

but encourage those of us who believe that East and West can work together for the common welfare.

We are now emerging into an age when different civilizations have to learn to live side by side in peaceful interchange, learning from each other, studying each other's history and ideals and art and culture, mutually enriching each other's lives. The alternative in the world of today is misunderstanding, tension and clash. That is not a tolerable alternative in the atomic age.

Man's conquest of science, but not of himself, faces us, then, with the challenge imposed by the inescapable interdependence of all sovereign states. That challenge can only successfully be met by the development of understanding, tolerance, and a sense of brotherhood on a global scale. There can be no national, racial, religious or class limitations to this brotherhood of man.

More than twenty-five years ago, Mahatma Gandhi had this to say: "Interdependence, when it is not inconsistent with one's self respect, is necessary to bring home to man the lesson of humility and the omnipotence of God". I pray that we may learn that lesson as the only sound basis for policy and action - national and international.

We may hope that the world today is moving, if somewhat gropingly and even by compulsion, towards such an ideal. In that slow, but upward progress, I am confident that our two countries, India and Canada, will come closer and closer together in mutual understanding and friendly co-operation.

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