

First and foremost among the blessings of civilisation are order and safety. If today I have a quarrel with another man, I do not get beaten merely because I am physically weaker and he can knock me down. I go to law, and the law will decide as fairly as it can between the two of us. Thus in disputes between man and man right has taken the place of might. Moreover, the law protects me from robbery and violence. Nobody may come and break into my house, steal my goods or run off with my children. Of course there are burglars but they are very rare, and the law punishes them whenever it catches them.

It is difficult for us to realise how much this safety means. Without safety those higher activities of mankind which make up civilisation could not go on. The inventor could not invent, the scientists find out or the artist make beautiful thing. Hence order and safety, although they are not themselves civilisation, are things without which civilisation would be impossible. They are as necessary to our civilisation as the air we breathe; and we have grown so used to them that we do not notice them any more than we notice the air.

For all that, they are both new things and rare things. Except for a short period under the Roman Empire, there have been order and safety in Europe only during the last two hundred years, and even during that time there had been two revolutions and a great many wars. Thus it is a great achievement of our civilisation that today civilised men should in their ordinary daily lives be practically free from the fear of violence.

Questions

1. What are the blessings of civilisation? How do we enjoy them?
2. What conditions are necessary for a civilisation to be possible?
3. What is the great achievement of our civilisation?

QUESTION # 01

What are the blessings of civilisation? How do we enjoy them?

Order and safety are the blessings of civilisation. We enjoy this safety because of rule of law which ensures the safety of people and bring order in society. It is this blessing that has torn apart the idea of might is right and has helped to bring the number down of any violent act, robbery or burglary. It was not possible without rule of law that is a fruit of today's civilization.

QUESTION # 02

What conditions are necessary for a civilization to be possible?

Safety is the key condition for a civilization to be

possible. Without the safety of self, no inventor would invent; no artist would produce any art; and science would not prosper. Safety of self has made science to grow; artists to create art; and people to reach the peak of their abilities. All of this has made civilization possible and grow. Though safety is not the element of civilization but without safety, civilization civilization would not have been possible.

QUESTION # 03

What is the great achievement of our civilisation?

The great achievement of our civilisation is freedom from the fear of violence. The rule of law has made the disappearance of 'might is right' possible. The disputes have been solved through legal means, and robbery, burglary and

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other events have stopped because of the fear of punishments. It has helped civilization to unlock the freedom from fear of violence in one's ordinary life.