

Whether we live on your side of the world or over on the other side, we are all human beings of the same kind and we all have the same aspirations and the same joys and sorrows. Among the joys, there are none greater than the good feeling and the goodwill of our fellow citizens.

Today, more than ever before, everyone wants peace but in order to have peace in the world we must behave like human beings so that we can increase the welfare of us all rather than spend our time devising new means of destroying our fellow world citizens.

I think the international situation is improving somewhat and that we can now hope for some sanity in the world. Certainly we have not been behaving sanely this century. There is nothing so futile and insane as to destroy each other in war. No one wins by it. It leads to nothing but misery and destruction and pain and anguish - and the reputation of being unable to behave as intelligent people.

I hope we all know now that if we go to war again, there are now on both sides instruments of mass destruction so terrible that they would probably leave the civilization of this century as vague and uncertain to future inhabitants of this globe as is to us the past of those great cities in this sub-continent which flourished 5000 years ago, and whose remains show that there must have been then a really advanced and polished civilization.

I do not know what cataclysms made them disappear and leave only traces of their past existence. But I am hoping that we are not going to have one of those cataclysms which will make of this advanced civilization of the twentieth century something of which there will be no other trace a thousand years hence than some stone and metal remains and inscriptions to testify that we did have an opportunity of leading happy lives and were not sufficiently intelligent to make use of those advantages but that we used the great energies and powers that Providence had allowed us to discover for the purpose of destroying each other. I hope that is not going to happen and I am optimistic enough to believe that it is not going to happen.

I am hopeful that we shall learn to live as one family. I was brought up to say in my prayers, "Our Father" not "My Father" or "Your Father", but the Father of us all. We should all be happy to work together as the children of the one great holy family of mankind.

It is with regret that I leave India. I wish I could have stayed here longer. I go back to Canada with my admiration, respect and affection for the people of India strengthened and deepened. I take back to my people in Canada a very blessed memory. Long live India and long live the friendship between India and Canada. Jai Hind!

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