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The present age is one of amazing advances in the perfecting of the machinery of life; it is an era of such scientific progress as has not marked any former period of history.

Knowledge has increased not only in quality but vastly more so in volume, so that the control of man over the physical universe advances by leaps and bounds. The telegraph, wireless telephone, Radio, airplane and other modern inventions have brought the whole world to our front door, in a word are rapidly making of the world a unit.

Now, in spite of these new means of catering to the comforts, entertainment and enlightenment of man, which, judged by all the usual standards, should be creating an outlook of hopefulness for the future, we find in reality a spirit abroad in the world of unrest, doubt, uncertainty.

Acute observers such as Dean Inge are quick to point out that the <sup>disease</sup> ~~disease~~ flourishes at all times of prosperity and the worship of materialism, and in a word is due to the neglect of the essential principles which appeal to the heart and mind of man - spiritual values. We are inclined to forget that "man does not live by bread alone" and the equally true saying of the Psalmist : "He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul."

Were such a condition to persist, it will be readily conceded that it would bring about deterioration in the individual life and ultimately in the national life.

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