

A Voice Cries Out: What's Wrong with Government!

Civilization is in danger of cosmoicide.
It's time to look to causes!

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LEADERS OF AMERICA, **WAKE UP!**—or face human extinction! The nation and the world are fraught with troubles and evils seemingly past human remedy. **SURVIVAL** is now our No. 1 problem!

It appears now that if weapons of mass destruction do not soon erase mankind from the earth, the population explosion will!

There has to be a **CAUSE** for every effect. Too often people try to find solutions by dealing with effects. But until **CAUSES** are removed, the effects will not just go away. In the imperative search for causes we look now to the six major facets that have made civilization what it is: government, business and industry, science and technology, modern education, organized labor, religion.

Where have these gone wrong?

A week ago we covered an overview of modern education. Civilization is what its leaders have made it, and education is the alma mater of the leaders. They are largely what the educational system made them. Education has succumbed to intellectual materialism. Knowledge of the **TRUE VALUES** was jettisoned somewhere along the way. Humanity's problems are spiritual in nature and a materialistic knowledge cannot understand or solve them.

Later we will focus on business and industry, on science and technology, on organized labor and on religion.

But recently this country has been concerned with a presidential election. So we take, now, a quick overview of government. What has government contributed either to the cause or the solution of present escalating evils?

Over the years I have been invited to personal conferences with numerous heads of state—kings, emperors, presidents, prime ministers—and others high in government under them, in many other countries.

I have said often to them that there are only **TWO WAYS** or philosophies of life, broadly speaking. And these travel in opposite directions. One will produce peace, universal prosperity and well-being. The other will **CAUSE** precisely



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what we have in the world today!

I simplify these two basic motivations so even a child can understand. One is the way of "**GET**"—the other the way of "**GIVE**."

"**GET**" is the way of self-centeredness, vanity, covetousness, envy, jealousy, hostility, resentment of authority over one. "**GIVE**" is the way of outflowing **LOVE**—concern for the well-being of neighbor equal to self-concern. It is the way of helping, serving, sharing—of kindness, consideration, goodwill.

GOVERNMENT is that organized authority over the people to insure by law and order to each the freedoms and liberties that do not infringe on the lawful rights and liberties of others.

But politicians govern in a world living the "**GET**" way of life. Government should produce a contented, happy, peaceful and prosperous society.

But politicians have grown up in this world addicted to the way of "**GET**." It would indeed be naive to suppose they have not absorbed the "**GET**" motivation. Nothing in their educational training inculcated within them the "give" incentive. So it is normal that they have followed the old saying, "*Jones pays the freight, give Jones what he wants.*"

Now Jones wants to "**GET**" from government. And political candidates want to "**GET**" Jones' votes. But Jones in this country is divided in many group votes. What one faction may want to "**GET**" from government too often collides with another. The candidate often walks a tightrope, and to win both faction votes the candidate sometimes succumbs to making promises he can't deliver.

If the public wants to "**GET**" from government, we must not suppose political candidates do not covet power. So in government in this country we have the

merry-go-round of people trying to "**GET**" from government, and politicians using every strategy to "**GET**" power!

I will relate an incident in case I was entertaining at dinner in my home an overseas diplomat sometimes called "*the strong man of Europe.*" A presidential inauguration had just occurred in Washington.

"What," asked another guest of the European politician, "do you suppose was going on in the mind of the new president while taking the oath of office?"

"How to be reelected four years from now, of course," came the instant reply.

What, after all, has government contributed to the present state of society—the nation and the world? Government has not corrected or changed the human-nature way of "**GET**," but operated with it. And every evil dragging this sick world toward cosmoicide has been caused by the "**GET**" nature in **MAN!** We call it human nature.

But we need government. The alternative would be anarchy!

Governments of nations over the world do work for **PEACE**—even fight and war for **PEACE!** And we still have wars. I know that the responsibility of the chief office in government weighs heavily on men in such high office. I have talked with many heads of state who admit privately that they face problems beyond human power to solve.

Some world leaders have said humanity's only hope lies in a single world government over all nations, with only one military force. Yet in the same breath they admit the impossibility of man to produce it.

An editorial some time ago in *U.S. News & World Report* stated it a different way—that it would now seem the only hope for human survival lies in the intervention of a strong "*Unseen Hand from Someplace!*"

This voice announces, believe it or not, both these solutions will happen in our lifetime. **MANKIND** won't change human nature, nor set up the world government—*doesn't even have to believe it—BUT IT WILL HAPPEN TO US!* And in this generation we shall see a new **WORLD TOMORROW**, with universal well-being for all.

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