

### TEXT 3:

## So Far From Reality

Brother and sister were products of the highest strata of humanity's evolution. In them the primitive had long ago been submerged by mechanization, by scientific development, by the standardized pattern of the white man's way of life. They had climbed a long way up the ladder of progress; they had climbed so far, in fact, that they had forgotten how their climb had started. Coddled in babyhood, psycho-analysed in childhood, nourished on predigested food, provided with continuous push-button entertainment, the basic realities of life were something they'd never had to face.

It was very different with the Aboriginal. He knew what reality was. He led a way of life that was already old when Tut-ankh-amen started to build his tomb; a way of life that had been tried and proved before the white man's continents were even lifted out of the sea. Among the secret water-holes of the Australian desert his people had lived and died, unchanged and unchanging, for twenty thousand years. Their lives were unbelievably simple. They had no homes, no crops, no clothes, no possessions. The few things they had, they shared: food and wives; children and laughter; tears and hunger and thirst. They walked from one water-hole to the next; they exhausted one supply of food, then moved on to another. Their lives were utterly uncomplicated because they were devoted to one purpose: the battle with death. Death was their ever-present enemy. He was never far away. Keeping him at bay was the Aboriginals' full-time job, the job they'd been doing for twenty thousand years, the job they were good at.

**(In Imagine You're English by Gibb et al , 1978.p.154).**

## ***Reading Assignments***

- **Read the text carefully then do the following:**
  - a) What do you think of advanced civilizations?
  - b) What is your opinion about Aboriginals?
  - c) What is today's advanced races main objective in life?
  - d) What is the Aboriginal main objective in life?
  - e) Give the main idea of the text.
  - f) Give your opinion about the topic discussed in this text.