

## WEAPONS FOR GROUP CONSTRUCTION

Over the last two years we have been bombarded with the phrase “weapons of mass destruction”. Although I am thoroughly sick of the expression, I am now clear about what weapons of mass destruction are: fear, greed, separativeness, hatred, deceit, criticism, manipulation, materialism and aggression. They are weapons used by unenlightened personalities or groups. And, they are used by those who seek to impede the evolutionary development of Humanity.

I want to focus on the weapons which we must use if we are to fulfil a role as spiritual warriors. These weapons if developed and sharpened will win the battle for freedom, unity, abundance, love, and individual and group empowerment. They will weld individuals into conscious service groups and cleave those from groups to which they do not belong. They will dynamically aid in the striving towards the light.

The weapons for group construction are the qualities of the soul. These are the virtues that we have built into our natures as we have steadily removed our vices. It is the vices which have urged the use of the weapons of mass destruction. It is the values that create the conditions for peace.

What follows is a list of some of our most powerful weapons:

1. **GRATITUDE:** The daily habit of expressing gratitude annihilates all the weapons of mass destruction. It becomes easy to see everything as perfect. Our gratitude makes the endless bounty of life experiences available for your growth.
2. **JOY:** When the heart sings joy rings out. Joy can be cultivated as easily as say to oneself: “Where is my joy”? It can be found anywhere once you will to find it.
3. **TOLERANCE:** The first step to tolerance is to realize that all of creation is going in the same direction: blissful perfection. That realized, it is easy to see that we all have different routes and each is perfect for the person treading it.
4. **ACCEPTANCE:** Mother Theresa had a favourite injunction: “Just accept”. Life is. These are powerful affirmations rather than a withdrawal and defeat. Acceptance is a pre-requisite for evolutionary growth.
5. **DARING:** This a qualities prescribed continuously by Agni Yoga: the highest form of yoga. To jump into the ever-creative unknown is to step upon the fastest path to change. As many spiritual teachers have said: “Just change”.
6. **DISCRIMINATION:** The higher mind in its search for the REAL is the instrument for separating the chaff from the wheat. Discrimination is free from judgement: it sees a whole field and sees where each thing has its rightful place with in that field.
7. **SIMPLICITY:** This quality arises when there is an absence of motivation and expectation. Without desire all things received are a blessing. It is simplicity that creates right action through its attunement to higher purpose.
8. **MODESTY:** When one is immersed in being while doing there is no egoistic self consciousness. Those with false modesty down play their achievements or awareness. Modesty is an awareness that whatever is manifesting is a gift from God.
9. **INCLUSIVITY:** This a the development of the awareness that I AM THAT. One is able to include all past experience and attainment as part of the Self. He is also able to anticipate the further and see all expansion of the self as part of that Self. Using this awareness, one is able to look upon the world and see all expression within one’s self.
10. **FORGIVENESS:** Like the breath, forgiveness is a process of releasing and giving. It released expectations, disappointments, separation and pain. It create unity.
11. And, there are many many more. What other weapons of group construction spring to your mind?

It is important to remember that those who create weapons of mass destruction put a lot of time and energy into doing it. We must activate our will to create weapons of group construction. It will take an equal amount of energy, but the outcome will be the building of a new age of Brotherhood.