# THE CURSES OF A THOUSAND MOTHERS

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### Preface

'Hey, have you committed any sins today?'

'No.'

'No? How about yesterday?'

'No.'

'No? What about the day before yesterday?'

'Hey, stop asking stupid questions! I am no sinner.'

'Oh, come on, tell me the truth. How many sins did you collect today?'

'Now stop accusing me, okay? What sort of silly discussion is this? I said I am no sinner.'

'Are you sure?'

'Yes, I am damn sure!'

'But how are you damn sure?'

'Look, I pay my taxes, I am a law-abiding citizen, I haven't killed anybody, and I give the best to my family, and hence I am no sinner! Stop asking rubbish questions. Besides, I don't believe in such ancient crap.'

'But why don't you believe in it?'

'Hey, it is the 21<sup>st</sup> century, stupid! Concepts like sins are just superstitious garbage. It is pure nonsense, idiotic, lies, hogwash, foolish, silly, brainless, humbug, bullshit, irrational, crazy, absurd, ridiculous, stupid and gobbledygook, believed only by spiritual lunatics who have lost the plot! I laugh and sneer at such trash!'

'Hmm, okay. I loved your maniacal laugh. So what sins have you committed today?'

'Hey, are you on rewind or something? Didn't you understand what I said? I told you I am no sinner.'

### A Few Good Sins

A general dictionary defines sin in various ways like transgression of divine law, a willful or deliberate violation of some religious or moral principle, etc. And spiritual believers always claim you will suffer in life or have no peace of mind if you commit any sins. Typical ancient superstitious stuff, you would say. And most people today don't care or will be cynical about what the spiritual people preach. However, they confidently assume that if they mind their own business, be law abiding, pay their taxes on time, give their family the best of everything, pursue a higher standard of living, cut costs, be a tough demanding customer, don't injure or kill another human, etc., then they are automatically leading a clean sin free. But is it really true? Are you really sin free?

The answer is a big No. Everyone commits sins almost continuously, either knowingly or unknowingly. And many of the honest and law abiding activities you do daily are actually gory sins. And I am not kidding.

'But how is it possible? I don't understand what you are trying to say.'

'You will. Just answer a few simple questions first.'

'Do you like buying fancy gadgets like mobiles, music devices, computers, cars, etc?'

'Yes. In fact, I have all the latest and greatest products.'

'Do you demand the best from your service provider?' 'Yes. I am a very demanding customer. I tolerate no nonsense from any service providers.'

'Do you own stocks in top companies?'

'Of course, I am a stockholder of plenty of top companies. And I own plenty of cool stuff those companies manufacture.'

'Do you like watching movies of real wars, crime stories, etc?'

'Yes, I love them. In fact, I collect movies and books of all real stories.'

'Do you love your family?'

'Yes, I give them the best!'

'Hmm, looks like you are already a great sinner. Congratulations!'

'Hey, how do those simple things make me a sinner? Stop kidding and don't be ridiculous! My understanding of sin is I should indulge in killing, violence, and destruction of others to become a sinner. Right?'

'Wrong! You need not directly kill or injure anyone. But you can still become a great sinner just by continuing the simple, legitimate things you are currently doing.'
'But how? I don't see the connection.'

'There is a deep connection if you look a bit hard. But before we get to that, just look at some of the behaviors of modern customers today. There was a time when tolerance and moderation was normal, except for critical life saving activities and things. Customers and competition did exist, but they did not have a ruthless killer instinct to get to the top regardless of the consequences. But today moderation and tolerance are going downhill. Secondly, advertisers make you believe that if you don't have the latest and the greatest stuff you will be ridiculed by your friends, or you will lose your boyfriend or girlfriend, or you will lose your job, or you are a loser, and so on. Therefore, you must go and buy that latest and greatest electronic gadget, cosmetics, car, watch, suit, motorbike or some other rubbish, or else you are a loser! And it is also highly fashionable and nowadays to be demanding glamorous uncompromising. Customers today want everything right now, right here, and want new amazing stuff delivered faster and cheaper every few months. And ignorant folks like you will unconsciously get sucked into

such false thinking and start acting like that because of the constant marketing bombardment.'

'Hey, what's wrong with that? Plenty of people are like that. It is the 21<sup>st</sup> century, stupid!'

'Well, everything is wrong. You are not a winner, but a sinner!'

