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Day of Atonement, 1920.

It was a great gift of God - this ~~XXX~~ Atonement Day. It is well to pause, if but for a little while, in the routine of our daily labor and look back. The pause in life ~~XX~~ as in music is as significant as the movement. To get the full meaning of a sound one must have a moment of silence and to get the full meaning of life one must have a period for introspection. We must also have an opportunity to correct our mistakes, rectify the wrong, make straight the crooked ways of our life. Without this - life progress were impossible. If sin were an eternal albatross hanging around the neck of man, never to leave him, once having erred, then the spirit of man would be crushed. But man ~~XX~~ can rise above his sin - nay live through his sins. One need but undo the wrong, whenever possible, and humbled, in penitence, resolve henceforth to do good, and one may feel himself in grace again - and with God.

(Handwritten: Hebrew see p. 2 of ms. 5)

The world needs an atonement day even as the individual, a day of soul-searching and stock-taking! The world's ~~XX~~ great judgement days come not ^{stated} at ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ intervals but in these terrible times when its very foundations are shaken by war and strife, when it seethes in a vast sea of agony. ^W Then mankind becomes introspective and retrospective - seeking for the ~~X~~causes of the great misfortunes it comes upon the knowledge of its sins and its follies. Mankind then tries to right the wrongs - and reconstruct itself on firmer foundations of greater truth. This last war has been such an atonement day. In the searching light of pain, with eyes ~~XXXXXX~~ washed by tears, we saw our destructive wickedness and errors clearly and we resolved to make our sorrows atonement for our sins and by correcting the abuses, adjusting the difficulties and cementing the bonds of brotherhood, avoid all such future calamities. Only the future can tell whether our atonement was acceptable, for we do not know whether our intentions were honest.

One of the things the world apparently has not yet atoned for is prejudice. For prejudice is sin. Our sages knew it. Among the things we ask

forgiveness for is

Prejudice - it

is the mother of many sins.

There is more of it between Protestant and Catholic, Christian and Jew, white and black, people and people than there has been in a generation. We venture to think that it is a passing phase - the scum of the upheaval. War stirred slumbering embers of tribalism, racial and religious, in hearts of people. It is the moldering lava after ~~XXX~~ a great eruption. It will subside and cool off. But it is here! In all its disgusting shapes.

The prejudice against the Jew has increased in the post-bellum period. Not only for the reason just stated - namely general ^{un}rest and reawakened tribalism but also because this prejudice has been artificially stimulated and

by men and classes who are primarily interested not in humiliating or exterminating the Jew as(?) (or?) in the vastly more important work, the crushing of liberalism in the world!

Who are the sponsors for this anti-Jewish crusade. Junkers in Germany, white terrorist in Hungary, imperialists in Poland, reactionaries in England, and their lackeys and Fords in America. The nomia differ, the n^u tide mina(?) are the same! What are they after? They see the rising ~~XXXX~~ of liberalism, which threatens their privileges and entrenched rights, rising tide of of faith in creed and dogma. They must destroy it. Even as they organized an Holy Alliance to check liberalism in early decades, even as they rallied after 1848. How can they do it? Not by fair means. They are rotten to the core. They have been weighed and found wanting. Then by foul! Discredit liberalism by calling it Bolshevism and pointing to Russia as the horrible example - and then discredit liberalism ~~XX~~ to make it unsavory by calling it a Jewish invention or product, a fit scheme of organized Jewry by which to destroy the established order of throne and altar in order that they~~W~~ may then step in and take possession of the whole world!

This is the whole thought underlying the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ fabricated "Protocols" or "Jewish Peril" nowX circulated in this country, a book which made its first appearance to counteract the revolutionary movement in Russia in 1905, was circulated in Germany in an attempt to bring back the Kaiser and now circulated here in a supreme effort to check the progressive movement in the land. The case and Montague . To make Indian reform unpopular call it a Jewish movement! So attack was centered on the Jew Montague.

How are we to meet it? Question might be asked by Christians even more earnestly than by Jews - a blot in Christian civilization. It is Christian profession that is being mocked. If these XXX forces that play on human passion are to triumph then a frightful reaction will set in. They must assume the leadership in meeting these charges and answering them - in exposing and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ dissociating us from them. If they believe in love and brotherhood here is their opportunity for a clear and ringing defense and declaration - priest and minister and layman!

The Jew while he is ~~XX~~ perturbed is not frightened ~~NY~~ nor panic-stricken. We have experienced this before - the American Jew is less familiar with it and therefore more perturbed about it. From Haman to Ford we had a long, long line of these hate-infected souls and watched their mad splutterings. They passed like disturbing nightmares!

