

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 clothes that 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 our trade; and when we have learned it and settled ourselves in life, we require laws made by other men who died hundreds of years before we were born, to secure to 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.

Man is a Social Animal

The writer is of the view that humans are dependent on one another. They need the assistance of others to fulfill the demands of their bodies, souls and spirits. They acquire all the basic necessities with the help of others. Moreover, humans work for one another to earn their livelihood. Thus, humans need the help of others at all stages of life.

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