

Chapter I

IN THE BEGINNING

Space and time, the grand illusion of modern civilization, at present, the penitentiary of the world consciousness. For a child these concepts are arbitrary. For the aged they are ambiguous.

Greenwich mean time, Alaskan-Hawaiian, Atlantic, Pacific, Eastern, and Yukon standard time. Unknown concepts in the lives of plants and animals. Yet, for the people within modern civilization, the clock holds the keys to the doors of life and death.

There can be no advancement without a knowledge of history. For the people of the twentieth century, the history of the world within the past 2,000 years, will prove to be the launching pad for this spaceship called Earth. A spaceship that has veered far off its natural course.

Many names have been given to specific spaces within the boundaries of this 2,000-year period. Crusade, Renaissance, Mercantile, Reformation, and Inquisition, to name just a few. Longer periods of time are referred to as Ages. The ages of darkness and discovery being the omega and alpha of Western civilization. In the final analysis, it must be recognized that Western civilization has had more responsibility and influence on the present state of world health than any other. However, civilizations, just as