

## Précis 31: CSS 1992

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Throughout the ages of human development men have been subjected to miseries of two kinds; those imposed by external nature, and, those human beings misguidedly inflicted upon each other. At first, by far the worst evils were those that were due to the environment. Man was a rare species, whose survival was precarious. Without the agility of the monkey, without any coating of fur, he has difficulty in escaping from wild beasts, and in most parts of the world could not endure the winters cold. He had only two biological advantages: the upright posture freed his hands, and intelligence enabled him to transmit experience. Gradually these two advantages gave him supremacy. The numbers of the human species increased beyond those of any other large mammals. But nature could still assert her power by means of flood and famine and pestilence and by exacting from the great majority of mankind incessant toil in the securing of daily bread.

In our own day our bondage to external nature is fast diminishing, as a result of the growth of scientific intelligence. Famines and pestilence still occur, but we know better, year by year, what should be done to prevent them. Hard work is still necessary, but only because we are unwise; given peace and co-operation, we can, whenever we choose to exercise wisdom, be free of many ancient forms of bondage to external nature.

But the evils that inflict upon each other have not diminished in the same degree. There are still wars, oppressions, and hideous cruelties, and greedy men still snatch wealth from those who are less skillful or less ruthless than themselves. Love of power still leads to vast tyrannies, or to mere obstruction when its grosser forms are impossible. And fear deep scarcely conscious fear is still dominant motive in very many lives.

## Title: Miseries of Human Life

Since birth, men have been facing with two kinds of miseries: one is natural and another is social. Man has increased its population more than any other ~~species~~ <sup>mammal</sup>. Although, he is the supreme and the most powerful species, but still nature tests his power through different <sup>form of</sup> adversities. Now a days, the influence of nature has reduced with the advancement in science and technology. There are number of social evils still exist and are rising day by day. Man's love of power still results in many social problems and scarcely conscious fear still badly affects many lives.

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Generally, European trains still stop at borders to change locomotives and staff. This is often necessary. The German and French voltage system are incompatible. Spain—though not Portugal—has a broad-gauge track. English bridges are lower than elsewhere, and passengers on German trains would need a ladder to reach French Platforms twice as high as their own. But those physical constraints pale in comparison to an even more formidable barrier national chauvinism. While officials in Brussels strive for an integrated and efficiently run rail network to relieve the French, Germany and Italy are working feverishly to develop their expensive and mutually incompatible high-speed trains.

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## Title: European Train Service Barriers

The railway networks in popular European countries are incompatible in different aspects, leading to many barriers. However, these obstacles are lighter than their national chauvinism. To overcome these barriers, officials are working to develop train services.

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