

Introduction

The weak point in our society does not lie in the two extremes of Capitalism and Communism but in the mental confusion of those who have an aversion to two extremes.

Humanity: Personality, Rights and Obligations

Kinship relationship (household) in the form of a community existed before the State came into being.

The basis of Kinship is a unity which recognises first of all the humanity of the individual.

Liberalism, which gave rise to capitalism, considers humanity as entirely self-reliant, not as a part of the community or State.

The reaction to that is to place heavy emphasis upon the State and have no regard for the rights of humanity by nature.

Human nature struggles for effects which attack the limitations of capitalism, national Socialism and Communism.

The big difficulty of our day and age is that we are unable to give a unanimous answer to the basic questions: What is humanity? Does it consist of body and spirit? Does it possess something eternal within? Is there a real difference between man and beast?

In order to answer questions such as these we must first of all be able to establish "something common to humanity which it knows of itself and is able to ascredit to itself, something which must be acquired by intelligence and thought."

Observation of the nature of humanity shows that there are true differences between man and beast.

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1. That humanity has relationship with God.
2. That humanity can and must develop its strength and power.
3. That in these matters humanity has the right of freedom in the realm of personality.
4. That the greater part of humanity seeks by following its own course to fulfill its individual destiny.

In the former era of the infidels these matters were not considered important, as in the teachings of Nietzsche which resulted in reverence for the Superman and the State.

Liberal teachings did not concern themselves with these matters although they taught freedom and conformity (persamaan).

Socialism is also uninterested in this field. Socialist leaders interested in this subject have sought ways for an interpretation. This has resulted in varying principles of instruction, as was evident recently in the International Socialist Congress in Bern. For this reason this matter is of considerable urgency to Communism, in that the unity of the international labor unions has been broken.

Subject to be discussed later: Humanity's rights in Work, Possession
[of property] and Freedom.

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