

■ Practice Exercise

From the moment we are born, we cannot live alone; we stand in continual need of assistance of all around us, for body and soul and spirit; we need clothing which other men make; houses, which other men build, food, which other men produce; we have to get our livelihood by working for others, while others get their livelihood in return by working for us. As children we need our parents to be our comforters, and to take care of others: we cannot exist a day without our fellowmen; we require teachers to educate us: books and masters to teach us a trade; and when we have learned it and settled ourselves in life, we require help made by other men who died hundreds of years before we were born, to secure us our rights and properties, to secure to our comforts in our station; and we need friends to comfort us in sorrow and to share our joy.

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The author emphasizes that as a child, one depends on others for survival and cannot thrive alone. They rely on their parents for their livelihood and teachers for acquiring knowledge. However, as one transitions into adulthood, they require laws to safeguard their rights and property. Additionally, they need a true friend to share both happy and sad moments.