Intro

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"I'm sorry, but I don't want to be an emperor. That's not my bu siness. I don't want to rule or conquer anyone. I should like t o help everyone, if possible, Jew, Gentile, Black man, White. W e all want to help one another. Human beings are like that. We want to live by each other's happiness, not by each other's mis ery. We don't want to hate and despise one another.

In this world there is room for everyone. And the good earth is rich and can provide for everyone. The way of life can be free and beautiful, but we have lost the way. Greed has poisoned me n's souls, has barricaded the world with hate, has goose-steppe d us into misery and bloodshed. We have developed speed, but we have shut ourselves in. Machinery that gives abundance has lef t us in want. Our knowledge has made us cynical. Our cleverness , hard and unkind. We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery we need humanity. More than cleverness we need k indness and gentleness. Without these qualities, life will be v iolent and all will be lost.

The aeroplane and the radio have brought us closer together. Th e very nature of these inventions cries out for the goodness in men, cries out for universal brotherhood, for the unity of us all. Even now my voice is reaching millions throughout the worl d, millions of despairing men, women and little children, victi ms of a system that makes men torture and imprison innocent peo ple. To those who can hear me, I say, do not despair. The miser y that is now upon us is but the passing of greed, the bitterne ss of men who fear the way of human progress."