

rooted in many centuries of perilous history. The difference between the woman of the larger cities of India and the women of this area can probably be explained on the basis of unequal or degree of civilization. In these modern cities I find a near heartbreaking situation of total and complete but artificially imposed fear as dictated by city custom—quite diametrically apposed to the true natural way of living. You can imagine how annoying it is to see some forced shying women walking down the street and exactly where the face ought to be, there is a perforated piece of cloth behind which will be found the eyes of the gal. Decidedly unfair I will say to see all the world go by in her self implied ego but if you were to share that privilege would regard it as a sacrilege. I understand that only the husband or the most immediate members of the family ever see their faces. Barbarious! With all due regard for the dignity of this act still consider it inhumane and if it is based on a religious belief or doctrine would suggest an immediate revision. That is why I say it is a great relief to get back into the primitive area where one can approach these people and women, even if only on a primitive level, in anything like a really civilized people should be.

It might be bold to suggest it but am wondering if possible we, as members of society have not put the incorrect interpretation upon civilization. Could it be possible that modern civilization in the form of cities and conveniences of living are nothing more than escape mechanisms for evading the existing natural realities of the world. It causes me to wonder if my referring to nature and willingness to lead a life in harmony with the outdoors is not more of an instance of boldly facing life than those who are forced to use the escape mechanism of life in the form of civilization. Who now becomes the introvert. Here in this primitive society introversion is impossible and a philosophically equitable way of life is almost inevitably and certainly that is a good sign of the natural way of life. These people have exposed me to a peace and serenity of living as is never found in our