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EDUCATION FOR CRISIS

DAILY EVENTS DEMONSTRATE THAT OUR CIVILIZATION IS UNDER ATTACK FROM WITHOUT. SOME EVENTS SUGGEST OUR CIVILIZATION IS SUFFERING FROM DECAY FROM WITHIN. OTHER EVENTS SUGGEST THAT WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF AN INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL RENASCENCE. ALL WHO SEE WITH MIND AS CLEARLY AS THEY SEE WITH EYE MUST BE AWARE THAT WE LIVE IN A PERIOD OF CRISIS WHEN CRUCIAL DECISIONS MUST BE MADE.

WE ARE AWARE OF THE ATTACK FROM WITHOUT, FOR THE COMMUNISTS SHOUT FROM THE HOUSETOPS THAT THE FUTURE IS THEIRS, AND THAT THEIR WAY OF LIFE WILL DESTROY OUR WAY OF LIFE. WE UNDERSTAND THEIR THREATS, BUT WE COMPREHEND, ONLY IN PART, THEIR TECHNIQUES. THEIR EFFORT IS TO CREATE DOUBT AND DIVISION WHEREVER THEY CAN. THEY DISCOVER A WEAKNESS; THEY EXPLOIT IT; THEY NURTURE CONFUSION AND CHAOS. THEY HOPE TO INHERIT THE WORLD WITHOUT WAR BY DESTROYING THE MORAL AND IDEALISTIC FOUNDATIONS OF OUR CIVILIZATION.

THEY DO THIS VERY SIMPLY - BY EXPLOITING OUR MISTAKES AND
OUR WEAKNESSES AND BY UNDERMINING OUR CONVICTIONS AND OUR FAITH.
THEY KNOW THAT A SOCIETY CANNOT SURVIVE THAT IS NOT BASED UPON
THE CONVICTIONS OF ITS PEOPLE.

BUT DO WE KNOW THIS?

WITHIN OUR OWN SOCIETY, THE SIGNS ARE MIXED; THERE ARE
✓ EVIDENCES OF DECAY AND EVIDENCES OF NEW VIGOR. THE DECLINE OF
PERSONAL AND PUBLIC STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR IS BALANCED, IN PART,
BY A GROWING AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS THAT CONFRONT OUR SOCIETY.
OUR RESPONSES TO ATTACK AND CHANGE ARE MIXED FOR (WE ARE) UN-
CERTAIN AS TO THE DIRECTION WE SHOULD TAKE.
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IN THE MIDST OF A PERIOD OF RAPID CHANGE, WE SEEM TO DRIFT,
✓ BECAUSE WE HAVE LOST OUR SURENESS OF CONVICTION. THE RAPID
CHANGES RESULTING FROM MAN'S USE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE
REVEALED THE TRAGIC DANGERS OF PREJUDICES AND FALSE STANDARDS.
THEY HAVE ERODED OUR CONFIDENCE IN LONG ACCEPTED STANDARDS.

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IN A MEASURE, THIS LOSS OF SURENESS IS NECESSARY FOR IT ENABLES US TO RE-EVALUATE THE STANDARDS TO WHICH WE HAVE HELD. IF PROLONGED, HOWEVER, INDECISION CAN LEAD TO DISASTER, FOR NEITHER INDIVIDUALS NOR SOCIETIES CAN LONG ENDURE WITHOUT A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND WITHOUT CONVICTION. EVEN THOUGH THE PURPOSE BE WRONG, AS WE BELIEVE IT WAS WITH HITLER, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT A SENSE OF PURPOSE GIVES CONVICTION AND DIRECTION.

RECENT EVENTS STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT MEN POSSESSED OF PURPOSE AND CONVICTION CAN ALWAYS DOMINATE THOSE LACKING BOTH PURPOSE AND CONVICTION. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO BE RIGHT. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT BELIEF BE GIVEN MEANING AND FORCE THROUGH CONVICTION AND A SENSE OF PURPOSE.

