

One Planet, One Race

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There is one thing that I believe truly prevents unity; we put ourselves before the rest of the world. Until humanity masters this flaw, we will never be able to achieve peace. The good of the world as a whole has to be given top priority. Egocentricity is only one among many things that prohibits harmony, yet it is the root of the repulsive weed that plagues our blossoming earth. If I were President, I would take a logical approach towards implementing peace. What precludes amity? Better yet, under what conditions is amity less possible? When ill at ease, people fight. Where does violence generally break out? More than anywhere, the slums, and areas that are monetarily deficient. Many people are also oblivious to the problems that occur in areas less privileged than their own. This chasm and detachment between the upper and lower classes has rid America from the sentiment of nationalism. However, nationalism is not what we need; a sense of unity within our country would be great, but true peace has to be world- wide, interracial, and interreligious.

Another peace-hindering fault in society is a tragic one that has been a struggle since the beginning of civilization: racial and religious intolerance. A countless amount of death and despair has darkened humanity at its hand. We close our minds to all ways of life other than our own, a large obstacle that humanity must overcome on the path headed for peace. The fact is we are all humans, we all have goals, and we all want to be accepted. If we focus on one goal, it can be achieved. If we all hope and believe and work hard to reach peace, it can be reached. If one human can make a difference, imagine what the human race can do if we all come together and work for the greater good. Coming together means all countries, not just America. Had I the power of a President, I would make it a priority to join with other countries, we couldn't possibly be the only one that aims for harmony. It takes more than just ideas, however, to attain such a tremendous goal; actions speak louder than words. So let's take action, and attempt to join the human race as one, rather than six billion individuals.