Now hold your surprise and outrage. You may be wondering how these seemingly innocent and legal activities like buying cool electronic gadgets, driving fancy cars, latest computers, owning stocks, or being a demanding customer, etc., can make you a sinner. Besides, you have bought those goodies from your hard earned money and not by robbing anyone. Nevertheless, you may be surprised to know how most such activities aimed at a relentless pursuit of higher and higher standard of living can actually make you a big sinner, directly or indirectly. Secondly, contrary to popular belief, sinners are not only those people who commit murders, indulge in violence, etc. Ordinary, law abiding people can also become great sinners without directly involved in committing any crime or spill blood.

Sin is based on a simple concept of how you can fall sick by eating a fish, which could have eaten some shit. That is, we can commit sins ourselves, or we can allow others to commit sins on behalf of us. Secondly, evil deeds are

not always caused by evil people just for the heck of it. You need to see who the driving force behind them is. And that driving force is the modern customers (like you and me) who unknowingly choose evil by mistaking it for happiness. It is the so called good and innocent people who constantly coax and encourage tough people to do wicked things to satisfy your endless needs. And it is tough, demanding and uncompromising customers like you who sponsor many organized crimes and mafias worldwide. Modern people can sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men are ever ready to do violence on their behalf. To understand how, look at the sources of your sin and how the various popular things you do are directly or indirectly sponsoring crime.

Source-1: Your love for expensive trinkets - Who doesn't love to own expensive things like gold, diamonds, precious gems, etc? Romance stories are dripping with stories of how sissy boyfriends have sold their souls to buy diamonds and jewels for their girlfriends. But how many customers really know what goes on behind the glittering scenes? Gold, diamonds and other precious stuff don't grow on trees. They are extracted from hot and deep mines through hard labor working in unprintable conditions. But because certain stupid humans are willing to pay a king's ransom for these shiny, useless trinkets gangsters commit hundreds

of atrocities to make them easily available in the market. For example, a diamond could have been obtained from various criminal methods like murder, extortion, slave trade, etc., and you will never know about it. Nobody will tell you, and you don't care anyway. But you must have that diamond for your anniversary or birthday to see that gorgeous smile on your wife or girlfriend, or hear them squeal with delight. Why care about how and where it was obtained from?

Source-2: Your standard of living - Higher and higher standard of living also sponsors crime. Customers love to own big houses, cars, electronics, phones, computers, wooden furniture, leather items, furs, perfumes and other fancy stuff. So industrialists and businessmen will plunder and ravage villages, forests, tribal lands, agricultural land, use slave labor in factories, etc., to extract metals, minerals, sand, stones, animal skin, oil, wood, and other stuff required to manufacture such goods and pump them in the market. Similarly, every fancy thing that customers crave for will indirectly result in the creation of various criminals who will commit assorted crimes ranging from child labor to mass murders to fulfill the never ending consumer demands. And customers are unable or unwilling to care about behind the scene crimes as long as they get happiness from the objects they desire.

Source-3: How you sponsor slave factories - Have you ever considered how our supermarkets and malls are filled with every conceivable gadget, or how newer and cheaper gadgets arrive on the shelves every week? You can see mountains and mountains of plastic and electronic goods, and almost all are non-biodegradable stuff. How do you think it is possible to buy a big TV set for just a hundred dollars, or a pair of shoes for fifteen dollars or umpteen other goods for two dollars these days? For example, you can even throw away a TV set every month and buy a new one with your pocket money. Such low costs were not possible a few years ago. How is this possible now? The answer is below.

Terrible human costs are built into every cheap and fancy goods you love to own. It is because of relentless greed and impatience by customers like you that companies now outsource inordinate amounts of their work to countries that don't have good labor laws. What's illegal in one country is normal business practice in a poor country, and top international companies take advantage of that. They don't go to third world countries to improve diplomatic and cultural relations; they go there because there are no proper labor rules and environmental controls that hinder their financial greed and customer cravings. So what they do there is

technically not illegal. So they turn a blind eye to inhuman working conditions and exploitation of workers who slog long and hard in sweatshops and where hiring and firing happens without batting an eyelid. Companies push their employees to work faster and longer, cut corners and make them work in dangerous conditions. Barbarians in suits negotiate with slave traders to get the kind of employees who will agree to work long hours for a pittance, and exploit those workers to create stunning goods as cheaply as possible so that you can have the latest and greatest toy everyday.

