

Our Modern World

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Today is the time of science and research. A world of unlimited possibilities is standing open. Where is that going to lead us?

About 200 years ago the French poet and encyclopedist Diderot ironically gave a description of artificial breeding of human embryos with predestination of talents. This idea no longer appears so much out of place, some biologists are convinced that this forecast will come true before the end of this century. Other writers like Shaw and H. G. Wells dreamed of controlling growth and manipulating the conscience as well as prolonging life by several hundred years. In our days nothing seems to be impossible; part of this Utopia is alarmingly being approached.

Within the last 50 years biologists have succeeded in obtaining many important results which will have as much influence on the world as chemistry and physics. More and more, biology has obtained a central position within the last years. A famous scientist said that some of the recent biological developments are: at least as important as all the former ones. He equated them with the discovery of fire, the cultivation of soil, the art of printing and the wheel.

Those discoveries have radically changed man's way of living and made it possible to have much influence on the whole environment. Step by step man started to dominate nature by coming to know its laws. The full development of what biologists know today will change even more the way of living of the materialistic people. The results of the manipulation of propagation in matrimony and the family in its existing form can hardly be foreseen. As far as man's life span is concerned, scientists foretell a prolongation of life as well as youthful energy until high age. Some of them even take into consideration the possibility of immortality.

Experts are studying the function of the brain and are given to understand that it is possible to intensify intelligence, to improve memory and to control all feelings. Geneticists are convinced that someday they will be in a position to manipulate the hereditary substance and are going to warn man against themselves. The transplant surgery as well caused many ethical problems. Biochemists have seriously proposed producing life from dead material. What conflicts "this progress" involves cannot be evaluated even by scientists.

The achievements that should make human life more comfortable lead us to new problems. In the transplant surgery, for example it must be decided case by case which applicant among many shall get the organ which is available.

Due to the high standard of scientific exploration man again and again is put into the position to make up

his mind and to make decisions. Each step in advance on the field of research and exploration can either be of profit for all mankind or lead us to loss. The first condition is a high degree of responsibility.

The only question is if man is mature enough to feel the responsibility for his future. There are some intentions to erect institutions to make decisions on a broad social level.

As until now nobody knew nor therefore fulfilled the purpose of the whole. Selfishness was the cause of all wrong decisions, from the results of which everybody had to suffer. Also it is quite possible that biological knowledge shall be misused for military purposes.

In my opinion as a member of the Principle family, the struggle between good and evil will be fought on ever higher levels until finally the basis we have got will decide. Hundreds of years ago enemies used swords as weapons, fighting face to face, whereas the discovery of gun powder changed the methods of fighting. Today one no longer fights face to face, but drops bombs and kills many people at a time. Unfortunately it is a fact that the profit which we have got until now from all scientific development has been overshadowed by the disastrous effects of their misuse. Since the explosion of the first atom bomb in Hiroshima, even scientists worry whether they can speak frankly about their discoveries. Some physiologists feel pangs of remorse when putting into practice what they know about the manipulation of the brain functions. They are afraid that this knowledge may be used for brainwashing and similar purposes.

In this point man's bondage is clearly to be seen. Mankind suffers from the failure of each individual who esteems his own desires higher than the common welfare. The insecurity resulting from this attitude lead to new lapses. Basically there is a chain reaction. As nobody knows the absolute moral laws, a harmonious social life is impossible.

This is the cause for the deep problems which cannot be solved, because the motivation of the scientists and all those who are taking advantage of their discoveries are not centered upon good. As long as mankind in its totality does not know about the inner laws of life, all progress will be used by evil.

This fact means steady fear. Even if modern biology understands the seven questions mentioned hereafter, it never will be in a position to explain all connections as long as it is based upon materialism, and therefore will never have a valid standard. The Seven questions are:

1. How did life come into existence?
2. What is the cause for the diversity of beings?
3. What is the phenomena of growing old and what is the cause of natural death?
4. What mechanisms are responsible for the function of life?'
5. In which way is the behavior of beings controlled, and what are the functions of the brain?
6. How do beings multiply?
7. How is growth and development of beings possible and in which way does it operate?

Based on the Divine Principle we know that science represents the outer aspect of truth. Man can only take real advantage of it, when he begins to restore the original order of creation based on the Divine Principle and to form a new social life Oil this foundation. In that case science takes its true position and man will no longer become confused by partial results, but standing at the center he sees the world as a combination of all necessary aspects. The problems raised by modern biology can easily be solved when man understands and respects the principle of life. Basically it is the question of restoring the positions of subject and object. Religion, the inner aspect, is subject, whereas science, the outer aspect, is object. Only when science unites with religion and serves to explain God and His creation, will man become happy and explore the universe on the basis of absolute truth and be able to form life on earth according to its inner character.