

is the nation that has no history." He meant by the statement that the history of all nations has so many bloody and shameful pages that it would be better if the history had never been written.

Evil is all around us. Our newspapers, which reflect the every-day life of the people, are chronicles of current iniquity. They tell how men defraud one another in business; how some group of capitalists gets a corner on some necessity of human life and grows rich beyond the dreams of avarice, while great masses of the population fester in squalid misery; how nations in their lust for some large place under the sun, fired by a dream of world empire, set the laws of humanity at defiance, and the blood of millions of people cries to God for vengeance; how men, letting loose the reins of passion, murder and rob and sow in their own bodies the seeds of disease and death; how husbands prove unfaithful to wives, and wives to husbands, and the beautiful home life topples over like a pack of cards. Fools may flout at evil, and short-sighted moral amateurs may deny its existence; but however denied, explained, or ignored, its polluting, paralyzing, damning effects are spread all over the pages of history.

The Evil from Which We Are to Seek Deliverance

Interpretation of "the evil"

The reading of the American Revised Version suggests the devil. It is the same word that is used