

A country is believed to be civilized if it has much machinery; many motor cars, many bath rooms, and a great deal of rapid locomotion. To these things in my opinion, most modern men attach too much importance. Civilization, in the more important sense, is a thing of the mind, not of material adjuncts to the physical side of living. It is a matter partly of knowledge, partly of emotion. So far as knowledge is concerned a man should be aware of the minuteness of himself and his immediate environment in relation to the world in time and space. He should see his own country not only as home, but as one among the countries of the world, all with an equal right to live, and think and feel. He should see his own age in relation to the past, and future, and be aware that its own controversies will seem as strange to future ages as those of the past seem to us now. Taking an even wider view, he should be conscious of the vastness of geological epochs and astronomical abysses, but he should be aware of all this not, as a weight to crush the individual spirit, but as a vast panorama which enlarges the mind that contemplates it.

A True Civilization

A country is erroneously believed to be civilized with excess of material things. However, it is knowledge and sense of emotions which shape civilizations. ~~It~~ with the help of knowledge, man should develop his relation with surroundings and consider the whole universe a single entity where everyone has equal rights. He should abandon all odds to enlighten future generations. In a broader spectrum, he should neglect geographical divisions and adopt collectivism.

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