

The call to the adventure of building a new and transformed human society by means of the spiritual rebirth of Jesus' brotherhood of the kingdom should thrill all who believe in him as men have not been stirred since the days when they walked about on earth as his companions in the flesh.

No social system or political regime which denies the reality of God can contribute in any constructive and lasting manner to the advancement of human civilization. (195:10.6–7)

## **Beyond Second-Milers**

As a genuine second-miler you are a light of truth on a darkened world. Advanced civilization requires God-conscious citizens. Are you ready for "the adventure of building a new and transformed human society"?

"Mechanical inventions and the dissemination of knowledge are modifying civilization; certain economic adjustments and social changes are imperative if cultural disaster is to be avoided. This new and oncoming social order will not settle down complacently for a millennium. The human race must become reconciled to a procession of changes, adjustments, and readjustments. Mankind is on the march toward a new and unrevealed planetary destiny." (99:1.1)

From the fourth epochal revelation: "Sonship in the kingdom, from the standpoint of advancing civilization, should assist you in becoming the ideal citizens of the kingdoms of this world since brotherhood and service are the cornerstones of the gospel of the kingdom." (178:1.4) From the fifth epochal revelation: "The attainment of a high cultural civilization demands, first, the ideal type of citizen and, then, ideal and adequate social mechanisms wherewith such a citizenry may control the economic and political institutions of such an advanced human society." (99:3.4)

As we leave behind the four indispensables of early progressing civilization—slavery (69:8.6), war (70:2.4), social classes (70:8.13), and profit motive (71:6.3)—we must embrace the four indispensables of advancing civilization—true religion (79:4.9), true monogamy (83:6.7), prayer (91:6.6), and God-consciousness (94:6.12). We must also transform our relationship to the past, present, and future—replacing our subjective ideas of legacy, tradition, and convention (69:0.3) with the wisdom, insight, and foresight (81:6.42) of the living objective consciousness of genuine second-milers.

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