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CLASS IX
ADDITIONAL ENGLISH
LESSON 5 – THE SPREADING OF KNOWLEDGE
(C.E.M. JOAD)

NOTES

SUMMARY

C.E.M. Joad was an English philosopher and had broadcasting personality. He popularised philosophy and became a celebrity. He wrote a number of books and articles on philosophy.

In this lesson, the writer talks about civilization. He says that many great and famous civilizations of the past did not last long as they were confined to a very few people. But modern civilization is free from such dangers because it is more widespread than the others. The main reason for this spread of civilization is the spreading of knowledge, increase in travel and communication and the existence of a common interest in money making between people. Out of these, spreading of knowledge is the most important and it was possible with the inventions of printing, education and wireless. For generations, knowledge can only be handed down by word of mouth. With the invention of printing, books can be printed as many as there are sheets of paper but it is no use having books unless people can read them and learning to read is part of what is called education. Thus knowledge is like a torch which is passed on from generation to generation by the hands of education.

The coming of wireless was of great importance to civilization, with its help, people living in far off corners, can easily know what is happening all over the world. And it is through the discoveries of science, through books and educations and newspapers and wireless, that the expansion and preservation of civilization has been achieved.

The last and not the least important way in which science has changed men and made them more civilized is by making them more tolerance. In the past, if a man is different in thought and religion then he was very likely to be burnt alive. Today we are tolerant of other peoples' beliefs and let them think what they please.