Source-4: How and where you invest - Investing money in various places for better returns may not seem like a crime. But how and where you invest matters a lot. Behind every great fortune there is always a hidden crime even if they pay all taxes. Let us assume you own some stock of a reputed and profitable company giving you reasonably good returns. But are shareholders nowadays satisfied with anything? No, they are never pleased with the current profitability and steady growth. They want more and more money, and astronomical growth week after week from the companies they invest in. So what do they do? They gang up with other stockholders to grumble and pester the company management to do something in hostile shareholder meetings. The business media also goes berserk accusing the company of losing

direction, leadership, doubting its future profitability, etc.

And guess what will happen in a few days? The company will announce a major restructuring. And what does that usually mean? It means the CEO will announce a 15% cut in employees worldwide and plenty of other reckless cost cutting and outsourcing measures to satisfy the gargantuan shareholder appetite, in spite of earning a healthy profit. The market quickly appreciates this bold move and the stock starts zooming, and you start making more money than before. It is party time again! But behind the scenes is the creation of a slave factory somewhere and you have also unnecessarily destroyed the livelihoods of thousands of employee families in order to get more money from the stock you own. Hence, shareholders and investors like you who applaud companies downsizing will now become sinners as you will be making money out of someone's misery.

When people knowingly or unknowingly invest their money in companies that do evil then such humans have to suffer for the sins committed by the business owners. If you are a beneficiary of crime money, directly or indirectly, then various sins will cling on you. Such sin money can bite you in uncanny ways. For example, you may invest your money in a company, which may be

secretly and ruthlessly destroying forests and the livelihoods of tribes, villagers, natives, etc., to extract minerals. Or they could be manufacturing and selling weapons that are used by criminals and warmongers, and so on. Or you may invest in stocks of a booze company, which will be destroying thousands of families. In other words, you could be knowingly or unknowingly sponsoring the harassment and untold misery to your fellow humans somewhere on the planet just by buying and promoting stocks of such companies. So their sins will also cling on to you because you are knowingly or unknowingly promoting their crimes.

We can also consider other types of indirect examples. For example, film producers make gripping films and documentaries on famous terrorism, crimes, murders, world wars, plane crashes, ships sinking, etc., by reenacting those gory scenes to shock the audience and make tons of money in ticket sales and also get glittering awards from badly dressed celebrities.

Customers love oil so badly that they will lose all sanity over it. Because of this governments and businessmen will easily create new enemies to wage wars and commit horrendous atrocities to get that oil from the ground so that customers can zoom around in their flashy cars.

Democratic countries who boast of great human rights easily support and ignore dictators, psychopaths and authoritarian regimes if there are economic advantages in doing business with them.

Employees of the arms industry help mercenaries and war mongers create mayhem worldwide by inventing newer and better weapons that can quickly kill thousands of humans. And they also have annual weapons exhibitions where war mongers come and drool at the latest stunning fighter planes and other shiny weapons that can wipe out a city in minutes. All these people have invisible bloodstains on their hands.

The list can go on and on. And all modern customers are directly or indirectly benefitting from such atrocities.

Arguing from the other side - Now you may loudly bicker from the other side of the fence like how you and such companies are providing employment to millions worldwide, which they would not have had if such businesses don't exist. Agreed, it is generating tons of employment globally and has plenty of economic and lifestyle benefits for everyone. And it does not mean we should stop and switch off everything. But the issue here is about the intensity of slave labor and herculean consumption of precious raw materials to meet the

insatiable thirst for newer and newer products everyday. The moderation in modernization is missing and it will eventually blow up on your face. It is the difference between driving within speed limits and driving recklessly and accelerating like there is no tomorrow. If as a demanding customer you keep demanding a newer and cheaper model every three months then there will be tough people who will step in to fulfill your need through hook or crook.

While such businesses do generate great employment, this kind of intense modern slavery is a recent phenomenon arising from an unnecessary greed for owning a bunch of useless, non-biodegradable stuff just to look cool. Secondly, would you be gladly willing to send your child to work in a slave factory for 18 hours a day getting a pittance to satisfy the never ending greed of customer? Would the modern vour mother wholeheartedly allow you to work in a slave factory? I think not. The issue here is how you are continuously gaining sin points by directly or indirectly sponsoring crime through your greed for a never ending supply of unnecessary stuff. You may now argue what those poor people will do without a job that you have so graciously created. Simple, if such businesses don't exist then those poor people would continue to do what their forefathers did from centuries and centuries, like agriculture or

simple mom and pop stores. Secondly, trying to win arguments with the usual examples revolving around laws of economics, demand and supply, global competitiveness, shareholder value, and other financial statistical gymnastics does not make everything a righteous act. Sin is about listening to what your conscience and heart says, and not only about money adventures. Besides, as Lou Holtz says, if you burn your neighbor's house down, it doesn't make your house look any better.

