

your wealth carried a significance that somebody who might have just come into money through speculation or some other...maybe they were pirates, maybe they were traders, maybe they were engaging in some of the activities that the true nobility don't engage in and they have got more money, but they are newly rich, they don't have the same status. They got the money but they don't have the status, so they spend all their time trying to show that they are just like these other rich people, so if a rich man wears a coat that has got a diamond stickpin, I am going to wear a coat that's got diamond buttons from the top down to the bottom, and I am going to wear buttons all up and down my sleeves, and I make myself such a spectacle, that even though it costs a lot of money to look that way, everybody looks at me and say this man has something that he is not accustomed to having and he doesn't know how to deal with it. And he makes himself ridiculous because he has tried to fit into a society that has set material wealth and ostentation as the goal to be achieved. But those people who have had all the money have been trained and reared and taught how to deal with this money, how to show people in your bearing and by the way you do things that you are better than them. You might just walk with your nose elevated when you are in the presence of the unwashed and the masses. It might be the way you step over an item on the ground so you won't get your shoes soiled, or you might have somebody walking along behind you, so if you get them soiled, they are going to get down on their knees and wipe your shoes because that is what they came into the world for, and you create the idea that there are people up here who are better than those below. And society is like a pyramid, the unimportant people who exist only to form a base to support those above are great in number, so the bottom of the pyramid is much larger than the pyramid as you rise toward the top. The higher you go, the farther you get away from these unwashed masses, and the closer you get to that ideal on top. So the higher you go, the fewer people you find until you reach the pinnacle. In India the ones who sit on the top are the Brahmins. They can do no wrong. And everybody else, as you descend the pyramid, lessens in value until you get to the pariahs or the outcasts, and this society has the same attitude. But in this society, it is not only the fact that you were born one of these, you can get your money any kind of way, and somehow be treated something like they are. You can be a member of the mob. You can get your money through selling dope, but your kids can go to the best schools. The preacher, the priest will christen your little children, will bless your marriages, will bless your home knowing where that