Abdu'l-Bahá's Travels to the West

Arrival in London 1911, first talk 10 September 1911

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'Abdu'l-Bahá in London

Arrival in London

'Abdu'l-Bahá arrived in London on the evening of 4 September 1911, remaining in England until 3 October, and stayed with Lady Blomfield. He met a clergyman who invited him to address the City Temple, London, on Sunday 10 September 1911. This was the first time in his life that he made a public address, and to a packed audience of 3,000. Here are some things he said.



City Temple, London



'Abdu'l-Bahá in London

Address at City Temple, London

This is a new cycle of human power. All the horizons of the world are luminous, and the world will become indeed as a garden and a paradise. It is the hour of unity of the sons of men and of the drawing together of all races and all classes. You are loosed from ancient superstitions which have kept men ignorant, destroying the foundation of true humanity.

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The gift of God to this enlightened age is the knowledge of the oneness of mankind and of the fundamental oneness of religion. War shall cease between nations, and by the will of God the Most Great Peace shall come; the world will be seen as a new world, and all men will live as brothers.

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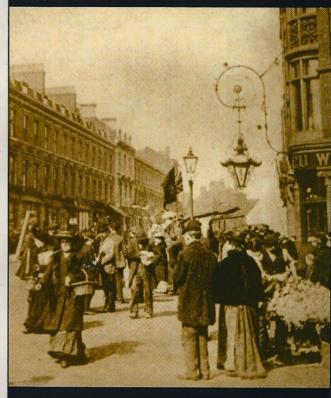
There is one God; mankind is one; the foundations of religion are one. Let us worship Him, and give praise for all His great Prophets and Messengers who have manifested His brightness and glory.

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