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From a School of Living Speaker—
Our Modern Cities Are Dying; Future Decentralization Will Be Necessary

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America has the most centralistic culture in the world. The reason that America has exploded the surrounding country. The rural young people were also seeking some way to escape the city, thus creating a steady and accelerating death of the little city. Today, in America, this middle-class has disappeared, and foreign immigration has practically ceased. The only new and regenerative force is the child. Children are the reason wanted the land and because of the evolution of our urban culture, it appears that America will be dying of overpopulation in a few years despite the presence of the children.

Disappearance of the rural life and farm families. Our agriculture is based on destruction and the destruction of the small farmers has affected the fertility of the soil and the health of the nation.

Our great cities are dying in the center, and this is an increasing number of victims. The mentally and physically ill urban culture is giving rise to an increase of crime and smog plus a host of other evils that actually change the ecology under which we live. This situation is also frightening. It appears that any materialistic culture has unleashed the evils of Pandora's box. This sounds like a pessimistic picture but so did the successful campaign speeches of the man who ran for mayor of the city of San Francisco.

The betrayal of the materialistic culture is becoming apparent to the rest of the world, and we are fast losing our moral leadership. This starting fact is the foundation for the most famous social and philosophical thinkers, including Spengler, Sorokin, Toynbee, Schubart and Schweitzer. These men believed that our materialistic culture has led man to the brink of moral bankruptcy and that the world is not now at a moment of crisis, but in the very moment, and it is only a matter of time before we hear more, and we are fast losing our moral leadership. This starting fact is the foundation for the most famous social and philosophical thinkers, including Spengler, Sorokin, Toynbee, Schubart and Schweitzer. These men believed that our materialistic culture has led man to the brink of moral bankruptcy and that the world is not now at a moment of crisis, but in the very moment.

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To me, its most important feature is that it will save us money, but most of all it will save time.—Editor

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