They even helped the Jew in his Jewishness. *(see p. 10 of mss. for H. B. W.)*

We have found the suffering way to joy - the dying way to life! We are saddened that at this day such things are still possible - and after the war which was to draw ~~XX~~ men closer together. We are saddened more especially that it has shown its fangs in this land! For we envisaged this land as an experiment in real brotherhood! In uniting men in spite of antecedents. These men are not humiliating the Jew. They are desecrating the holy of holies of American life. They are flushing the sewers of European vileness X into pure water of American idealism. They are vio-

lating its honor. They sin against the holy ghost of American life for all
our spiritual at this point - brotherhood!

We are not going to be frightened by it into abandoning our historic
role ~~as~~ as champions of liberalism in the world. It was Fr. ~~TK~~ Thompson who
said "all the past, read true, is prophecy" - our past is ~~index~~ of our future.
Our record of battling in the wars for the liberation of mankind!
Heine's request! It is our destiny - our ^Crown of thorns - our glory! Wherever
there is wrong to be righted there must the Jew be found - first!

How are we to meet prejudice? By meeting it and exposing it. Re-
vealing its sinister anti-social anti-American purposes. Not by overdoing it -
killing a roach with a hammer! ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Counteracting it by a Jewish
of education and information. A national agency for the ~~NM~~ dissemi-
nation of correct and true knowledge concerning Jew and Judaism. Motto:

(Hebrew - see p 4 of ...)
By correcting those abuses in our life which may give rise to just
criticism of us. We are not faultless! We have our share of human ~~XXXXXX~~
frailties and failings! Were we not a protestant minority they would perhaps
(not) be so noticed! We are responsible for one another! Nay all for one!
This is our weakness and our strength at the same time. ~~NXM~~ Mutual respon-
sibility of a closely knit fellowship! The growing materialism in our midst -
vulgar
which makes for unscrupulous methods in business, for ~~XXXXXX~~ display of wealth,
for offensive forwardness and aggressiveness! Has invaded many a home and
vulgarized it. Disappearance of old spirit of sanctity and reverence and
(Parents?)
piety. Children do not strive to be examples to children. I don't want you
to think that this is a general indictment. I know many and many a Jewish
home here and elsewhere where all the sweet things of life and the good blend
in an almost perfect harmony; where kind affection and sweet reasonableness
bind parents and children together in grateful ties of family life; where
the old and high standards of conduct and culture still prevail; where on

entering one feels as if one has come into a cool and lovely arbor out of the heat and dust of a crowded road. There are many such sanctuaries of the human spirit among us - and they are the strength and bulwark of our life. But there are all too many homes which have suffered from the devastating winds of a crasser, cruder civilization - homes where Hammon has erected his throne; where the false love of place reigns, in tyranny and whence all reverence, XXX piety and idealism have been banished. Such homes breed hard ambitious men and pleasure-taking womenXXXX, where charm is , of the XXXXX unreal though glittering gleanings of life.

Such homes must be reclaimed. XXX Father and mother must in humility of spirit open the doors of their homes and let God in. They must bring back the holy beauty of the Jewish home - and the XXX spirit of restraint and XXXXX moderation, discipline, sanctity and idealism X - parents are God's messengers unto their children. Increase of crime among our young people - we must endeavor to correct these! We shall. But we shall XX also remember that those who hate us, hate us for our virtues as well as our vices! Mental capacities.

So that prejudice will last as long as ignorance and selfishness endure. The problem of prejudice is coexistent with the problem of civilization. Knowing this there remains for us only to learn the sublime faith and patience of our forefathers who suffered much more from prejudice than we. The world does move!...

For the nonce and during the struggle let us remember that victory cometh XXX to army that ~~XXXXX loses not its morale XXX or its discipline~~ cometh XXX to the army that loses not its morale or its discipline. Strengthen our loyalty. Preserve all that will serve as to soul of our people! In a furious sea, the safety of of our boat lies in keepingXXXX head straight to the waves(?); the storm will calm and we shall reach the harbor of peace and the goal of our desires!

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1. The day of atonement, my friends, is not a day upon

2. No sins are forgiven by prayer ^{alone} ~~only~~.

3. First must come an over-powering sense of
We must face our past

4. And what man is there who does not sin
למה נאמר היום יום כיפור

Some of us -

let no man be

We are imperfect all

5. This sense of guilt should be followed by effort

6. Even God is humble. ואלהינו נאמר לו ה' אלהינו

7. When man has become conscious of his guilt
אין אנו יכולים לומר לו ה' אלהינו

8. This is the day's simple but profound message
as men - as Jews -

1. Who among us has prepared - How many
have lived - so as to merit - What did
we do to perpetuate - How many have
tried to live on so high a plane - mostly
vain resolutions -

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2. Or have we just lived earthly -

9. Weclaw unto just his transgression and unto
 mail his sin. Many of us never think -
 - Tragedy. You saw y - how easily
 1 - That's what it means to be Jew, doesn't it.
Not to say - we ever once -
 with what baited breath - His wealth -
 2. W & complains bitterly - educat. restive.
Tradition of learning.

