

basis on which to build a personal life or a new world.

Faith in Man

(6) The Humanist lives as if he must and can depend upon the co-operation of all men of good will to end poverty, war, disease, and prejudice. These evils are the real challenges to "the human enterprise." The Humanist has faith that together men have the ability to build a decent world. Scientific research in the hands of true Humanists can be made an instrument of human welfare, not a means of man's self-destruction. Humanism does not, of course, picture man as pridefully isolated from his source in nature. The Humanist knows he is not "outside" nature

and that he must study and conform to nature's laws, use her abundance, work with her power. But man is the active agent who discerns nature's laws through his research, and who harnesses nature's elements to his purposes. Humanists also realize that man must work with and attempt to control nature on a planetary scale under some sort of a democratic federation for the salvation of all men. Such a condition is one of the ultimate goals of Humanism today.

These, then, are some of the simple premises of Humanism:

1. The Humanist lives here and now.

2. He is more concerned for people than for anything else.