

has a meaning and that we are really, "our brothers' keepers."

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Never in history have these opportunities, which the Catholic Truth Society offer to the true militant Catholic, been so great as they are now. Humanity stands at the cross-roads. The disguised exploitations of imperialism and the rival ambition of nationalism, like the angry waters of a swollen torrent, have devastated the world. So disrupted are our political, social and international relations that one at times doubts, if we are not nearing the final collapse of our Western civilization. Yet, as Dr. Walsh pertinently remarked, it is not so much the map of the world as the map of the human mind that needs remaking. For, revolutions that break out in the religious, economic, social or political order are, in the last analysis, but the manifestation of the noiseless evolutions of the human mind. Ideas act like timed fuses. They burn slowly, but the explosion is sure to follow.

During the Russian revolution of 1905, Pobiedonostsev, a reactionary, said that an idea was more dangerous than dynamite; you can hide an idea but you cannot kill it.

Three distinctive features mark out this epoch to the thinking mind. They all reflect a change in the outlook on human life and its spiritual values. As it shows itself in its various manifestations throughout the world, our present period may be termed a period of *reevaluation*, of *readjustment* and of *reconstruction*.

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We are living in fluid days when spiritual values are being *reevaluated*. The most elementary, basic principles of the moral and social order are questioned and new meanings are attached to old forms. To one who follows the trend of modern thought as it shows itself in its various popular forms this intellectual tragedy is so universal that one often wonders if we are not fast running into a world-wide revolution of which the Great War was but a forerunner.