10. } On The way ahead. Return. Your way -
 you are weak ⁽¹⁷⁶⁾ וְאַתָּה חָלֵל, not
 Here within the field - Here T. Tan - You will
 be blessed -

you, who then ignorant, seek other fortunes.

God is in this place — we gave God
Can satisfy greater to the world

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10 - You the Godless one - Return. He is
You rock - without food - planted
by brooks & water - You need this
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You the fearful one - Return. Fear not,
we know the storms - ^{Israel} - יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ

When Jerusalem was destroyed -

Fear not danger - but back & emerge
out not for peace, but strong it.

11. Let the weather rage - אֲדָמָה וְעֵץ יִשְׁמְרוּ
פְּרִי אֲדָמָה - In gusts & tempests shall
be your strength. Work - portion
in love -

as food leaves the wrath shall
pass.

The way of Atonement my friends is
not a day when upon which one's
sins are forgiven. It is a day
upon which one is to bring to
mind all his sins and
redouble to ^{atone for them} ~~rectify them~~ ^{to wait} ~~in~~
prompted by the hope held out
by our faith that the compassionate
and merciful God will forgive the
sins of the truly contrite in
heart.

No sins are forgiven ^{by prayer}
only. ^{sins cannot be forgiven by other gifts.} There is no short-cut to
salvation. No whispered formula
~~or~~ can rectify a ^{man} ~~man~~ or work
clean an ^{there is no cleaning as repentance in judgment} ~~unclean~~ heart. The
act of atonement is much
more heroic and searching than
any ^{was} "fasting from sundown to sun-
down."

First must come an ever-growing
sense of guilt, a full realization
of the barren other lot

of ~~the~~ what ^{can} ~~over~~ ^{sin} actually did unto
others and unto ourselves. We
must face our past deeds frankly
and appraise them not with
an eye to deceive or to justify,
but to uncover and to correct.

Q And what man is there who
does not sin? 1201 11370 to

1201 1132 131 - "He preaches the
man the stronger his impulse to
sin" - Some ~~be~~ ^{as} have
sinned ^{open} freely and with high
fa by deceit and treachery,
to our neighbors, by pandering
to our carnal desires, by
hardening the Holy Spirit that
is within us by ^{open} cruelty and
^{scandal} ~~rapacity~~ and greed. Others
have sinned unwittingly and
then ignorance. By a careless
and spoken, or a loving word
left unspoken. By thoughtless acts

The sorrow it has lent to others
and the sad estrangement from
peace and the serenity of life
which it has lent to us —



which but pain to parent, hus-³
band, wife or neighbor, —

We are imperfect all, full of
human frailties, God made us
^{out} of the dust, and there is dust
ⁱⁿ still in our hearts and in our
eyes — Let no man be so
self-righteous on this Holy &
Holy days as to say, in the pride
of prosperity, in the sleekness
and competence of worldly success.
I tell you, ^{WRHS} ^{UNIVERSITY} — But, we
we have sinned, grievously!

This sure, quiet ^{should be} ~~must~~ be
followed by repentance, by ^{effort} ~~words~~
to undo ^{what} the evil done. Whenever
possible. The sins which man
commits against God, the way of at-
tonement may be found, but the sins which
man commits against man, the
Way of at. can never forgive. These
must be rectified by the man

in me - but "Pass not" 5
away, I pray thee

When man has become conscious
of his sin, has repented and
restored, then it can feel the forgiving
spirit of God descend upon him -
For we are God's children and
He shows us ^{how beyond life is -} further
sad temptations of our ~~lives~~
and the understanding and purposes
of our lives.

1. That is the deep simple but pro-
found message to us as men.
To us as members of the Church
of Israel, ~~there is an ancient~~
covenant - it has yet another
message. The Spirit of my
people speaks to us to-night, in
the hushed hours of ^{sacred} religious
devotion. For

For we have been back-sliders,
cut alone ~~in our~~ as men and women

but as Jews. Who among us
has during the past year fulfilled
his obligations as a Jew? ~~as the~~
~~disputed~~. How many of us have
strived so as to merit the appellation
of being priest-people. What do
you do to perpetuate the eternal
tenets of our faith to further the
study of the Torah, to increase piety,
to teach men to seek God, to
~~establish~~ spread justice and truth among men.
Have we tried to live on such
high a plane of consecration, of
loyalty to our immemorial ideals,
of high motives and noble aspira-
tions - as to justify our claim to
religious leadership in the world.

