



**S O H A M**

O I Exiled bird. O I Golden Cygnet  
of Scham,  
Floating so sadly, wondering  
On life's twi-lit sea,  
Spread fearlessly thy pinions  
And in towering-flight,  
Go sweetly homing to  
Those boundless regions of God-  
conscious Love,  
Nor rest till thou dost find again  
Thy long-lost Nest and Mother's  
breast,  
Safe in the Glory of the Sun of suns I



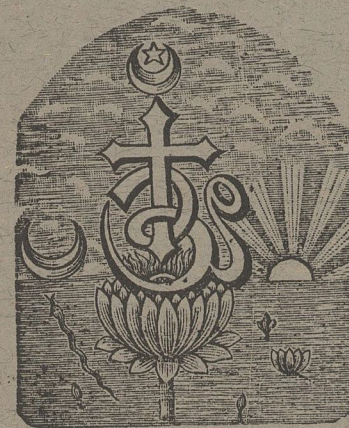
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Thy Birthright



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MEN CALL IT VARIOUSLY

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DEDICATION

THE BANNER OF PEACE.

WE have pleasure in dedicating our September issue of Peace to the Banner of Peace. Our readers will be very happy to read in this issue the most interesting article by Prof. Nicholas Roerich on "Peace Through Culture". There is also another article on the Washington Convention of the Banner of Peace which, we hope, will equally interest you.

From Kulu valley, where Brother Nicholas Roerich and other great souls are working for the good of mankind, we received word that a great conference is to take place in Washington D. C. for the magnanimous and noble purpose of spreading among all nations and people, the desire to preserve and cherish its ancient and modern buildings and monuments of beauty, science and culture.

When the bloody god Mars takes possession of nations and propaganda makes mad, when even the lofty pulpits thunder forth death-dealing words into the hearts of nations and people, when the nightingale of Love can hardly be heard over the angry tumult of war it is then man commits crimes against man, the curse for which even the unborn generations of posterity must suffer. Mentally, morally and physically is mankind left wounded, bleeding or slain.

Now the noble brotherhood at Kulu valley is sending forth a mighty appeal to all those universal

causes that live and work for the love of humanity, to enjoin all men to protect its things of beauty and culture, and in times of war to regard the symbol flying above buildings, relics and monuments of all historic or cultural significance.

These things belong not to one nation or people, but to the aggregate of humanity and its descendants down the ages. Things of beauty and enlightenment are gifts from God Himself for man's upliftment; they are tokens which tell them He is; they are milestones on the Mystic way that lead way-faring hearts Home, from bitter exile to Bliss supernal.

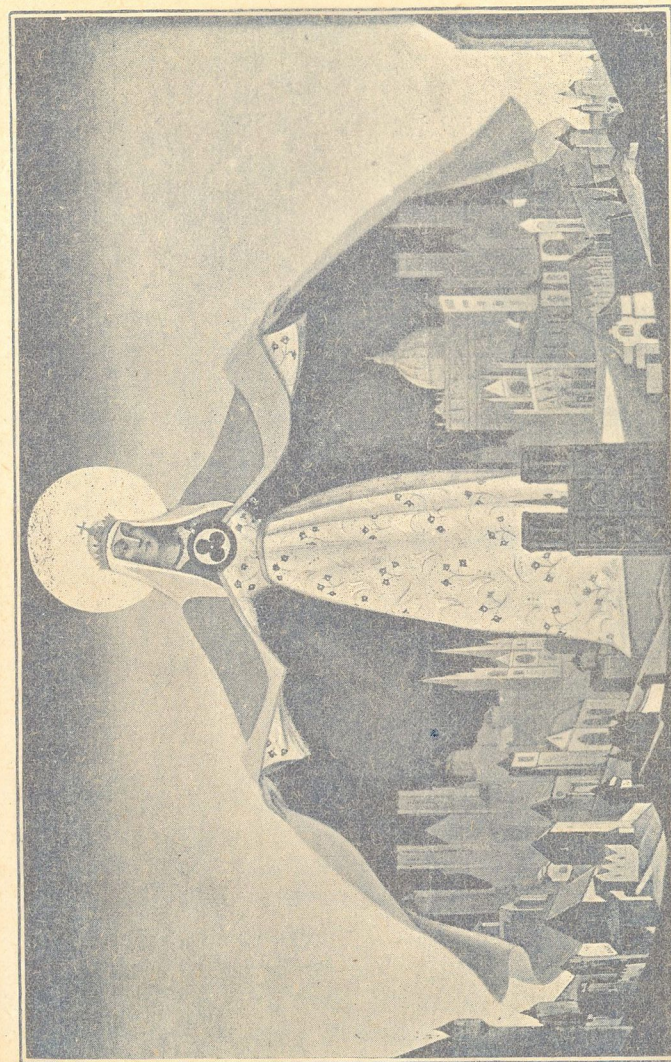
Dear friends of mankind, tell everyone about the white Banner of Peace—with its circle and three disks, so that if we fall again on sorrowful days, and the eyes and brains of men are blurred and bedimmed with battle smoke, may they at least remember their own Divine Mother God, as they see Her Hand in the Banner of Peace, stretched out over some ancient or modern edifice or site which belongs not to some alien nation, but to their own Self, their children and to humanity at large.

