

During the last few decades medicine has undoubtedly advanced by huge strides in consequence of innumerable discoveries and inventions. But have we actually become healthier as a result of this progress? Admittedly, Tuberculosis or Cholera is today a much rarer cause of death in many countries. On the other hand, various other no less dangerous diseases have appeared which we term "time diseases". They include not only certain impairments of the heart and the circulatory system, of the skeletal structure and internal organs, but also an increased psychic instability, the addiction to all manner of drugs etc., and states of nervous shock and exhaustion.

According to Bodamer, "Man's hysterical and vain attempt to overtax and do violence to his nature in order to adjust it to the technical world leads to a dangerous threat to health." In other words, our organs can no longer cope with the noise, the bustle and all the inevitable concomitants of our modern civilization. A man's body is simply not a machine to be used as he thinks fit, and as long as he likes. It is something living, a part of the image of God in which we were created. That is why the body has a rhythm of its own, a rhythm that can make itself heard.

The most deep-seated of all the diseases of our time is that man no longer takes God into account, that he has lost confidence in God's dominion over the world, that he considers the visible as the ultimate, the only, reality. But man without God suffers from his fate because he can not accept it from the hand of God. He suffers from the world because he senses its disordered state without being able to put it right. He begins to suffer from his work because it exhausts him without satisfying him. He begins to suffer from his fellowmen because they are not his neighbours, to whom God would have him turn, but because he lets them get on his nerves and make him ill. And he suffers from himself because he finds himself out of tune and dissatisfied with himself. It is only because our time is no longer centered in God that its structure is increasingly becoming what critics of our civilization call "pathological" dominated by the fear of life as well as by the lust for life, ending in the splitting of personality.

- i. How does the expression "time diseases" indicate that these various ailments have something fundamental in common? Explain.
- ii. Why does modern man suffer from his time? Is it not because he has not adapted his body sufficiently to the demands of the machine? Is it not rather because he has surrendered his soul to time and its powers?
- iii. What cure would you suggest to combat these ills?
- iv. Explain the last sentence fully.

## QUESTION : 2

Question: i

Answer:

The "time disease" indicates that these various ailments have something fundamental in common.

The points of commonality include: the fatal nature, long-lasting and human induced nature of these diseases.

Repeat question statement at the start of the answer.

Question: ii

Answer:

modern man suffers

The man suffers from his time not because of his inability to adopt or surrendering his soul to time. It is because he has removed God from the bigger picture. Moreover, he has neglected the power and presence of God. For him, all those things which can

be seen are the part of reality. As a result, he suffers in this world.

QUESTION: iii  
Answer:

There is a cure for combating all these ills. If a man makes strong connection with God and stops the pursuit of worldly pleasures, all his sufferings will be vanished.

Question: IV  
Answer:

The writer said that man suffers in this technological age because his activities are is not in accordance with the wish of God.

Moreover, the personalities of people are divided into two distinct groups, one <sup>fears</sup> fears the world while the other is indulged in the pleasures of this world.

