

and inspired by a very glowing hope. It contains nothing new; it is, in the words of Baha'o'llah, 'an ocean of generosity manifested and rolling before your faces.' It is a gorgeous glitter of intense benevolence, which derives whatever it has of proselyting power from its dramatization in a saintly personality. It is the old story of the attempted incarnation of an idea — the idea itself being so vaguely generous and noble that no one could possibly object to it. Long before the present movement for an international organization of peace, Baha'o'llah had proclaimed the following as one of its cardinal 'doctrines' — that is, aspirations:

"We desire but the good of the world and the happiness of the nations. That all nations should become one in faith and all men as brothers; that the bonds of affection and unity between the sons of men should be strengthened; that diversity of religion should cease, and differences of race be annulled — what harm is there in this? Yet so it shall be: these fruitless strifes, these ruinous wars shall pass away, and the "Most Great Peace" shall come. Do not you in Europe need this also? Is not this that which Christ foretold? Yet do we see your kings and rulers lavishing their treasures more freely on means for the destruction of the human race, than on that which would conduce to the happiness of mankind. These strifes and this bloodshed and discord must cease, and all men lie as one kindred and one family. Let not a man glory in this, that, he loves his country; let him rather glory in this, that he loves his kind."

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