'Hmm, but do I reduce my sins?'
'Simple, start asking yourself some hard questions about your lifestyle and the reckless consumerism like below

Question-1: What responsibility do you as a customer have in demanding an endless supply of useless gadgets and other cool things? Why do you need to change your phone every six months? Why should a phone also double up as a computer, medicine cabinet and a bedpan? Why do you need a new stupid gadget that allows you to quickly tweet or update your Facebook status when you are in the toilet or the bathroom or driving a car?

Question-2: It is not the human cost alone that matters. What about the environmental costs? Today's demanding customers are also responsible for forests disappearing, rivers and oceans getting polluted, animals and birds dying, etc, etc., in their relentless hunt for precious raw materials required to manufacture cool stuff. Explore some examples.

Example-1: Why do you need a gadget for anything and everything that continuously consume electricity or batteries? Do you enquire about who makes the silly gadgets you use, or the herculean human costs involved, or the terrible environmental impact, or where do the old useless gadgets disappear when the cool upgrade gets released every three months? And are you aware that whenever you visit a clean and pretty smelling gadget store filled with tons of shiny, cool products there is an ugly story or a slave factory behind it?

Example-2: Why do you need to change your car every two years? Is it necessary for a hundred different car and bike manufacturers worldwide to release dozens of new, mild and wild, gas guzzling models every year by plundering the earth and oceans for iron, steel and other raw materials required to manufacture them? Should you applaud them for churning out cars and bikes that can go from 0 to 200 mph in five seconds?

Example-3: Why do companies have to release some 50 different models of mobiles, 30 types of printers, 15 models of computers, and umpteen electronic gadgets every six months with teeny-weeny feature differences between them? Even popular models of many things are not allowed to last more than a few months by their manufacturers claiming to be under tremendous pressure to innovate and release something new. So they keep on churning out newer and newer models by changing the shape, color, smell, design, etc. Remember none of them will last even one or two years as everything is designed for use and throw, and there is no reuse possibility to save the environment.

Question-3: Why is your home filled with mountains of useless stuff? Why does everyone in your family need two dozen shoes, one dozen watches, half a dozen goggles, three cars, etc? When you say you are giving the best to your family it only means you are raising spoiled brats who will also grow up chasing material wealth. This is how the world today is filled with weird, selfish and spoilt children pampered by sissy parents who are unable and unwilling to teach them good values. And is it necessary for you to go on an expensive vacation twice a year consuming jet fuel to eco sensitive places and

destroy forests, rivers, animals, etc., already inundated with a never ending stream of ignorant tourists?

Question-4: Why do you ignore small mom and pop stores and buy everything from a large supermarket just for a little extra discount? Shouldn't your wealth be shared among the community and allow mom and pop stores to survive, and not make a rich conglomerate even richer?

Question-5: How about feeling a little guilty making a sack of money when the stock price jumps due to a glamorous downsizing and ruining of your fellow humans? As an uncaring demanding customer how many mighty slave factories are you sponsoring? Do you know countless, helpless workers as young as ten years old are made to stand and work for long hours till their hands and legs swell up and they can hardly walk? What about the tears and pain of their mothers? Or are they all expendable as long as you get that cool gadget on time?

This is how the *curses of thousands of mothers* will hit you from countless directions. In other words, invisible bloodstains and tears are clinging on to you. Today your shiny new gadgets, cars, reckless spending, your fancy lifestyle and other stuff you own are the new blood diamonds!

'Now will you still confidently claim that you are no sinner?'

The long conclusion - Curses are nature's harsh teachers created to ensure people live moderately. Nature punishes everyone for the mistakes of a few. And it does not matter whether humans believe in it or not. Refusing to believe does not make it a lie. Nature does require any human's belief or permission to activate its features. It is like a strict teacher punishing the entire class for controlling a few mischievous kids. Committing sins is like wallowing in dirt (curse). If you are reckless and roll in the mud then a lot of dirt will cling on to you, but if you are moderate and restrained then very little dirt will cling on to you. The question is how much dirt you want on your conscience for the sake of material happiness.

