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I.G Pre-history - reptiles, horse, bison
develop survival characteristics or die

II.G Tribes - families
a) first kindnesses G
b) first conflicts G
c) sense of pride developed in both situations
d) what were responses in both situations
e) pride, leading to purpose and meaning for existence

III.G Formalized tribes - organized society
a) when did enough people relate to each other out of
   common need -- what role did generous acts play in the
   consciousness of group belonging
b) common identity -- conflict within group, like the bison described
   by Michonef(sp?) - contained charities necessary for survival

IV.G Breakthrough in perception and consciousness
a) Christ - love your enemies
b) conflict second place to kindness - difficult to work out even
   if you believe it -- to survive, sometimes one must enter conflict
c) paradox of fighting, yet not fighting in such a way as to bring
   on more fighting
d) nature of pride is important - fight amongst nations
e) Bulgars - Nazi Germany

V.G Survival instinct and process - flowing from the need to survive
comes kindness and conflict - not surprising that our charities in
society are integral to both these qualities

United Way Charities, for instance, are a result of generations of
generous, kind impulses by people who perceive the rightness
of these impulses - the necessity of them -- the object of those
charities are to care for the victims of conflict - emotional, economic.