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Terrorism

W: On September eleventh, 2001, three US planes hijacked by terrorists crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, killing about three thousand people. On January seventh, 2015, a group of armed terrorists forced their way into the offices of the French satirical weekly newspaper *Charlie Hebdo* in Paris, killing eleven people, and injuring as much. What is your opinion about terrorism and its new outbreak?

Sarah: Well, there is no justification for terrorism, no matter what motivates the terrorists. Who knows what lies inside the minds of the bombers?

W: Sometimes they have political reasons; like in London in 2005 the terrorists said they carried out the attacks in retaliation for Britain's involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sarah: For the US, the purpose of destroying the Twin Towers was primarily to scare the US. The thing is the terrorists believe they are involved in a war between right and wrong, faith and falsehood, civilisation and barbarity.

W: Very true Sarah. They actually believe all tactics are justified in the struggle to defend their beliefs. Some say that gross inequalities in the world are the root cause of terrorism. What could eradicate it?

Sarah: If terrorism is to be ended, men will have to get to know each other better.

W: Strictly speaking, if we manage to eradicate famine, poverty, illiteracy, ill-health and injustice, terrorism will have little chance to flourish.



GLOSSARY:

Terrorism	The bombers
To hijack	The attacks
To crash	Retaliation
To kill	Involvement
To force ones way	The purpose
To injure	A war
To motivate	Right and wrong
To lie inside	Faith and falsehood
To carry out	Civilisation and barbarity
To destroy	Tactics
To scare	The struggle
To believe	Their beliefs
To be involved	gross inequalities
To justify	The root cause
To defend	Famine
To be ended	Poverty
To get to know each other	Illiteracy
To manage	Ill-health
To eradicate	Injustice
To flourish	Little chance
US planes	Armed terrorists
Terrorists	No matter
satirical weekly newspaper	Primarily
Outbreak	Strictly speaking
The minds	



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