

... laws which fit it for orderly function in bee society. And throughout the world, of the two abstract things, liberty and restraint, restraint is always the more honorable.

### ▪ Practice Exercise

Almost every country in the world believes that it has some special dispensation from Providence, that it is of the chosen people, or race and that others, whether they are good or bad, are somewhat inferior creatures. It is extraordinary how this kind of feeling persists in all nations of the East as well as of the West without exception. The nations of the East are strangely entrenched in their own ideas and convictions and sometimes in their own sense of superiority about certain matters. Anyhow, in the course of the last two or three hundred years, they have received many knocks on the head and they have been humiliated, they have been debased and they have been exploited. And so, in spite of their feeling that they were superior in many ways, they were forced to admit that they could be knocked about and exploited. To some extent this brought a sense of realism to them. -There was also an attempt to escape from reality by saying that it was sad that we were not so advanced in material or technical things but that these were after all superficial. Nevertheless we were superior in essential things and in spiritual things, in moral values. I have no doubt that spiritual things and moral values are ultimately more important than other things but the way one finds escape in the thought that one is spiritually superior simply because one is interior in material and physical sense, is surprising. It does not follow by any means. It is an escape from facing up the causes of one's degradation.

exemption

destiny

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unusual

deep rooted

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degrade

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## The evil of Superiority Complex:

Every nation believes that it has some special privileges over other nations. All the nations hold this belief of superiority irrespective of East and West.

The nations of the East have their own deeply rooted beliefs. In the last two or three centuries, they had faced exploitation at the hands of other nations because they were inferior in technology. There was a wave of escapism from reality that Eastern nations are superior spiritually, if not materially.

The writer opines, although spiritualism is more important than materialism but this attitude is rejection of reality.

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