

PASSAGE 1

To picture to ourselves something of the wider life that world unity would open to men is a very attractive *speculation*. Life will certainly go with a stronger pulse, it will breathe a deeper breath, because it will have *dispelled* and conquered a hundred infections of body and mind that now reduce it to *invalidism* and *squalor*. We have already laid stress on the vast elimination of *drudgery* from human life through the creation of a new race of slaves, the machines. This and the disappearance of war and the smoothing out of endless restraints and *contentions* by juster social and economic arrangements, will lift the burden of *toilsome* work and routine work, that has been the price of human security since the *dawn* of the first civilizations, from the shoulders of our children. Which does not mean that they will *cease* to work, but that they will cease to do *irksome* work, under pressure, and will work freely, planning, making, creating according to their gifts and *instincts*. They will fight nature no longer as dull *conscript*s of the pick and plough but for a splendid conquest. Only the spiritlessness of our present depression blinds us to the clear intimations of our reason that in the course of a few generations every little country town could become an Athens, every human being could be gentle in breeding and healthy in body and mind, the whole solid earth man's mine and its uttermost regions his playground.

There are unhopeful prophets who see in the gathering together of men into one community the possibility of violent race *conflicts*, conflicts, conflicts for '*ascendancy*', but that is to suppose that civilization is incapable of adjustments by which men of different qualities and *temperaments* and appearances will live side by side, following different rules and contributing *diverse* gifts. The weaving of mankind into one community does not *imply* the creation of a *homogenous* community, but rather the reverse; the welcome and the adequate utilization of a distinctive quality in an atmosphere of understanding. It is the almost universal bad manners of the present age which make race intolerable to race. The community to which we may be moving will be more mixed ... which does not necessarily mean more interbred... more various and more interesting than any existing community. Communities all to one pattern like boxes of toy soldiers, are things of the past rather than the future.

(401 words)

Prospects of a Unified World

World unity will improve the lives of human beings by removing many ills from the human society. Machines will handle much of the hard work, and we will leave behind the struggles of wars and conflicts through fairer societies. Due to this, the future generations will work freely and will make the best use of its natural abilities.

The fear of pessimists that coming together of men will increase race conflict is wrong; we can adjust to live side by side, contributing unique gifts. The coming together of different communities does not mean the creation of one community, it will be a blend of distinctive quality in an atmosphere of understanding and tolerance.

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