THE TASK OF EDUCATION

THE TASK OF EDUCATION IN THE MIDST OF CRISIS IS TWOFOLD. IT MUST GIVE YOU SOME UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF THE WORLD CRISIS AND OF ITS CAUSES. IT MUST ASSIST YOU TO DEVELOP PERSONAL STANDARDS AND CONVICTIONS THAT WILL GIVE DIRECTION TO YOUR LIFE

AND WILL SUSTAIN YOU IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY. TO DEVELOP STANDARDS AND CONVICTIONS THAT ARE SUFFICIENT TO THE TIMES, TWO THINGS ARE REQUIRED OF YOU. YOU WILL REQUIRE AN AWARENESS OF THE MULTIPLE INFLUENCES WHICH DETERMINE THE NATURE OF THE TIMES, AND YOU MUST RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN POSSIBILITIES FOR INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT. THE TASK OF YOUR FACULTY IS TO COOPERATE WITH YOU IN THE ENLARGEMENT OF YOUR VISION AND OF YOUR PERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS.

SOME ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE PRESSURES OF THE TIMES HAS ALWAYS BEEN ESSENTIAL; BUT NEVER HAS IT BEEN MORE IMPORTANT, NOR MORE DIFFICULT, THAN IT IS TODAY WHEN TWO CONFLICTING CONCEPTS STRIVE FOR A HOLD ON THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF MEN. THE FIRST CONCEPT LOOKS UPON MAN AS A RATIONAL BEING WHO HAS WITHIN HIM THE CAPACITY TO ADAPT, TO MOULD AND TO IMPROVE THE SOCIETY OF WHICH HE IS A PART. UNDER THIS CONCEPT, THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TALENTS AND CONSCIENCE IS THE KEY TO SOCIAL PROGRESS.

THE SECOND CONCEPT REGARDS MAN AS AN AUTOMATON AND CONSIDERS THE INDIVIDUAL OF SIGNIFICANCE ONLY AS HE ADAPTS HIMSELF TO HIS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM.

SOMETIMES THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO CONCEPTS ARE BLURRED AND HARD TO DISTINGUISH, FOR MEN ARE SELDOM COMPLETELY SURE OF THE INFALLIBILITY OF THEIR IDEAS FOR ANY PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME. THE SHORT LIFE OF ILLUSIONS OF INFALLIBILITY IS INEVITABLE IN OUR MODERN SOCIETY BECAUSE PROLONGED AND ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE OF INFALLIBILITY IS POSSIBLE ONLY IN A CLOSED SOCIETY THAT DENIES MEN ACCESS TO ALL IDEAS THAT HAVE CAPTURED THE MINDS OF MEN IN DIFFERENT TIMES AND DIFFERENT PLACES. WITH MODERN COMMUNICATIONS AS THEY ARE EVEN THE CLOSED SOCIETY CANNOT EXCLUDE ALL IDEAS AND ELIMINATE ALL CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS OF OTHER GROUPS.

THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO CONCEPTS ARE VERY SIMPLE AND MOST SIGNIFICANT. IN AN OPEN SOCIETY, THE INDIVIDUAL IS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE, AND IN THIS FREE SOCIETY THE INDIVIDUAL MUST BE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP ALL POSSIBLE IDEAS THAT

MAY RESULT IN THE ENRICHMENT OF HIS SOCIETY AND THE ENLARGEMENT OF HIS VISION. IN A CLOSED SOCIETY, THE SYSTEM HOLDS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SYSTEM WITH ALL ITS TRUTHS AND ALL ITS FALSENESS IS REQUIRED. ONE CONCEPT, THEREFORE, ENCOURAGES INDEPENDENCE OF THOUGHT AND ACTION WITHIN THE LIMITS OF INDIVIDUAL CONSCIENCE AND GROUP WELFARE. THE OTHER DISCOURAGES INDEPENDENCE OF THOUGHT AND ACTION AND DEMANDS CONFORMITY TO THE PRE-CONCEIVED SYSTEM.

TODAY YOU ARE CHALLENGED TO GAIN UNDERSTANDING OF THESE CONFLICTING CONCEPTS OF MAN AND SOCIETY. IF YOU GAIN AN ADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING OF THESE OPPOSTING CONCEPTS, YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN A RENASCENCE; IF YOU FAIL TO GAIN THIS UNDERSTANDING, YOU MAY BE SUBMERGED AND ABSORBED IN A SYSTEM THAT DENIES THE FORCE OF IDEALS BUT DEMANDS CONFORMITY TO ITS OWN IDEAS OF MAN AND LIFE.

