

EXAMINATION 1973

As a kind of foot-note I should comment that there are those who doubt whether it is within the power of science to ensure over a prolonged period freedom from destitution and famine for mankind. The argument -is the old one of Maithus that in the race between increasing population and increasing production, population must eventually win. Those of us who decline to accept this pessimistic view recognize the difficulty of the practical problem of meeting the needs of an ever-expanding population. We have, however, greater faith in human resourcefulness. We note that it is not only in the technology of production and medicine that the present generation differs so greatly from the one before. A similar rapid change is likewise occurring the thinking of masses of people. This change is brought about partly by experience with technology by more widespread education. Here lies a new realm in which dramatic advance is being made. The hope for the longer future lies in a growing understanding of the conditions for the good life of man in a world of science and technology, and the acceptance of a morality that is consistent with these conditions. With the widespread thought now being given to such problems by persons whose thinking is schooled to rely on reason and tested fact. It is evident that advance from this angle will also appear. Youth may, for example, consider the sere marks as an effort to see in truer perspective the type of ideals that are appropriate to the age of science. Many are those who are now sharing to this exploration of human values. The great question is whether such understanding of human goals and the corresponding development of morals can be achieved before the forces seen by Maithus, and emphasized so forcefully by recent writers, overwhelm the efforts of the pioneers in this new and critical field. I do not believe that this is inevitable. I am confident of man's ability to meet and solve this ethical problem that is so vital to the success of his effort to achieve physical and spiritual freedom. It is relevant that as I analyse the reasons for my faith in man's eventual ability to meet this critical problem. I find that prominent in my mind is the confidence that God who made us holds for us an increasing density, to be achieved through our own efforts in the world setting that he supplies. This observation is significant in the present setting because it is my strong impression that most of those who have the firm faith in man's advancement likewise have a religious basis for their faith. If this impression is valid its consequence is clear. It means that it is men and women of religious faith on whom we must primarily rely to work strongly toward achieving a favourable world society. It means also that those of religious faith because of their faith have a better chance of survival, a fact that has a bearing on the attitude that may be expected in the society of the future.

Precis 1973

25/7/25

Title:-

~~Technological Advancements~~ "Harmonizing Technological Advancement with Religious Faith for a better society"

The writer initially ~~questions~~ sets ground for the argument that whether or not can the ~~science~~ power of science avert hunger and poverty. He understands that, despite Malthus' argument of population over production, there are practical reasons to decline this view, ~~main~~ due to ~~scar~~ resource scarcity. ~~However~~ However, the writer is optimistic about human resourcefulness and the changing patterns of modern human thinking with evolving technology and ~~educate~~ widespread education. The writer believes that science and technology and morality should go hand in hand for a good human life. He ~~is~~ contends that even rationalists are now considering embedding ~~more~~ ethical considerations into tech hence an advancement of this kind is inevitable. ~~As~~ The writer remains confident in God and optimistic in his tone ~~that~~

on man's ability to solve
this ethical problem, defying the
conventional views of many.
He believes that people of
faith have ~~a greater~~ a great
potential to build a
favourable world ~~by~~ using
harmonizing the technological
advancement with ~~a~~ ethics
and religion.

x x — x — x