2008 financial crisis

(2.7) Medical pandemics taught the vulnerabilities of globalization

- ▶ COVID virus
- ▶ "Ten lessons for a post-pandemic world"

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(2.8) Nuclear deterrence ~~was~~ was framed after the world experienced the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, making war irrational

- ▶ American nuclear bombing of Japan
- ▶ Nuclear deterrence theory

(2.9) 'Man is a social animal', is a lesson learnt through the bitter experiences of children who lacked imperative primary socialization

- ▶ case study of Anns

(2.10) fall of Baghdad taught that military power overrides intellectual power for the sustenance of empire.

- ▶ Baghdad, the center of knowledge, was devastated by Mongols in 13th century

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Horrors of

(2.11) ↑ Nazism taught the lessons about the pitfalls of propaganda and hyper nationalism

- ▶ Nazi Holocaust of Jews
- ▶ post-war Germany: democratic, liberal, welfare state.

3- Conclusion

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Separation of East Pakistan was a bitter experience that weakened Pakistan's Islamic ideological foundations. The horrors of separation taught the lesson of the importance of pacifying sub-national ethnic grievances. This political realization led to revocation of one-unit policy. Friedrich Nietzsche in his book, "Thus spoke Zarathustra," wrote, "one must still have chaos in oneself to give birth to a dancing star." He highlighted the importance of chaos, tension, conflict that might be a bitter experience but results in betterment and ultimate success. He focused on how creation of something new and better requires destruction of old. The more the harsh the experiences, the more the better the lessons. Best lessons are learnt through bitter experiences. Failures teach the best lessons for the ultimate success. Today's Nation-state system is a result of thirty years of war. Multilateral institutions today are the result of great wars of 20<sup>th</sup> century. Demand for Pakistan was indeed a lesson learnt through the bitter experiences of Hindu domination. Global financial crises taught the limitations of capitalist

systems. Medical pandemic taught the vulnerabilities of globalization. Similarly, Nuclear deterrence, importance of socialization, and pitfalls of propaganda and hyper nationalism, were all the best lessons learnt through bitter experiences. Hence, the harshness of bitter experiences teaches the best lessons for the ultimate success.

To begin with, failures teach the best lessons for the ultimate success. Failures might be bitter, harsh, and cause agony. However, they are the source of learning. They provide the chance of growth. They polish the one for a much bigger success. Thomas Edison failed for about thousand times before inventing the lightening bulb. Each failure taught him the way forward for other directions. Virat Kohli, ~~the world's~~ one of the best of cricket game, learnt from the bitter experience of England series, 2014, which completely changed his mindset. Besides, almost all great success stories are build upon the bitter experiences of constant failures. Thus, failures teach the best lessons for

the ultimate success.

lastly, horrors of Nazism taught the lessons about the pitfalls of propaganda and hyper nationalism. The bitter experience of Hitler's fascist ideology that led to Jewish Holocaust highlighted how propaganda and hyper nationalist passion can cause dehumanization of a nation. Germany learnt from these lessons and led an ideological reconstruction of the state. Post-war Germany became a democratic, liberal and welfare state, denying the room for any sort of differentiation on the basis of race. Thus, Nazi's Holocaust of Jews served as the source of lesson for the post-war German reconstruction. It reasserts the fact that bitter experiences teach the best lessons as horrors of Nazism taught the pitfalls of propaganda and hyper nationalism.

To sum up, the harshness of bitter experiences teaches the best lessons for the ultimate success. From Nation-state system, multilateral institutions, to Demand of Palestine and

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nationalist solidarity, all are the best lessons learnt through the bitter experiences. 'Man is a social animal', is a lesson learnt through the misery of children who lacked primary socialization. Fall of Baghdad taught that military power overrules intellectual power for the sustenance of empire. Nuclear deterrence was framed after the world experienced the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Similarly, the bitter experiences of personal failures, financial crises, and medical pandemics, all teach the best lessons for the ultimate success. Therefore, it could be concluded that Best lessons are learnt through bitter experiences.