FROM WHAT I HAVE SAID THUS FAR, I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU GAIN THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CURRENT CONFLICT FOR MEN'S LOYALTIES IS THE ONLY ISSUE TO BE CONSIDERED IN TODAY'S WORLD.

TO CENTER YOUR ATTENTION UPON ONE ISSUE TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALL OTHERS IS TO LOSE PERSPECTIVE AND JUDGMENT. WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT WITHIN A HUNDRED YEARS THE CONCEPTS OF COMMUNISM MAY DOMINATE THE WORLD, OR, ON THE CONTRARY, THEY MAY HAVE BEEN ABSORBED, MODIFIED AND PURIFIED THROUGH TESTING UNDER VARIED CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES. COMMUNISM MAY THEN BE LOOKED UPON AS BUT ONE EPISODE IN MAN'S STRUGGLE TO ATTAIN GREATER SECURITY AND GREATER SIGNIFICANCE. IT MAY THEN BE LOOKED UPON AS ONE OF THE MANY OBSTACLES THAT HAVE BEEN OVERCOME IN MAN'S STRUGGLE TO FREE HIS MIND AND SPIRIT AND TO ATTAIN THE STATURE WHICH SOMETIMES SEEMS WITHIN HIS GRASP, BUT WHICH, AT OTHER TIMES, SEEMS TO ELUDE HIM BECAUSE HIS FRAILTIES OVER-BALANCE HIS POSSIBILITIES.

UNDERSTANDING THE TIME IN WHICH WE LIVE

FEW OF US ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE MANY FORCES SHAPING THE NATURE OF OUR LIVES. WE ARE SELDOM AWARE OF THE FORCE OF IDEALS AND OF THE EFFECT OF RELIGIOUS, ETHICAL AND SOCIAL IDEALS UPON OURSELVES AND OUR CIVILIZATION. WE ARE PARTIALLY AWARE OF THE THREAT OF ALIEN IDEOLOGIES, BUT WE DO NOT REALIZE THAT THESE IDEOLOGIES THREATEN US ONLY BECAUSE WE HAVE FAILED TO IMPLEMENT OUR OWN IDEALS, AND BECAUSE WE HAVE LOST FAITH IN THESE IDEALS.

WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT THIS LOSS OF FAITH IN THE POWER OF IDEALS PLAYS INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO INSIST THAT MAN IS THE AUTOMATIC PRODUCT OF HIS ENVIRONMENT - THAT ENVIRONMENT SHAPES THE MAN - MAN DOES NOT SHAPE THE ENVIRONMENT. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE CHANGES IN ETHICAL AND MORAL STANDARDS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE AND WE ARE NOT SURE THAT MORAL AND ETHICAL STANDARDS ARE THE CORNERSTONES OF A FREE SOCIETY. WE ARE NOT AWARE, AS WE SHOULD BE, OF THE NATURE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, OF

THEIR EFFECT UPON OUR HABITS OF LIFE AND OUR CHOICE OF VALUES.

THESE ARE SOME THINGS OF WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE , OR ARE BUT PARTIALLY AWARE. I HOPE THEY WILL SUGGEST TO YOU MANY OTHER AREAS OF AWARENESS AND UNAWARENESS. WE ARE UNAWARE OF THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF MEN IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, AND WE ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR REACTION TO THE THINGS THAT WE DO. WE ARE UNAWARE THAT SCIENCE HAS BROUGHT ALL MEN TOGETHER WITHOUT CREATING ANY SENSE OF COMMON INTEREST AND COMMON DESTINY.

IT MAY SEEM THAT I PLACE TOO MUCH EMPHASIS UPON AWARENESS, BUT I DO SO ONLY BECAUSE I FEEL YOUR NEED FOR GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND AS ALDOUS HUXLEY HAS DECLARED, "THERE CANNOT BE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING WITHOUT COMPLETE AWARENESS.

