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### Warning signs abound

Russian President Vladimir Putin has convinced his people that it is right to invade Ukraine and that his troops may engage in wanton destruction of property and murder innocent civilians.

French writer Voltaire (1694-1778) said that if you can persuade people to believe the absurd, then you can persuade them to commit atrocities.

Meanwhile, here at home we have become so angry and divided that we are hurting and even murdering each other.

German philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1770-1831) wrote that every civilization contains within

itself the seeds of its own destruction.

*Star Carey, Canyon Lake*