

THE PROGRESS OF MANKIND IN CIVILIZATION

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### Physical

As the physical conditions on this planet Earth are favorable to, and have made life, as we know it, possible, in a not dissimilar manner has the human body through favorable evolutionary processes evolved some physical characteristics that have made intelligent life possible. By the direction of this intelligence, culture came into being along with Man's superiority over other animals founded in the use of these physical characteristics unique to Man.

Physical characteristics favorable to the development of cultures:

- A. The angle size and stature of the human skull case protecting and allowing a sizable brain which is essential for powers of reasoning and thought.
- B. The human hand which, freed from locomotive duties, has developed into an agile and sensitive servant of the brain.
- C. The structure of the larynx, tongue muscles and other vocal organs has enabled Man to emit articulate sounds thereby producing LANGUAGE, means of verbal intercourse essential to the development of culture (exchange of ideas)
- D. Binocular vision that enables Man to see with his two eyes a single picture which is sent to the brain.

### Equipment

By using his greatest weapon, brain, Man turned into an asset, circumstances that in the beginning were a handicap:

- A. Clothing not being provided by nature for Man as for the other animals, Man has devised clothing that will give warmth suitable to any desired climate, that may be discarded at will.
- B. By the use of tools as extracorporeal organs, Man has helped himself to a great variety of equipment which can be taken up or put away as desired. By this means he has proven himself superior in air travel to the eagle, in water travel to the whale, etc..

Since the time that Man became Man, he has not had the necessity of modifying his physical body to meet changing conditions, with the result that he has spent his time and energy in developing his culture.

Some other landmarks in Man's progress are:

Control of fire, for warmth, cooking, manufacture

Tool-making: Iron, Bronze, etc.  
for help in securing food  
for technical and artistic skill  
developed.

Birth of Primitive Art: Sculpture, Painting  
which brought creative pleasure and  
achievement as well as psychological  
benefit in securing food.

The conducting of Trade, thereby providing the  
exchange of knowledge and ideas with other  
peoples.

Domestication of animals and Cultivation of crops  
has given man more security from hunger and has  
also allowed him more time to think and invent.

Selective Breeding of domesticated animals for Wool,  
Milk, Meat.

Building of houses.

Pottery Making

Cultivation of Flax, Cotton, in spinning and weaving  
processes.

Beginning of a written language.

Development of the Clan.

Cultivation of Fruit trees, vines and flowers, for  
beauty as well as food.

Intelligent Metallurgy.

Inventions: Plough, Wheel, Printing Press

Educational System.

There are many items that may be added to this list but there are two items which Man has great need of adding to his long list of accomplishments; the first is a universal language that will afford easy communication and understanding by all; the second is a spiritual as well as practical love of Man for his fellow man and the realization of the great tragedy of life as it is lived today.

Spiritually, Man has not added to his development since civilization first dawned. Instead of facing facts, directing his intelligence into channels of human love and the desire for the well-being of all creatures, Man employs his great gift <sup>in</sup> of brain ways of falseness, greed, hate etc..

Indoor toilets and airplanes are not necessarily indicative of civilization. Until Man willingly shares his bread with his hungry fellow man and honestly attempts to make life as acceptable as possible for all beings, Man cannot call himself civilized. *Definitely!*