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Mandatory work and voluntary work

The status difference in the society between those who are negligent and those who are energetic is obvious and apparent: the status of those who are negligent in that society is very low because the Supreme Providence has taken all honor away from them.

Each society—that is, a number of people with means that are sufficient to cover all their needs and which makes them independent of others—has its own administration with an allotment of a certain number of work hours according to the conditions of their location.

It is done in a way that there would be enough to satisfy all their needs. The budget is filled by the members out of their compulsory work hours and voluntary work hours.

There are four kinds of compulsory work hours that each person, in complete trustworthiness and on his own accord, must assign himself or herself to, in accordance with his ability:



the **first** kind are the weaklings in the community, who are committed to one hour of work per day; the **second** kind are the healthy ones who are committing themselves to two hours of work; the **third** kind are the strong ones who will commit to four hours, and the **fourth** kind are the most energetic ones who are committed to eight hours a day.

These are the compulsory work hours, in addition to which there are members of all four kinds who are volunteering work hours out of their strong will to "share with others."

