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Brotherhood of men, world unity, world peace, are all one and the same. It has ever been the dream of many an individual, the aim of most fraternities, the purpose of Religious institutions, the aspiration of almost every civilized nation of the world. It is indeed beautiful and desirable and worthy of any sacrifice to attain. It has been a subject written and re-written many times over, discussing its possibilities, causes or hindrances and obstacles standing in its way to success.

Authorities and close adherents of this project expressed the sincerity of their desire for its success, tenaciously clinging to their ceaseless efforts to initiate the desire in every man's heart and keep the spark alive in the mind of the people. They voiced their varied opinions or versions of the causative factors for its failure, heavily laying the blame upon human relations and the existing conditions surrounding humanity today. We fear that the causes alluded to by these authorities may forever lodge in the hearts of men: ideology, greed, envy, distrust of one another, and worst of all, poverty. Because once God told us that the poor shall always be with us. Taking it altogether, how can we expect to overcome such stumbling blocks as these, in order to succeed, when all these conditions are inherent in humanity.

However, we cannot help but give them credit and commendability for their efforts, but men sometimes in their eagerness can overlook or totally disregard the other phase

of a problem. Sometimes, in colossal projects like this, we may have to step outside the realm of possibilities and causes to get our answer. There are times when we cannot afford to bypass logic for the sake of our convictions. If we fail to see further possibility in our intent, can we still consider it logical to persist? Why can we not seek for other reasons, view it from another angle, base our allusions to other factors than solely upon existing conditions causing its failure. In fine, look further beyond the target of our aim.

Let us take a glimpse at the other phase of this project or this problem, in it we may find our answer. Upon observation, we find that almost everything upon this earth came to being in two opposing elements to produce a desired third, not only in people, not only in life, but in matter, in things. We have the negative and the positive poles of electricity which give us light, we have the day and the night which give us our needed rest. The good and the bad create the incentive to achieve, even God himself has his own opposite. Satan, which gives us our realization of the power of God. Remove either one of these opposing elements and we remove its purpose. Basing our actions upon these observations means that we have to verify first the presence of an existing condition before we attempt to eradicate it to suit our purpose. The existing condition could have been created with as much purpose as our intent or it could have been created as part or

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in support of an element.

Have we ever thought if the brotherhood of men is a desired third or just an element? If it is but an element, therefore, it is already an accomplishment as far as the democracies of the world are concerned, for they have but one ideology which form one human element. The opposing ideology, communism. The human elements afford us not only a desire, but a very much needed formation of these two opposing and necessary third. Science and civilization would almost be at a standstill without these two opposing elements to give us the initiative to excel in all our fields of endeavor. Is this not the way to perfection within the capability of men, perfection within all human power? We all know and say that Communism is bad because of its adverse ideology and that Democracy is good, for it is the right and proper way to live. Therefore, their respective efforts to excel one another create the incentive to attain perfection for both. This principle is not only applicable to nations, but to individuals as well. Now can we breed incentive; without opposition how can a product attain perfection without competition?

In the gospel, it is said that perfection, eradication of all that is bad and evil and oneness shall be attained only upon the promised return to earth of Christ the Savior. If we ponder, accept and believe and have faith in this concept, then, we can also accept all the existing conditions surrounding humanity today; behave accordingly by striving to be good and let matters take its own course.

Science, religion, philosophy, are all striving to find the answer to all existence, to all being, to all creation, but can we find the answer when we ourselves are only a part of creation? Were we created for the purpose of answering or finding the answers to the existence of the Universe? Science may find some answers to the concrete phase of it to a certain extent and religion may reveal the abstract side, and philosophy may bridge the gap between the two but can we go any further? How many thousands of years have passed since men began the search for the answer to this existence, have we gone one step further than the beginning? If we trace it back, we will find that we have been going around in a circle always ending in one hypothetical source, God. Δ

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