



One rivulet meeting another, with whom he had been long united in strictest amity, told him - 'What, brother! still in the same state! Still low and creeping! Are you not ashamed, when you behold me, who though lately in a like condition with you, am now become a great river, and shall shortly be able to rival the Danube or the Rhine, provided those friendly rains continue which have favored my banks, but neglected yours?' 'Very true,' replies the humble rivulet, 'You are now, indeed, swollen to a great size; but I think you are become somewhat turbulent and muddy. I am contented with my low condition and my purity.' Such of my readers as are placed in the middle station to be satisfied with it form the most numerous rank of men that can be supposed susceptible of philosophy; and therefore all discourses of morality ought principally to be addressed to them. The great are too much immersed in pleasure, and the poor too much occupied in providing for the necessities of life, to _____ . [3점]

*rivulet: 개천

- ① despise the middle stations of life
- ② listen to the calm voice of reason
- ③ accept the great virtue of morality
- ④ realize that satisfaction is ubiquitous on earth
- ⑤ be absorbed in the pursuit of academic knowledge