“It is an interesting, though idle, speculation,

what would be the effect on us if all our

reformers, revolutionaries, planners, politicians, and life-arrangers in general were soaked in Homer from their youth up, like the Greeks. They might realize that on the happy day when there is a refrigerator in every home, and two in none, when we all have the opportunity of working for the common good (whatever that is), when

Common Man (whoever he is) is triumphant, though not improved--that men will still come and go like the generations of leaves in the forest; that he will still be weak, and the gods strong and incalculable; that the quality of a man matters more than his achievement; that violence and recklessness will still lead to disaster, and that this will fall on the innocent as well as on the guilty.”

― [H.D.F. Kitto](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/119917.H_D_F_Kitto), [*The Greeks*](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/1994845)

What is the meaning?

How did the author *explain* that meaning?

Be sure to annotate as you read. What will you annotate?