

enough for us to accept the measures, though sometimes harsh they be, that are necessary to remove rot: Witness organized crime, petty graft, feather-bedding, power plays that blackmail the public, the begetting of children with full knowledge that someone else will be responsible for raising them, the tying up of power in a few hands and holding of that power from generation to generation.

Thus, we can look at our civilization as one great physiological experiment still in its earlier stages of trial and error with only crude feedback controls that are oscillating and still have built-in vicious cycles, having also an element of capriciousness that on one day might lead to a rightist dictatorship and on the next to a communist dictatorship. We may fret tremendously over the state of the world, but looking at it from the eye of a physiologist, where else could we be an onlooker to a more eloquent physiological experiment? I wish that I could remain on Earth a few ten thousand or hundred thousand years to see how the experiment will proceed, to find out for myself whether all our semblance of progress is a false start, or whether mankind and his civilization are to be the next level of long-term communal organization in the kingdom of life, with built-in and consolidated physiologic feedback controls and defenses so that it can survive for millions of years.

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