May the richest blessings of the Almighty be upon Prof. Nicholas Roerich, and may the Banner of Peace wave its message of Universal Love and Infinite Peace far and near, in the hearts of all the nations of East and west, in the prayer of the workers and members of the Mission of Peace.

May Peace be unto all.

Om. Om. Om.

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Bless us to understand that desirelessness is another word for completeness or perfection, for it is only when one is perfect, he is completely desireless.

Help us, O Lord, to be PERFECT as Thou art PERFECT! This is all that we ask of Thee.

Hari OM Tat Sat.



### Offering



(BHAVANI SHANKER)

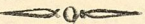
I know not what Thou art, my Lord, but now and again I stand in awe at Thy palace gate.

Thou art a summer stream making a melodious music while passing on Thy way, and I am the rugged rocky banks on either side frowning upon Thee.

Thou art the expansive sky over our heads and I am only a newly-fledged bird that flies eternally over Thy bosom;

Thou art the vast ocean and I am only a tiny fish.

Let the ocean be angry and throw its waves or let it be calm like a lake, I will not be hurt. For I shall be in Thee, dead or alive, in whatever form Thou takest—hideous or beautiful.




### PEACE THROUGH CULTURE



(NICHOLAS ROERICH)

The whole world will rejoice, when hearing that on November 17th. this year in Washington will take place the Convention for the Banner of Peace, for Protection of treasures of Religion, Art and Science. The great conception of Peace is pronounced in all religions, in all creeds and faiths. Every human language has this beautiful word. And there is no such stony heart that would not throb in enthusiasm for peaceful endeavours.

Humanity, in diverse ways, is striving for peace and everyone in his heart realizes that this constructive work is a true prophecy of the new era. In view of this, it is certainly incongruous to hear discussions on the comparative desirability of various bullets or on whether one type of war-ship is closer to the conception of world unity than the cannons of two battleships. Let us, however, consider these discussions as preliminary steps towards the same great peace that will tame the belligerent instincts of humanity by the resplendent and joyous creations of the spirit.

The fact remains, however, that the shells of even one of these cannons can destroy the greatest treasures of art and science as successfully as a whole fleet. We deplore the loss of the Library of Louvain and the unreplaceable loveliness of the Cathedral of Rheims; we remember the beautiful treasures of private collections which perished during the world's misunderstandings. We do not, however, wish to inscribe above them words of enmity; let us simply say: "Destroyed by human error and recreated by human hope". Nevertheless, errors in this or any form can be repeated and

other precious milestones of human achievement can be destroyed.

Against such errors of ignorance we should take immediate measures. And even though these may be only preliminary measures of safeguarding, some very successful steps can be taken. No one can deny that the flag of the Red Cross proved to be of immeasurable value and reminded the world of humanitarianism and compassion.

By our Peace Pact in 1929, we proposed a special Banner of Peace for protection of all cultural treasures. Two Committees for promoting the Peace Pact were elected in New-York and Paris. An International Union for the Roerich Pact has been established with its central seat in Bruges, where already two world Congresses for spreading the ideals of Peace through Culture were in session, resulting in the inauguration of the "*Roerich Foundation pro Pace, Arte, Scientiae et Labore.*"

From Temples, shrines of spirituality, from all light-bearing centers should thunder ceaselessly the world-wide call, eliminating the very possibilities of wars and creating for generations to come new lofty traditions of veneration of real cultural treasures. By unfurling everywhere untiringly the Banner of Peace, we destroy the very physical field of war.

Let us also affirm a world-day of Culture, when simultaneously in all temples, all schools and all educational institutions the world will be reminded of the true treasures of humanity, of creative heroic enthusiasm, of betterment and adornment of life. For this purpose we have not only to safeguard by all available means our cultural heritage, but we must consciously value these treasures, remember-

ing that every contact with them will already enoble the human spirit.

As we have already witnessed, wars cannot be stopped by interdicts, nor can malice or falsehood be prohibited. But undeferrably, patiently striving to the highest treasures of humanity, we may make this issue of darkness altogether inadmissible, as progeny of gross ignorance. The enobled, expanded consciousness having contacted the Realm of Light, will naturally enter the path of peaceful construction, discarding as shameful rubbish all belittlement of human dignity generated by ignorance.

The lists of adherers to the Banner of Peace are already long and glorious. The Banner has already been consecrated during the Congress in Bruges.

It is not so much a new law, but the imperative wish, the one panhuman desire to safeguard the achievements of mankind, which is so urgently needed. Every endeavour, even the most evident, requires an active start. For Peace and Culture one does not even need an unanimously world-wide votum. The beautiful principles of General Good can be affirmed on every scale, still retaining their vital potentiality. Let us greet whole heartedly all co-workers: "Without delay proceed victoriously in your full abilities, along this glorious Path through Culture towards Peace."

Verily, time is short; lose neither day nor hour! Kindle the flame of the heart in indomitable enthusiasm. Under the Banner of Peace, let us proceed towards the One Supreme Light in powerful union, in the name of the Highest—the Most Beautiful.

