

# US Must Look In The Mirror

THE 11th September 2001 was not just a bad day for America, but a very sad day for me, personally, and my entire family. This is the day, we lost our dearest and beloved father, Tate Joel Shikongo. May his soul rest in peace and enter heaven. At any rate, this is what this very terrible and fateful day also means to me.

Now, just what makes anybody decide to commit such horrific deeds of terrorism against the mighty nation on earth today or against anyone else for that matter? Was it a revenge for the evil deeds that America has been doing all over the world to others or was it just some act of mindless terrorism by some mad dogs out of nowhere?. Either way, what was clear is that the acts of terrorism committed in America recently are certainly so hard to justify ... let alone to be condoned by any human being with a mind, soul and heart!. I surely would like to join the rest of the sympathetic world and give my sincere condolences to all the American families and individuals who lost their innocent loved ones. Any right thinking human would do exactly that, except those who feel that America has been living in the fool's paradise for far too long. By all means, my hearts goes out to the victims of those human tragedies in America, just like it does for the many poor victims of oppression, diseases, wars, poverty and hunger, etc everywhere in various parts of the world. I would therefore like to urge here for America to look into the mirror, and see the real image of themselves. Terrorism is the same, whether committed by an individual or a government. Amongst others, the real problems which America will now have to solve is their often racist, arrogant, hypocritical practices and double standards in the world. This may just turn to be the real victors and durable solution to the problem of terrorism, now and in the future. As a Muslim, I know that my God does not condone terrorism. My salaams to all.

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