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## STRIKING A NEW CHORD IN THE AGE-OLD SONG OF PEACE ON EARTH

**T**HE YULETIDE season through which we are passing is again furnishing an ideal setting for a seasonal outpouring of human kindness. For centuries men have differed on religious dogmas, but the spirit of religion is bound by neither creed nor color. The Jew, who, for each of eight succeeding days before Christmas, lights a candle in observance of Chanukah, or the Christian, with his Christ kind story and his Yule customs, who commences his festivity on Christmas eve, each participates in his own way to make the season a Feast of Lights, whether its significance begins and ends in outward manifestations or reflects a fervid spirituality. While the teachers of religion for ages have been quarreling over suitable forms of worshiping God, the Creator, the deeper significance of religion has always been the true concept of His image—Love, Justice, Charity. Old dogmas and religious barriers are giving way. Weary hearts are crying out in protest against the intolerance and suffering continually visited upon humanity in His name. Renowned teachers and theologians, courageous spirits, are today rising on the ramparts of Faith, demanding a new religious deal and hastening the era of Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will.

Whether we believe that Jesus of Nazareth was a Prophet or Divine, we would do well to spend less time in quarreling over His origin and more time in putting into practice His teachings and living our lives according to the example He set. The famous Jewish rabbi of New York who, upon the eve of this Christmas season, asserted that he was convinced that Jesus had lived and urged his people to embrace the teachings of the Nazarene, might not be conscious of it, but his proclamation constitutes the dawn of a new era, signifying that a new epoch in religious progress in the world is being gradually ushered in.

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