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Preface

In his youth, the author of *The Prophet* conceived the universe as perfect and devoid of evil. He pictured a joyous world free of suffering, a world of enlightenment unflawed by ignorance, a world whose great minds rejected superstitions, a world of progress that abhorred corruption. Justice and wisdom lived side by side in this paradise of his conception, and unity and good will prevailed among men. But after finding out that the haven he fashioned was different from mundane reality, he felt disappointed and embittered.

Gibran had looked upon the heads of state and the hierarchs of the religions as truly the pillars of society. He expected them to provide examples of justice and wisdom. He assumed that the privileges and the plenty they enjoyed were their due for the noble services they rendered to their people. He imagined that it was on this account that the people yielded them honour, trust, and obedience.



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