



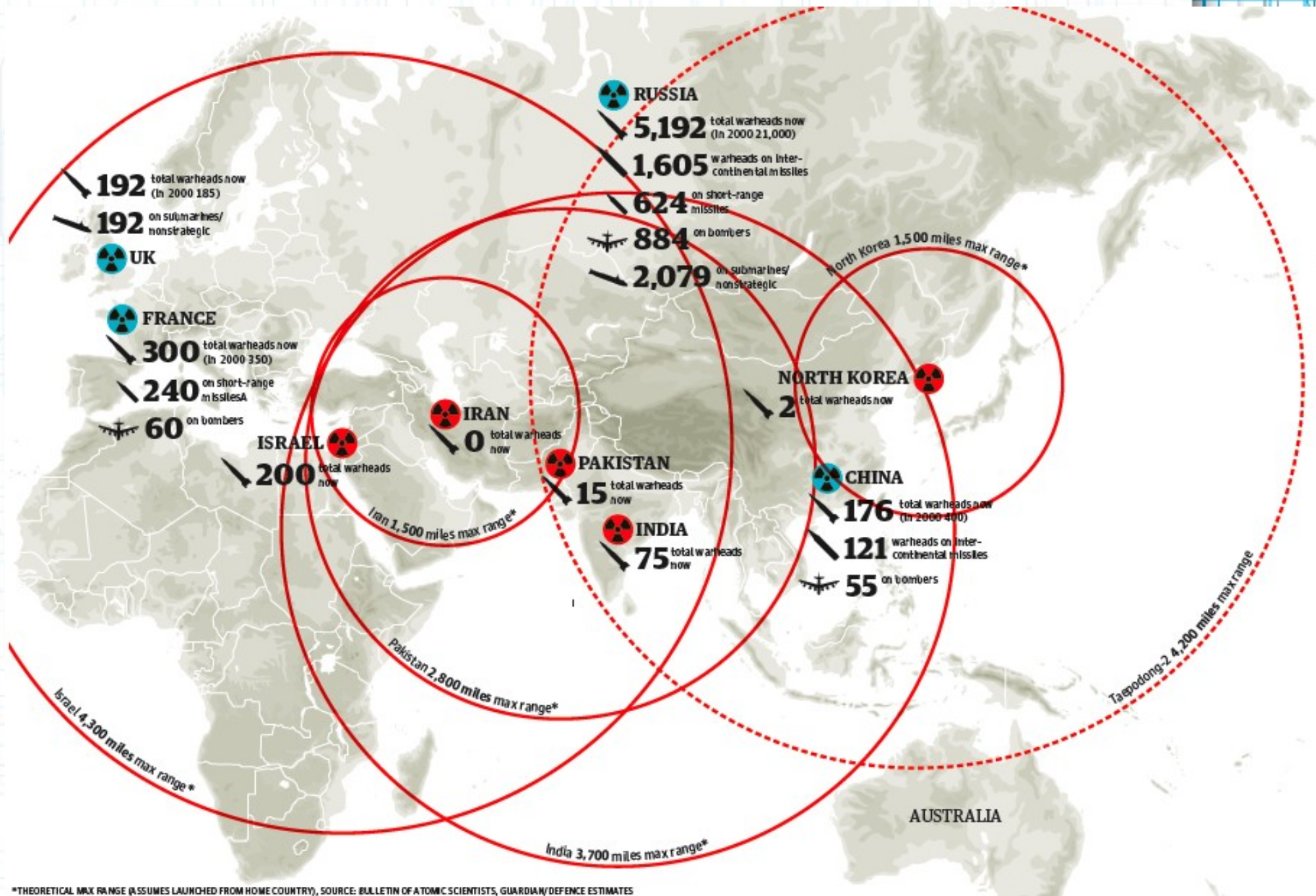
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**Nuclear Disarmament –
Reconciling Security
Between India and Pakistan
with Basic Ethics and
Through Nonviolence**

Nuclear Weapons Are Scary

- 1) Nuclear weapons are the only weapons that could plausibly destroy all of civilization.
- 2) Over 130,000 nuclear weapons were built in the last 65 years.
- 3) Approximately 80,000 - 100,000 people immediately perished in bombings of Hiroshima, and 65,000-80,000 in Nagasaki. The weapons used in those attacks are considered small in comparison to what countries such as India and Pakistan currently have.
- 4) Over 2,000 nuclear tests have happened in Eight Countries.
- 5) Estimated environmental effects of nuclear war include serious damage to the ozone layer, global famine, etc.



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Five Nuclear Crises Between Indian and Pakistan to Date

1987: Dispute over Kashmir; Indian troops move towards border, Pakistan warns of nuclear arms through US intermediary.

1990: US satellites detect movement of nuclear weapons to Pakistani airbase, warns India and situation is defused.

1999-2000: Repeated nuclear threats over Kashmir, some very close to actualization. International pressure prevails in averting the crisis.

2001-2002 – Terrorists based in Pakistan attack Indian parliament. Troops amass at border, again the threat of nuclear conflict arises.

