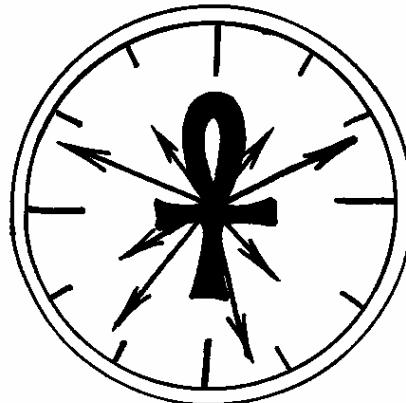


TWO VIEWS OF TIME

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IS Every human-being born begins to be CIVILIZED the moment she or he is born. Since we all arrive here absolutely helpless, with no way of getting a decent meal or of moving from one place to another without human help (and human help exacts a human price), there is no way around that. But this is civilization with a small c. Civilization with a large C is something else again. So is education with a small c different from Education with a large E. In the lowercase, education refers to the relations that actually obtain among human-beings. En the uppercase, it refers to power Or to put it another way, my father, mother, brothers, sisters, lovers, friends, sons, daughters

civilize me in quite another way than the state intends. And the education I can receive from an afternoon with Picasso, or from one of my nieces or nephews to the movies, is not at all what state has in mind when it speaks of Education.

- **exacts** - вимоги, потреби
- **obtain** - переважати; перемагати; торжествувати
- **decent meal** - скромна страва

Questions about the reading

- What is your own meaning of civilization?
- How do you understand the word “education”?

Writing Assignment

- Try to classify teachers according to their attitudes toward student (or, if you like, students according to their attitudes toward teachers).

learn of the many effects that unemployment can have on a person's life. The writer makes us see - and feel with her - that unemployment is a traumatic experience.

Being unemployed creates many problems for my family and me. First of all, there are financial problems. Me have cut back on the quality of groceries we purchase. Me now buy two pounds of hamburger in place of two pounds of sirloin. This hamburger is also divided into quantities sufficient for three meals: one may be creole beef, one chili, and the other spaghetti. There is also less money for clothing. Impresses must be altered and made into blouses; pants make nice skirts after some alteration. I have two more very sticky problems. I've fallen behind in the rental payments for our apartment, and now I am experiencing difficulties trying to pay the back rent. The other sticky problem is my son's tuition payments. There does not seem to be any way that I can send a complete payment to his college. These are not the only problems I face. I also have psychological problems as a result of unemployment. Often I wonder why this has happened to me. Then depression and confusion take over, and I feel drained of all my abilities. The one