DURING PERIOD OF RAPID AND ACCELERATING CHANGE, MEN'S VALUES AND STANDARDS CHANGE AS THEIR MATERIAL CONDITION CHANGES. THIS IS INEVITABLE, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT MATERIAL IMPROVEMENT LEADS TO INTELLECTUAL, MORAL AND SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS NO INEVITABLE PARALLEL BETWEEN MORAL

AND INTELLECTUAL STANDARDS AND MATERIAL STANDARDS. ONE KEEPS PACE WITH THE OTHER ONLY WHEN A THOUGHTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE CONTINUALLY RE-EXAMINE THEIR IDEALS, THEIR MOTIVES AND THEIR ASPIRATIONS AND MAKE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO HARMONIZE THE IDEAL AND THE PRACTICAL.

THE SOCIAL CONSCIENCE REQUIRED TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO WAS LIMITED TO THE IMMEDIATE GROUP IN WHICH MEN LIVED OR, AT BEST, TO THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY. MAN'S AREA OF CONTACT WAS LIMITED AND HIS HORIZONS WERE EVEN MORE CIRCUMSCRIBED. TODAY, MEN IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD FACE A COMMON DESTINY.

COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BROUGHT INTO CLOSE PROXIMITY ALL NATIONS AND ALL CULTURES, WITH THE RELEASE OF ATOMIC POWER ASSURING THEM OF A COMMON DESTINY IN THIS WORLD, OR IN THE HEREAFTER. ATOMIC POWER GIVES FOR THE FIRST TIME SOME PROMISE OF PHYSICAL WELL-BEING FOR ALL PEOPLE. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND, THERE IS A PROSPECT OF ABUNDANCE FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

WE MUST, HOWEVER, TEMPER THIS KNOWLEDGE WITH AN AWARENESS THAT THIS GREAT POWER CAN DESTROY MORE EASILY THAN IT CAN CREATE. WHEN CONTROLLED AND DIRECTED BY RESPONSIBLE MEN OF GREAT INTELLIGENCE, ITS PROMISES ARE GREAT: WHEN CONTROLLED AND DIRECTED BY IRRESPONSIBLE MEN OF LIMITED UNDERSTANDING, ITS THREAT IS OVERWHELMING. IT IS EASY FOR ALL MEN TO COMPREHEND THE EFFECT OF THE "BIG BANG" UPON OUR CITIES; IT REQUIRES GREATER COMPREHENSION TO UNDERSTAND THE IMMEDIATE AND ULTIMATE EFFECTS OF RADIATION UPON THE HUMAN RACE. ONLY A FEW HAVE SEEN THE FESTERING AND RUNNING SORES RESULTING FROM RADIATION; NONE ^{has} HAVE SEEN, OR CAN SEE, THE EFFECT OF RADIATION UPON THE GENES THAT WILL FINALLY DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF MANKIND.

THE DISCOVERY THAT MUTATIONS RESULT FROM RADIATION IS VERY NEW, AS IS MAN'S ABILITY TO RELEASE GREAT QUANTITIES OF RADIATION. NATURE EMITTED RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS SLOWLY, AND, OVER THOUSANDS OF YEARS, MUTATIONS THAT WOULD WEAKEN THE RACE WERE ELIMINATED BY NATURAL SELECTION. MAN CAN NOW RELEASE GREAT AMOUNTS OF RADIOACTIVE

mutations ✓

MATERIAL IN A FEW HOURS, AND IN A FEW YEARS, IF MEN SURVIVE, THESE RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS CAN, BY UNCONTROLLED MUTATIONS, CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF THE RACE. AS ONE DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST REMARKED AT THE DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE ON "THE GREAT ISSUES OF CONSCIENCE IN MODERN MEDICINE", "NATURE HAS WORKED, OVER THE CENTURIES, TO SELECT THE FIT AND TO ELIMINATE THE UNFIT, BUT SCIENCE CAN NOW CHANGE THE GENES WITHOUT PROVIDING TIME FOR SELECTION TO TAKE PLACE. MAN MUST CONTROL, BY INTELLIGENCE, THE GREAT NATURAL FORCES THAT HE HAS RELEASED. HIS CONSCIENCE MUST GROW TO INCLUDE THE HUMAN RACE, FOR CONSIDERATION OF HIS GROUP ALONE CAN LEAD TO THE EXTERMINATION OF THE HUMAN RACE."

