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The myth of general affluence should be most apparent to one who has just pierced the barrier into "good living" (identified by some as \$25,000 per year income), and experienced the release from insecurity which characterized his outlook up til then; for he would have a sense of comparison whereas the always-secure and the never-secure never do. But such <sup>a</sup> person~~x~~ <sup>is</sup> perhaps still so involved with the next step, of assuring the prospects of his progeny, or so self-assured that what has happened is due to his own innate abilities that were bound to show up, that he does not see how much of a statistical freak he is, and how few people ~~xxx~~ ever can make that jump. Knowing both sides of the barrier, he should see the problem which the sociologists pose of being locked into a class psychology according the criteria of insecurity--not <sup>just</sup> see it, but appreciate it empathetically, and therewith have as a revelation the greatest general problem of ultimate life goals which we have today. If he reflects upon this at all, then his moral worth will depend upon what he seeks to do about it:

If he adopts totally the attitude of the ~~xxxxxxx~~ elite to which he now belongs, he may give a good portion of his time and means to ameliorating the conditions of the underprivileged in the patronizing fashion which the ~~xx~~ wealthy and powerful have always worked for charitable causes.

If he is utterly ego-centered, he will enjoy the new life for himself, with at best a fatalistic indifference to the underprivileged, and think of the future only in terms of his progeny.

If there remains greatest loyalty to the underprivileged with whom he had lived and participated in life most, until his material rising above it--if, that is, the rising is more by luck or accident than by his fervently striving to get it--then he may well devote himself to radical attack upon the system as a renegade within the elite. That is to say, he will scorn his good fortune and fight for equality.

If he scorns neither those who have not had the breakthrough to the level of true individual self-fulfillment, nor those who have, but accepts that somehow in life some will never get it because they don't want it, he will want to change things at least so that those who do want it will not be (statistically) largely excluded on the basis of undeserved inequalities stemming from inherited ~~xxxxxxx~~ class status.