SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF VITAMINS

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The theory of evolution has profoundly influenced the philosophical and religious thought of our generation as well as that of its predecessor. In alliance with the sciences of genetics and neurology it has shaped much of our thinking concerning the psychological and nervous organization of the human personality. At one time, especially under the influence of Herbert Spencer, the evolutionary concept had a profound influence upon theories of government and social organization. Perhaps it would not be going too far to say that the doctrine of laissez-faire had for a generation some of its main roots in the soil of

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