

tes and Christ; Mahomet, Confucius and Gautama Buddha; all are culminating today in this huge struggle. We are to decide whether humanity has reached its apogee and henceforth, bound and constricted and weighted with brute flesh, must sink into darkness and ultimate dissolution, or whether new channels shall be created through which the race can seek progress hitherto inconceivable. What matters my death, or your death, or the destruction of tens of millions of men, if only there be left in the world enough seed to people it again for the new and nobler destiny of man?

This war is due to the weakness of men in the past, to their willingness to accept the immediate advantage of comfort or safety or prosperity in preference to the rigors incident to being true to their own souls. If the revolution in Germany in 1848 had been successful, if those who then had vision had developed the courage and stamina to endure to the end and win the victory at that time, there could not have been the Belgium of 1914, the Dunajec of 1915, the Verdun of 1916, or the Piave of 1917. Then mankind could have been saved at the cost of the life-blood of a single state; now the evil they permitted to continue undestroyed has grown until the best blood of the whole world is the price of the justification of the