THE RELEASE OF THE ATOM IS ONE OF THE GREAT MILESTONES IN HUMAN PROGRESS, BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER FORCES THAT INFLUENCE OUR WAY OF LIFE AND COMPEL A RE-ASSESSMENT OF OUR STANDARDS AND VALUES. BECAUSE THEY ARE LESS DRAMATIC, THEY MAKE LITTLE IMPACT UPON OUR CONSCIOUSNESS, EVEN AS THEY CHANGE OUR WAY OF LIFE.

THE LITTLE TRANSISTOR THAT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED IN OUR
RADIOS AND TELEVISIONS MAY CHANGE OUR LIVES MORE DIRECTLY THAN
WILL THE RELEASE OF ATOMIC POWER. THROUGH TRANSISTOR RADIOS, IT
ENABLES US TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, AND
UNLESS WE LEARN TO TURN IT OFF IT CAN ALSO JANGLE OUR NERVES
AND PARALYZE OUR ABILITY TO THINK INDEPENDENTLY AND FORM PERSONAL
JUDGMENTS. IN ADDITION TO IMPROVING OUR MEANS OF COMMUNICATION,
IT PROVIDES A MEANS FOR THE ELECTRONIC CONTROL OF OUR MACHINES.
IN SO DOING, IT RELIEVES MEN OF MECHANICAL AND HUM-DRUM WORK;
IT REQUIRES THE TRAINING OF HIGHLY SKILLED TECHNICIANS, AND IT MAKES
AVAILABLE MANY PRODUCTS THAT COULD NOT BE ECONOMICALLY PRODUCED
BY THE HANDS OF WORKERS. THIS SMALL DEVICE HAS CHANGED PRODUCTION
TECHNIQUES; IT HAS GIVEN MAN ACCESS TO OUTER SPACE AND HAS FORCED
THE TRAINING AND RE-TRAINING OF THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN. IN
LESS THAN TWO DECADES, IT HAS CHANGED THE MATERIAL CONDITIONS
THAT SURROUND US. IN THE DECADES AHEAD, NEW USES WILL BE DEVELOPED
AND THE RATE OF CHANGE WILL BE ACCELERATED.

WE CANNOT DISCUSS THE CHARACTER AND MULTIPLICITY OF CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE FINDINGS OF SCIENCE AND THE APPLICATION OF THESE FINDINGS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY. OUR PURPOSE IS TO MAKE YOU MORE AWARE OF THE RATE AND NATURE OF THESE CHANGES AND OF THEIR INFLUENCE UPON YOUR THOUGHTS, YOUR STANDARD OF VALUES AND YOUR DAILY LIFE. POSSIBLY ONE OR TWO FACTS WILL ACCENT THE SIGNIFICANCE AND RATE OF THESE CHANGES. TWO OF OUR OLD ESTABLISHED COMPANIES, GENERAL ELECTRIC AND DUPONT, HAVE REPORTED THAT ONE-HALF OF THEIR CURRENT PRODUCTS WERE UNKNOWN AT THE END OF THE WAR. IN ADDITION, THOUSANDS OF NEW COMPANIES HAVE BEEN FORMED TO PRODUCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS THAT WERE UNDREAMED OF OR UNKNOWN TWENTY YEARS AGO.

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PRODUCTS THAT WERE UNDREAMED OF OR UNKNOWN TWENTY YEARS AGO.
WE ARE TOLD THAT 90% OF THE WORLD'S SCIENTISTS ARE STILL ALIVE.
DO NOT THESE FACTS ACCENT THE IDEA THAT GREAT AS THE
CHANGES HAVE BEEN, THEY ARE BUT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA?

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CONFUSION AND COMMUNISM

NO MAN IS UNAFFECTED BY THE UNCERTAINTIES RESULTING FROM THESE CHANGES, FOR, IN A REAL SENSE, THESE NEW GADGETS HAVE CHANGED OUR DAILY HABITS AND OUR PERSPECTIVE. INEVITABLY, THEY ALSO INFLUENCE AND CHANGE OUR STANDARDS OF JUDGMENT AND THE VALUES TO WHICH WE ADHERE.

AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, MANY OF THESE CHANGES ARE DESIRABLE. NONE WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE FUTURE CAN DECRY THE ERODING AWAY OF PREJUDICE AND BIGOTRY. BUT, THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER TREND THAT IS NOT ALL GOOD. BECAUSE CERTAIN OF OUR STANDARDS HAVE BEEN PROVEN BAD, THERE IS AN INCLINATION TO ABANDON ALL STANDARDS. THIS IS PERHAPS INEVITABLE, FOR SOME MUST ALWAYS SEEK A FINAL ANSWER. EVEN THOUGH THE FINAL ANSWER THAT THEY GRASP MAY CHANGE FROM DAY TO DAY AND YEAR TO YEAR. THIS SHIFTING OF STANDARDS AND VALUES CANNOT CONTINUE INDEFINITELY WITHOUT THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE INTEGRITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND OF THE FREE INSTITUTIONS

THAT ARE BASED ON MAN'S CONFIDENCE IN HIS NEIGHBOR.

IN THE MIDST OF THIS CONFUSION RESULTING FROM THE RATE
AND CHARACTER OF MATERIAL CHANGE, THE CLASH OF IDEOLOGIES CREATES
FURTHER UNCERTAINTIES. TWO DECADES AGO, THE NAZIS OFFERED
A NEW AND PEACEFUL WORLD TO ALL WHO WOULD ACCEPT THEIR IDEOLOGY.
TODAY, THE COMMUNISTS PROMISE TO "BURY" US IN ^{their} (A) WAY OF LIFE THAT
MAY BE A STEP FORWARD FOR THE BACKWARD PEOPLES OF THE WORLD,
BUT WOULD BE A LONG STEP BACKWARD FOR THOSE PEOPLES WHO,
AFTER CENTURIES OF STRUGGLE, HAVE GAINED THAT MEASURE OF FREEDOM
WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO THE FULLEST DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUALS
AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS. ALL MEN REQUIRE GREAT LEADERS TO
UNIFY THEIR EFFORTS, BUT FREE MEN CANNOT AFFORD SUPERMEN
WHO SEEK TO CONTROL THEIR THOUGHTS, THEIR ACTS AND THEIR DESTINY.

IT IS IN THE MIDST OF THESE CONFUSED AND CONFUSING TIMES THAT
YOU ARE CONTINUING YOUR EDUCATION. YOU ARE A PART OF THE

TIMES AND SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE INFLUENCES OF THE TIMES. YOU DO, HOWEVER, ENJOY AN OPPORTUNITY THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE TO ALL. YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE MORE THOUGHT AND STUDY TO THE IDEALS THAT MOTIVATE MEN, AND TO THE INSTITUTIONS THAT THEY HAVE CREATED, THAN IS POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT EXTEND THEIR EDUCATION.

THIS OPPORTUNITY BEARS WITH IT A RESPONSIBILITY. BECAUSE YOU HAVE GAINED THIS OPPORTUNITY, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE CRISIS OF WHICH YOU ARE A PART. YOU SHOULD STRIVE TO GAIN AN AWARENESS OF ALL THE INFLUENCES THAT SURROUND US. YOU SHOULD THEN DEVELOP PERSONAL STANDARDS THAT WILL ASSURE YOUR PERSONAL INTEGRITY AND WILL ENABLE YOU TO WORK FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THOSE IDEALS AND INSTITUTIONS UPON WHICH OUR CIVILIZATION IS BASED.

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE CHALLENGED TO STUDY EVERY PROBLEM WITH A CLEAR MIND, AND THAT YOU MAY CONSTANTLY STRIVE FOR UNDERSTANDING. ONCE YOU HAVE REACHED A SOUND CONCLUSION, MAY ?

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YOU ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR BLOCKING ILL-CONSIDERED ACTION ✓
AND FOR ENCOURAGING CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION.

THE FUTURE OF OUR CIVILIZATION DEPENDS UPON THOSE WHO
FACE THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE WITH RECEPTIVE MINDS AND WITH
FAITH THAT MAN POSSESSES THE INTELLIGENCE AND THE WILL TO
RESOLVE THE GREAT PROBLEMS CONFRONTING HIM.

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