

The destiny of this new world of ours, standing between the civilizations of the *East* and the *West*, is to fulfil Paul's vision of the solidarity of the human race. This western continent is the melting pot of the nations. Here shall be evolved to the full the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God if we rise to our opportunity.

To a practical mind there must be proof that there is a basis of sameness in the races of the world before that mind will allow itself the enthusiasm of such a belief. In the face of the great problems and mighty difficulties that arise from the coming of alien peoples to our shores, this belief must be built up and strengthened in the minds of the followers of Christ until it changes into an uncontrollable love for human beings as such, and as the children of the same God and not as members of this or that nation to be hated and feared.

The first step is perhaps the most difficult—the getting acquainted with the alien; but the effort to put ourselves in his place, to see ourselves as he sees us, to enter into his inner life, will result in enlarging our vision, in broadening our sympathies, in lifting us a step nearer our ideal, and making us fishers of men.

Some of the traits common to all races are an inherent sense of justice and of fair play, religious aspiration, the feeling for truth. These may be perverted or lost to sight under heaped-up conventions and strange workings-out of diverse influences of civilization, but at bottom there are in every nation observed by students of historical and social conditions these fundamental concepts.

In ages past, the great human family spread abroad east and west, north and south, and isolated themselves more or less, thus differentiating into the so-called races. Our ancestors thought of these other peoples as entirely alien, and we have inherited a prejudice hard to outgrow, as shown in our use of the phrases "the color line" and the "yellow peril."

In the great middle age, Paul stood forth the interpreter of the Creator's view of mankind as one great family equally loved and cared for. And now the fulness of time has come for the realization of this vision. We of the western world can not escape our destiny. All kinds and conditions of men are seeking homes among us. Especially on this Pacific slope are we destined to have