For it is exactly the "Communion of Saints"[19] that will eventually emerge as the new "Transfigured Etherial Super-Civilization of the Kingdom of God"[20]. From the state of underman and his primitive culture, God leads His children through the long series of the many essentially similar Civilizations of historical man to the final goal of the Super-Civilization of saintly super-man.

Toynbee bewares of indicating the time when the history of Civilizations will come to an end and the new Super-Civilization emerge. Still he leaves us some hope that our own Civilization may be chosen by God to witness this epochal Kairos. It is true, "by the Law of Chance the odds are certainly sixteen to ten, and possibly twenty-five to one, that Death the Leveller will lay his icy hand on us likewise..."[21]. But if the "blind arbitrament" of the vital statistics of all other preceding and contemporary Civilizations is against us, there remains "a message of encouragement for us... The door of death is not closed"[22]. The only alternative to seeing our Civilization like all the others running its deadly course through breakdown and disintegration towards final dissolution or petrifaction, in Toynbee's conviction, is spiritual reversal, religious revival, growth of saintliness: "In our past-war generation... the sap of life is visibly flowing once again through all the branches of our Western Christendom... An apostate Western Christendom may be given grace to be born again as the Republica Christiana"[23] based upon "that primitive Christian charity which does know the secret of making Socialism work as one of the terrestrial institutions of a supra-mundane Civitas Dei"[24]. He even intimates that the simple and deep religiosity of the American Negro may perform this "miracle": "...they may perhaps be capable of rekindling the cold grey ashes of Christianity which have been transmitted to them by us, until in their hearts the divine fire glows again. It is thus, perhaps, if at all, that Christianity may conceivably become the living faith of a dying civilization for the second time"[25]. Toynbee is, of course, too much of a trained historian to predict the resurrection of Christianity on scientific grounds. Decidedly the task is the "miracle of raising the dead to life"[26]. Consequently, the most appropriate method to be applied is to invoke supernatural divine intervention: "...we may and must pray that a reprieve which God has

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19) Ibid., Vol.4, p.649.
20) Sorokin, op.cit., p.378.
21) Toynbee, op.cit., Vol.3, p.373; Vol.4, p.128.
22) Ibid., Vol.4, p.38.
23) Ibid., Vol.5, p.194.
24) Ibid., Vol.5, p.587.
25) Ibid., Vol.2, p.220; cf. also Vol.2, p.218 ff. and Vol.5, p.192 ff.
26) Ibid., Vol.2, p.219.