

“We all depend on each other. No man is an island”

Before the creation of civilization, the human race was basically no different than the rest of the animal kingdom. Humans foraged and hunted for food in small groups and survived by their skills at foraging and not being hunted in turn or by ingesting something fatal. As civilization began to form, knowledge began to grow and be handed down from generation to generation.



The increase in knowledge quickly led to the rather troubling problem that not every individual was as good at certain endeavours as others. In a world without civilization, those that were not good at avoiding predators or were not good at telling the difference between poisonous and nourishing foods were quickly dispensed with by the rest of the natural system. With the advent of civilization, it was perhaps not the best approach to allow those that were not skilled at hunting to simply starve, for to do so would quickly lead to the breakdown of civilization.

It quickly became apparent that some were good at cooking, others at sewing, others at hunting and others at construction. It was simultaneously becoming very apparent that no single individual was going to be physically able to accomplish all that was conceivably possible.

Even if one was skilled at all endeavours, the very real limitation of time would reduce the productivity of an individual. This scarcity of time and possibilities those are available to an individual forced society.

In the society, the members have mutual interests, they participate in characteristic relationships, they work together to increase the productivity, etcetera. In our society we live in a constant dependency on each other.

Nowadays, people buy food, cars, computers, oil and many other products that are all made by other persons whom we depend on. All people have some kind of dependency towards other people. It's impossible live alone on our planet.

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