2008 – Tensions rise between the countries after the terrorists attacks in Mumbai. Nuclear conflict again becomes a potential reality.

Who Are Sikhs?

- Worldwide, there are about 25 million Sikhs that constitute the fifth largest religion in the world.
- Sikhism is only a little over 500 years old.
- The majority of Sikhs live in Panjab, India where they make up at approximately 60% of the population at around 16 million.
- Sikhs believe in complete equality between men and women.



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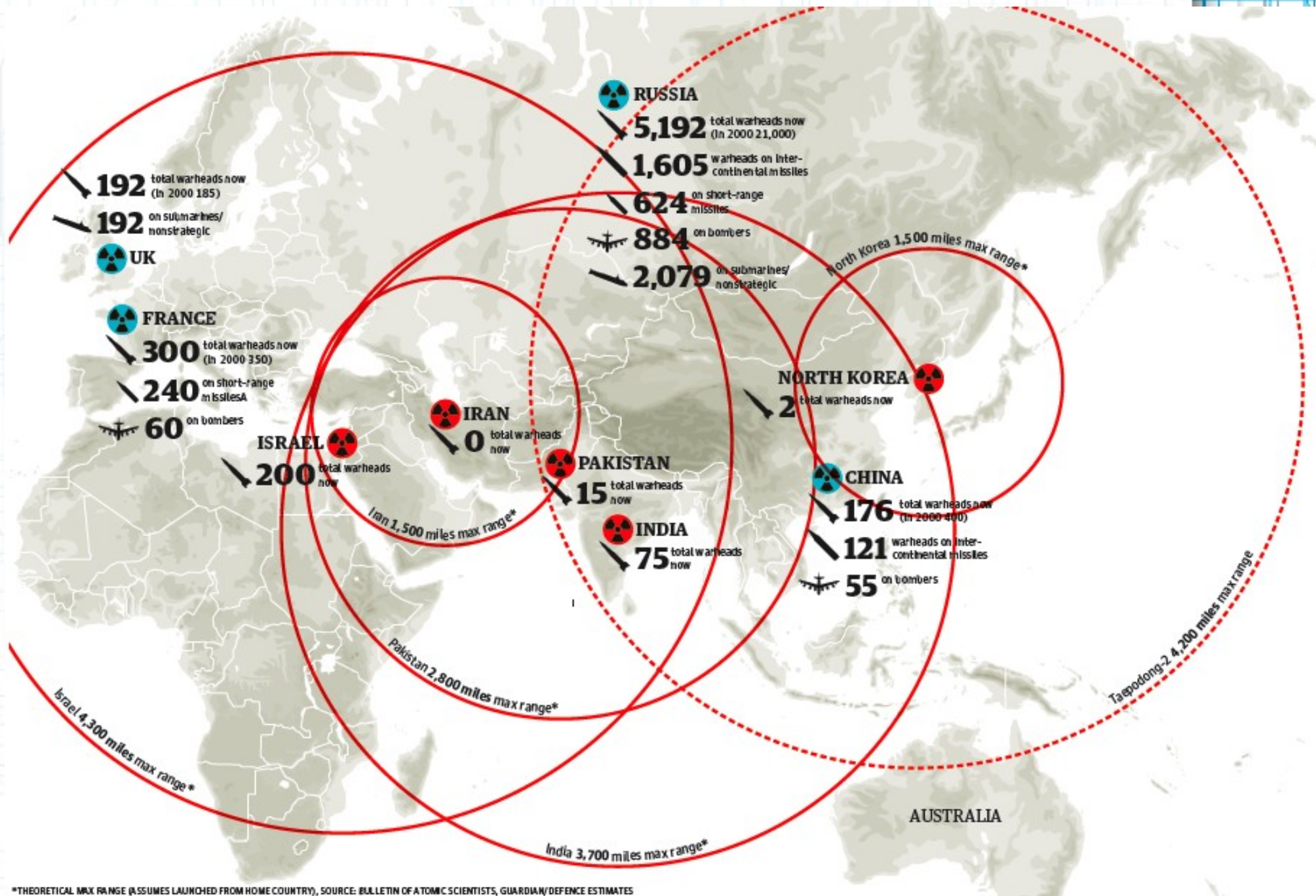
- There were ten Gurus prior to the establishment of the Guru Granth Sahib, a compilation of Sikh scriptures, as the eternal Guru of the Sikhs.
- There are three important legs to the philosophical structure of Sikhism: earning a living through honest work; sharing with others; and living life with constant awareness of the infinite within each of us.
- Human dignity and justice are a cornerstone of Sikh teaching.





**Nuclear Weapons Are Immoral,
Unethical, and Their Use
Cannot Be Rationalized.**

**Conventional Conflict
Deterrence Is Either a Fantasy,
or Just Not Worth It.**



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What Can Civil Society Do?

- Organize across communities to call upon nations to stop proliferation and disarm.
- Communities must make their voices heard internationally that they do not want to be targets of conflict.
- Education: Apparently, people are still unaware of the dangers. This education should not expand our fear, but should increase understanding that nuclear arms are simply not an option.



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