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THE HOMO SAPIENS LEAGUE.

Outline and Features.

A. The Homo Sapiens League is to be an international union with the aim of creating a new worldly wisdom based upon certain psychological conceptions. The reasons for suggesting to form this league are as follows:

1) The two world-wars and the symptoms accompanying these have shown, that our civilisation is unsound ~~is~~ and degenerate. The contrasts in the level of our human civilisation in the 20th century are most remarkable. On the one hand we find an enormous progress in the domains of the natural sciences and engineering, in which by means of minute thought and craft a widespread control has been gained over matter, also we have gained a high standard in art and music, - and on the other hand, in the domains of politics and international relations we encounter a prehistoric barbarity, which is remarkable not only for its cruelty and lack of humanity but also for the utter simple-mindedness of its conceptions and the baseness of its entire ethical and intellectual manner of thought.

2) The consequences of these conspicuous contrasts in modern civilisation are most serious, inasmuch as they multiply the difficulties under which humanity labours far beyond any level set by natural necessity. In any case there exists a great deal of suffering that cannot be avoided, caused by illness, bad harvests, nature's catastrophies etc. However, the countless and far more common sufferings which people impose on themselves and their fellow creatures and which are called about by thoughtlessness, lack of understanding and uncontrolled nerves, are a far greater evil, and are fundamentally unnecessary. This applies both to the many personal and often petty conflicts of our every-day life, as also to the great world conflicts in general.

3) In view of the present standard of humanity the worst of these avoidable evils is undoubtedly war. The notion that wars are part of our struggle for sheer existence and therefore a biological necessity, is an entirely false one. With the exception perhaps of the wars of liberation all the major military operations since the middle ages unto modern times have either been started by despotic rulers in criminal disregard of all humanitarian principles, or otherwise these wars have been ~~for~~ some imagined purpose, value or ideal, all of which have been entirely futile and for no material interest to the following generations. This in particular applies to the wars of religion of the middle ages and in later centuries to the wars which have been waged around our modern idol, the nation. The extreme of this development was reached by the fascist dictators who drove their people into the last world war by telling them that they must fight in defence of the holy interests of their country and for the enlargement of the nation's "Lebensraum". Actually this is all fancy and nothing but an immense criminal quixotry of a bunch of psychopaths.

4) Unfortunately, this development, which under the pretence of defending high ideals has made people to criminals and which has destructed nations, has primarily been made possible by the

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