

Xty and the Present System of Government.

Such a subject ^{is like a question too fine a point to write.} needs exact definition and then we may not be further on in answering it. ^{Maybe he should be put to the test & broader & more}

What is wrong with the world? ^{in the religious way? mainly political}

- ① The ~~most~~ ^{surprise that the} surprise of the emergence of dictatorships. 5-600 million people have changed their form of existence. And if one does not keep to names but to things.-- the strengthening of the executive power is a world wide feature including: Roosevelt or for that matter Mr. Balwin and late Ramsay Macdonald with this 9/10 majority in the House of Common
- ② The vast ~~subject~~ ^{an epoch of} ~~of a world in for wars~~ ^{with an incalculable degree of destruction} ~~is under judgment~~. It is breaking up and will continue to break up. As St. John said: Things must become worse before they become better ~~again~~.
- ③ The ~~most~~ ^{down} surprise ~~of~~ of the break-~~up~~ ^{able to be seen} of the international economic system.

And not a surprise, but the greatest wonder of all: The young people growing up, a finer and ~~more able~~ ^{more able} generation than the world has ever seen, and going out into a world the uncertainty ~~of which~~ ^{of which} baffles imagination.

Whether we formulate it in political, economic, educational terms the crisis of our times is world wide, universal. Society is under judgment.

What is the meaning of this crisis? Why cannot mankind continue in the old grooves?

The ~~history~~ ^{history of} of mankind is the history of human consciousness. ~~was~~ ^{the development of} The structure of human consciousness is not what it was at the time when Man was still in the state of nature, with a consciousness of the animal type, dreamy ~~and~~ ^{and} without ~~self~~ ^{self} consciousness of Self.

^{1. Fall} The First Fall is the historical record of this first great change. Man eats ~~of~~ ^{of} the fruits of the Tree of knowledge. The first development of consciousness is ~~also~~ ^{also} the first recognition of Sin. Under ~~the~~ ^{the} pressure of Sin ~~man~~ ^{man} ~~accepts~~ ^{accepts} the Law. God's Will refers to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~community~~ ^{community} human life in the community. The ~~community~~ ^{community}, not the individual are the material of God's Will. The Jewish race ~~in its history~~ ^{in its history} is the expression of ~~this~~ ^{this} consciousness.

^{2. Fall} The end of this ~~form~~ ^{form} of consciousness ~~arrives in~~ ^{comes up by fulfilling the Law} Jesus. ~~Individual~~ ^{Individual} consciousness is ~~born~~ ^{born}. The soul is ~~discovered~~ ^{discovered}. The effects of the First Fall are removed. Forgiveness is the road ~~to~~ ^{to} overcoming sin. Together with ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~new~~ ^{new} ~~age~~ ^{age}.

The structure of human consciousness is changing accordingly. The type of person who does not take the inevitable existence of society seriously is not himself taken seriously by the new generation. The type of religion which does the same, is subject to the same fate. It is not taken seriously. Not because the younger generation is less serious than its parents, but because it is more so.

What has made this new phase ~~so~~ acute?

Which of the three: 1/dictatorships? 2/^{multinational} political conflicts, war? 3/break ~~down~~ ^{down} of the international economic system? is primary?

The answer lies in the recognition of that which is happening the world over. The relationship of the economic to the political system is changing. Either Capitalism or democracy disappears everywhere. Socialism or Fascism are the alternatives. Obviously the incompatibility of capitalism with democracy is the essence of the trouble.

Either capitalism is retained and survives in a Fascist form, or capitalism is discarded and then democracy takes more or less socialist forms.

This was inevitable: Capitalism could ~~never~~ ^{never} be anything ~~but~~ ^{but} a historically short period of transition. This again Saint Simon saw clearest, the French religious socialist. The great development of the technical means of production made it necessary -- for a time. But national frontiers can never be overcome by capitalism. The international economic system has broken down on account of the danger of War (The Van Zeeland report says that quite plainly.) But the capitalist nations cannot ~~organise~~ ^{organise} international life -- they are not communities in any real sense. Socialism will ~~come~~ ^{come} for international reasons. Not because the ~~working class~~ ^{working class} wishes it or because it is its interest, but because Mankind cannot continue to exist otherwise. The educational level of the British working class a great weakness of this country. The upper-class still up to the mark, but the working class childish in its outlook; unable to face up to responsibilities; idealist (in the bad sense) to the point of danger to the community. If there is one point more than another were ~~preparing~~ ^{preparing} the minds ~~may~~ ^{may} do some good: education is the point.

The crisis has objective roots. It is a fact in history: it is destroying our Society.