Things We Can Learn from the Bomb

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It is January, the month in which we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King. As do the mystics of all religious traditions, Dr. King taught us to learn from everything in the world, and we can take that lesson to heart today.

Indeed, we can learn lessons even from the most horrible things in our world. From the threat of nuclear destruction, for example, we can learn several valuable spiritual lessons for everyday life:

- You don't need great armies to accomplish great things.
- It takes only one simple act to have great effect.
- You don't have to understand how it works, just what button to press.
- It doesn't matter who does it, so long as someone presses the right button.
- From the smallest things can come the biggest changes.
- Tremendous power has always been there; it only needs to be revealed.
- Since all this has only been discovered in our generation, it must be of particular relevance to us.