

The Land of Promise

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The Land of Promise. What kind of a world would you like to live in? A land of dictatorships or a land of cooperative freedom?

Story of the Prodigal son: Closing picture. Plenty and pleasure.

That I suppose is a common conception of what we would like in an ideal world.

But it is very superficial. One of the most interesting facts of life is that people who have plenty of things, and plenty of pleasure very soon tire of it all and life becomes such a burden to them that it is no longer worth living.

In picturing such an ideal world we are on the wrong track both from the point of view of our knowledge of the world and life.

What may expect of that New Era in light of history and life?

First negative: We may not expect a world free from pain and tragedy.

We claim to be scientific. Science shows that evolution requires for progress, variations, and a selective process. We are not likely to be wafted through life on flowery beds of ease.

We may achieve a greater simplicity of life. That is desirable. Too much spent on making and using worthless things.

We should strive for wider and deeper knowledge.

Higher conceptions of the meaning of life.