Can man survive 'survival of fittest'?

Thomas Hobbes, the 16th century British philosopher, argued in his classical work, "The Leviathan," that man in his natural state will

philosopher, argued in his classical work, "The Leviathan," that main his natural state will destroy, maim and kill in order to survive.

Thus, were it not for the restraint of government, mankind would be in a constant state of battle, for the world is indeed a jungle.

Centuries later, Charles Darwin agreed, his concepting of man was shaped by his grim vision of nature "red in tooth and claw." In defining the struggle for existence and the survival of the fittest, Darwin portrayed the struggles against life, and man shares with the rost of nature aggressive and destructive impulses.

Marxism, which developed in the decades after Darwin, is more than an economic theory. It is a world-view which defines human existence and the organization of society as the expression of a bitter struggle between economic classes.

It envisages the social order as the arena in which this struggle takes place.

IS MAN INEVITABLY selfish? Is he essen-

IS MAN INEVITABLY selfish? Is he essentially cruel and aggressive? Is man by nature condemned to inescapable competitiveness and hatred?

Recent books on this subject have tended to confirm this view. A substantial number of

moral perspectives

Rabbi Irwin Groner

scientists argue that man is a cunning, predatory animal, who will attack and destroy in order to achieve the fulfillment of his desire.

How utterly different is the conception of man contained in biblical religion. In that vision man has a capacity, nay a need, to share,

love, to give.
The Bible describes the human readiness to The Bible describes the human readiness to grasp the extended hand, to raise another when he stumbles, to respond to human suffering with care and sympathy. It tells us that the fundamental commandment is to love one's neighbor as oneself, and that what God requires of us is do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.

Which image is correct? Is man innately and profoundly capable of loving, sharing and giving? Or is man aggressive, self-seeking, hostile and competitive?

PERHAPS BOTH images are correct. The truth about man is that what he thinks of him-

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Within the heart of man is an enormous range of possibility which can bring either love or hate, creativity or destruction. What we think about ourselves and the world is the most crucial factor in shaping the quality of life itself.

life itself.

My argument with the naturalists is that we need to have a higher conception of human potential. The so-called law of "survival of the fittest" is not the most accurate description of nature.

Other scientists have concluded from the observation and study of animal societies that the more appropriate conclusion is "cooperate or die."

or die."

Even animals must develop some form of community in order to survive. The sense of human community is infinitely more capable of unitying all of humankind in a common identity and shared kinship.

To achieve that sense of human brotherhood, to at least aspire to the ideal of community, we must renew our highest conception of man.

man.

It is that vision that must be restored as a necessary condition for the solution of our grievous social problems.

TVs ease treatment for kidney patients

A recent Friends of University Hospital gift of \$10,000 — which paid for 12 color television sets and their installation — is making life more bearable for patients who must undergo treatment on artificial kidopy methies at University of Michigan Hospital. Dialysis (treatment for kidney problems) can be a graeling process, said Dr. Richard Swartz, director of the hospital's Hemodialysis Intensive Care Unit. Patients must be immobilized in bed for four hours a day, three days a week.

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"The TVs provide distraction from yeah, beredom and anxiety," Swartz said. "Four hours is a long time to spend in bed hooked op to a machine, especially if you're flat on your back the way many of our patients are. Some are anxious about the treatment itself, and this is a healthy distraction. He said that during treatment patients can't move around very much. Needles connect them to the dialysts machine which cleames their blood (something their kidneys are no longer able to do) and returns it to the body. Swartz added that since the TVs

make the treatment more tolerable for the patients, "it's easier on the staff. Patients are more inclined to come here, to show up on time and to cooper-

The originator of the request, head-technician Tillie MacLaren, said that: what motivated her the most was the children.

"At times, we had seven children on "At times, we had seven callatera of hemodialysis at once and only four TVs on wheels," she said. "Often the nurses had to play referee — 'Okay, you had it yesterday so Johnny gets it today, and you don't have it again until next week.' And some of the adult patients were coming in early just so they'd have a turn."

have a turn."

Beyond the TV's role in daily patient care, the hemodialysis staff has plans for expanded use of the sets. "We're hoping to make educational materials available through the hospital videotoping system," Swartz said. "It will be an entertaining and educational way for patients to learn about their medical care and what is happening to them during dialysis."

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