

The third great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science has given us powers fit for the gods, yet we use them like small children. For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's servants; yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in a fair way to become his master. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal, and given petrol to drink, and oil to wash with, and they must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, and blow up, and spread ruin and destruction all around them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and a time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals.

And this brings me to the point at which I asked, "What do we do with all the time which the machines have saved for us, and the new energy they have given us?" On the whole, it must be admitted, we do very little. For the most part we use our time and energy to make more and better machines; but more and better machines will only give us still more time and still more energy, and what are we to do with them? The answer, I think, is that we should try to become mere civilized. For the machines themselves, and the power which the machines have given us, are not civilization but aids to civilization. But you will remember that we agreed at the beginning that being civilized meant making and linking beautiful things. Thinking freely, and living rightly and maintaining justice equally between man and man. Man has a better chance today to do these things than he ever had before; he has more time, more energy, less to fear and less to fight against. If he will give his time and energy which his machines have won for him to making more beautiful things, to finding out more and more about the universe, to removing the causes of quarrels between nations, to discovering how to prevent poverty, then I think our civilization would undoubtedly be the greater, as it would be the most lasting that there has ever been.

- Questions:**
1. Instead of making machines our servants the author says they have become our masters. In what sense has this come about? (4)
 2. The use of machines has brought us more leisure and more energy. But the author says that this has been a curse rather than a blessing. Why? (4)
 3. What exactly is the meaning of 'civilization'? Do you agree with the author's views? (4)
 4. 'Making more beautiful things' – what does this expression mean? Make a list of the beautiful things that you would like to make and how you would make them. (4)
 5. Mention some plans you may have to prevent poverty in the world. Who would receive your most particular attention, and why? (4)

Comprehension

= Answer to Question 1 =

The author says that instead of making machines our servants, they have become our masters. Because man has become dependent on machines as the servant is dependent on master. Man has been spending most of his time to look after and waiting upon machines. He has been feeding them with coal and petrol, and oil to wash with. In case of any shortcoming, the machine may refuse to work.

= Answer to Question 2 =

The author says that the machines have been a curse rather than a blessing because most of our time and energy has been consuming to make more and better machines. In response to more machines, again most of our time

and energy has been going to consume in looking after them.

== Answer to Question 3 ==

Yes, I agree with the author's views. Civilization is meant to be making and linking beautiful things, think freely, live rightly and maintain justice equally among all entities of the universe world.

== Answer to Question 4 ==

Part 1:

The expression "Making more beautiful things" means to create developmental opportunities for mankind, harmony among them and to serve them as whole to make a greater civilization.

Part 2:

- To find more and more about the universe.
- To remove causes of quarrels among nations.
- To discover means to prevent poverty.

Part 3:

I would like to make above mentioned beautiful things by creating developmental opportunities for mankind, harmony among them and to serve them as a whole.

== Answer to Question 5 ==

Poverty in the world can be prevented by many plans:

- Wars which are pursuing in various regions of the world, to be prevented.
- Human rights violation to be avoided.
- Equal career opportunities to be created.
- Disharmony among nations regarding poverty to be minimized.

United Nations Organization would receive my most particular attention.

because the ultimate motive of UNO aligned with opinion of mine, which is to maintain peace and sense of security across the world to make lives of individuals better by ending poverty.