Also, many people wrongly assume if they commit a sin then the punishment for it should happen quickly within hours or days. Since it does not happen quickly they argue there is no such thing as sin or curses. But it does not work that way. Curses have no time limit and can hit back years later in uncanny ways. It is like a time bomb or a time traveler. Sometimes a curse will not directly hit the person committing the crime, but it will hit the children of that person decades later. Sin need not always

be looked at from a spiritual or religious angle. It can also simply be viewed as mistakes or errors committed knowingly or unknowingly. For example, even in our material world if product manufacturers of cars, mobiles, etc., commit mistakes in their design, assembly or service then such products will suffer from defects and low quality, isn't it? This concept applies to humans also as we are self governing products created by nature. So if parents commit sins then their children have to suffer because children are the products created by their parents. This is why you see many children suffering for the misdeeds of their parents. Similarly, innocent members of various human clans suffer for the atrocities committed by its guilty members. Descendants of barbarians suffer for centuries for the atrocities committed by their barbaric forefathers. Countries suffer for the sins committed by their reckless leaders and past citizens. The descendants of those who harassed suffer from the descendants of those who suffered. Shareholders have to suffer for the sins committed by the companies they invest their money in. And without knowing all these hidden reasons, people ask tough questions like why good people suffer, or why do bad things happen to good people, etc. But it is actually a curse clinging on to them for various known and unknown reasons.

But how does it actually work? - To understand the working of a curse in a different way just understand that humans are basically energy bundles that can emit or absorb good or bad energies by doing something, or even when they are standing still. For example, when you hear a sound you are absorbing energy through your ears, and when you are talking you are emitting energy from your mouth. Similarly, when you are looking at something the light energy is entering your eyes. Or if you are giving an inspiring speech you can pump motivational energy into thousands of listeners. Or see examples of how a powerful stare can make another human uneasy, or make him sick or even make him commit horrific crimes like how dictators have used their icy eye power on their subordinates. Even your human thoughts, touch and eyesight are all special forms of energy that cannot be detected or measured by any scientific instruments. This is why we have numerous examples of telepathy, hypnosis or the special healing touch of many doctors, nurses and healers that science cannot explain. Similarly, a curse is a special vengeful energy or an infectious disease that can cling on to objects or people and cause havoc for many years. It is a justice system designed by nature and can get activated when you do bad things to others or vice versa. For example, even during your school or college days if somebody copied your entire

exam answers you will definitely wish that student would fail or break a leg. Or if someone stole all your good ideas, patented them and made tons of money will you be happy? Of if someone killed your family members and stole their valuables will you simply ignore it? In other words, you will put a curse because you wouldn't want those rascals from enjoying or benefitting from it. And this curse of any sins can travel and extract revenge years later. That is how the law of sins and curses (or reap what you sow) works. You can run but you can't hide!

Finally, remember one more thing. It is impossible to be fully sin free as we all commit various sins everyday. And as you saw before sin affects all of us, whether we commit sins ourselves, or when we allow others to sin on behalf of us. Secondly, you may not be able to make major global changes alone or overnight to reduce the swamp of sins all around, nor can you abruptly switch off your standard of living and head for the hills to live like a hermit. But, gradually changing your lifestyle to a moderate level, controlling your kids from reckless consumerism, feeling guilty or repentant about many things you do, indulging in higher charity and some genuine tears for the sufferings of others will greatly reduce your sins. So draw your boundaries even if you

get laughed at. Learn to reject the high price of endless material growth to lead a rich and simple life.

I hope you now understand how many seemingly unrelated activities can make you a sinner, or why in spite of earning more money than your parents, owning better gadgets, or living in a luxurious house, or having a superior standard of living, or pampering your kids, etc., you still don't have peace of mind. Now do you agree with those ignorant, foolish, silly, brainless, irrational, crazy, and ridiculous spiritual believers you always loved to laugh at? But it is still not too late to change. However, if this goes on Mother Nature may soon lose her patience and erupt like,

All right! But hear me, and hear me well. The day will come. Oh yes, mark my words – Greedy Humans. Your day of reckoning is coming. When an evil wind will blow through your little playfield and wipe that smug smile off your face. And I will be there, in all my glory, watching – watching as it all comes crumbling down!

(A quote from Seinfeld, a popular TV sitcom)

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