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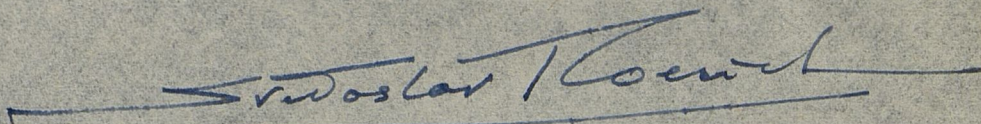
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1. No problem can really be considered as separate, or the most important one since the sum total of so many problems goes to make up the complex pattern of India's life. The problem of India is not a problem particular to this subcontinent or its people only. It is and was the common problem of so many developing countries composed of a multiracial society with their special historic background and conditions. The accelerated, so to say, forced rate of development must in turn produce new problems, which will be again resolved by the changing pattern and dictates of life. If we but always remember that India is a Unity and that every part of it contributes to the well-being of the whole, while every part of it in turn benefits from the greater unified pattern, then many of the smaller problems will find their proper place in life and will not obscure the inspiring image of the emerging greater India.

2. The great moral and ethical codes evolved by India in the past are as vital today as they were in the past when first formulated. The problem is to find a practical application of these maxims in modern life - to live them. Then the past and the future will automatically become reconciled.

3. India can contribute in so many ways to the rich pattern of the countries which constitute our world, but one of the greatest contributions, to my mind, would be a practical formulation

and demonstration of a mode of life which would incorporate the great thought evolved in the past as applied to modern life. India has given mankind many a lofty teaching, moral and ethical codes of behaviour. A firm welding of these precepts with the actual pattern of the life of today will be a tremendous force for progress that will benefit the entire world.



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