

The Creation Groans.

Who today thinks that all is well with the world?

Such ideas were common a few years ago. Everything was supposed to be getting better and better. Man was said to have nearly solved all the problems of the earth. Only those who believed in taking the Bible literally doubted that Utopia was at hand. For they read in Romans 8.22 that "the whole creation groaneth".

In 1914 many said that there could never be another great war. Man had progressed too far. Arbitration had ended the danger of such an occurrence. Creation needed no longer to groan. Utopia was near.

Then the greatest display of mass-murder the world had ever seen suddenly began. Not till 1918 were people again ready to say that the world was safe for democracy, and the war to end war successfully ended. In the 1920's many again believed that Utopia was just around the corner. Only the Bible-believers doubted, for they read that "the whole creation groaneth".

Not long ago many Americans thought that Russia had found the way of happiness for all people. Communism was said to have established a government there that set a model of goodness for the world. The blood purges of recent years destroyed that illusion for most of us. The murderous unprovoked attack on Finland has ended it for all who are intelligent.

The poet was right when he spoke of "nature red in tooth and claw". Animals live on other animals. The earth produces thorns and thistles. Left to itself, weeds spring up. Good crops do not grow naturally. The creation is filled with suffering and misery. It groans.

This "bondage of corruption" extends to humanity also. Those who thought universal peace was here a few years ago have seen their hopes shattered. They cannot explain it, but all realize today that something is radically wrong.