

The Darkest Day*

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**The terrorists owing allegiance to Saudi born anarchist, Osama bin Laden, pitched in Afghanistan, hijacked American planes on domestic flights on September 11, 2001. Through suicidal strikes with them they ruined World Trade Centres, popularly called twin towers, at New York and damaged the Pentagon, headquarters of US Department of Defence. It is regarded the darkest day in the annals of USA.*

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September eleven became the darkest day

In the history of a dazzling superpower.

Nay in that of all the civilized nations

Adhering to human dignity and fraternity

It clashed with objectives of new century

Expecting that man seeks to live in peace

With him self, neighbours and environments

It displayed the havoc, a dark mind caused.

II

The invaders did not come armed from abroad

Were implanted to wreck America from within

Got trained here, exploited the lax vigilance

Hijacked local planes, ruined towers of trade

Struck seats of power, puzzled the invincible.

Band of vandals, killer of innocent thousands

Bigoted minds enforcing traditional precepts

Hostile to modern ideas and liberal concepts.

III

Long cold war between the postwar superpowers
Led to coaxing of varied incompatible nations
Intervention by Russia to prop an Afghan ally(i)
Prompted America to mobilize Pakistan further
For arming wild tribes to harass the Russians
U.S.S.R. was driven out but a dormant monster
Religious fanaticism, got consequently revived
Which threatens all progressive modes of life.

IV

J & K fell as its next target for ethnic carnage
Proxy war was started to add to scare and fright
Strategies were laid down for spreading disorder
India alone kept warning about tempestuous times
US embassies were hit to test the fiendish might(ii)
A naval ship was attacked to expedite the strife
When USA realized that it could also be beguiled
It had become pregnable to the terrorist strikes.