Or have we just lived ~~earthly~~
material, ~~Carthage~~ ^{Trade Jews} ~~but~~ bent
upon the pursuits of worldly gains
and successful and honest trading
when the world threatens to limit
our opportunities for worldly prosperity.

with what barbaric breath does
wealth & Jew, and judaism,
as tho it were best to hide
them, to keep them in a corner
& our lives — Has wealth
~~and property destroyed~~ as
well even as it destroys
Every thing else....

^{We} ~~you~~ complain ^{bitterly} that universities
~~are~~ ^{are} ~~refusing~~ ^{refusing} educational
opportunities for the Jew. I ask
you - ^{why} ~~that~~ have you ^{five} ~~strikes~~
Jewish Educ. opportunities
for ^{our} ~~your~~ children. What do
we leave them in ignorance
& our god, faith, people. Why
have we people with destroyed
fraternal & learning among us -
The ~~non-Jew~~ is studying the
Talmud. The Jew is not! —

9
Chambers the same of justice, of
truth, of the oppressed in the
world? That is what it means,
to be a Jew - does it? - It
is not to say yes, when the world
to say yes: to ask to copy,
to imitate the actions and
opinions, and passions of the world.
We were leaders once! We
challenged, we dared to speak!
We were prophets! an heroic
band of devoted brothers and
non-compromisers. How
are forgotten that! How are
lost our soul and our passions!

Where is the faith that moved
Mountains? Where are the
children, those who passed
themselves and water for God's
sake and for the truth's sake.

the spirit, my people speaks today
3. who will be frightened into
murder, or mutual condemnation
or self accusation. who will
say this is your fault, you
who are orthodox. This is your
fault your reform - This is
not the time for family quarrels.
The world knows us not as O.K.
or reform, from now - from -
but from - 57 267 11 26 16 16 16
and no one must ever solve
its problem alone -
Each km. is accident, our
very life - O.K. -

Let's seek programs of life.
We will do not then prevention.
but then loss of vision - When
there is no vision ^{the} people
perish - ^{to ourselves and our people}
The eye, the day is - 2701 - 2701
and then shall fight with. As soon as
the wrath shall have.

1. It was a great gift - this Atonement day.

2. The world needs an Atonement day.

3. One of the things - World has not yet atoned for - Prejudice
 1 - p.p. shd 2 - increase 3 - Since 7 War.

4. Prejudice against Jews has increased.

1 - Stimulated 2 - By whom 3 - what after 4. How? 5. Jewish line 6. Wages Case
 5. How are we to meet it? - Christians

6. Jew is not panic - stricken.

1. Seen before 2. Help - p.p. shd shd shd - doing way to life

7. Are saddened bec. that this day (2) America.

8. Not going to be frightened -

1 - Thompson 2. Heine 3. Where there is wrong

9. How are we going to meet it?

1 - Exposing it. 2. Counter-propaganda 3. Correcting our
 abuses. - Materials - Homer - Belamir Crime

10. Hate us for our virtues. | 1 - Patience & Faith
 2. Fidelity, discipline

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5- The Alger Case and Marbryne.

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6. These men are not humanizing Jew.
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violence into pure water of Am. idealism.
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^{When on entering the place and we have come}
~~we~~ There are many such sanctuaries
^{into a cool and lovely spot out of the heat and}
^{of a crowded} the human spirit among us. and
 they are the strength and bulwark
 of our life. — But there are all
 too many homes which have suffered
 from the ~~bad~~ devastating winds
 of a cancer, under civilization's
 homes where ~~many~~ ^{has} erected his
 throne; where the ^{power} of place

and show and display has reigned,
it is tyranny and whence all
reverence, piety and idealism have
been banished. Such homes breed
hard ^{ambitious men and pleasure-loving} ~~men of covetousness~~ and women of
where ~~charms~~ ^{is lost in empty life} ~~existence~~
~~not on the pursuit of~~
~~glamour and of the unreal, the~~
glittering pleasure life.

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Atonement Eve.,
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Is the world facing a new Atonement Day? Will mankind be forced to bring still more sacrifices to expiate the sins and follies for which the last war was to have made complete amends? Only the future can tell. Certainly, the events of the past few months lead to no optimistic conclusion.

One crying sin for which the world apparently has not yet atoned, is the sin of prejudice. The war has stirred the slumbering embers of tribalism, of racial and religious intolerance, in the hearts of men. The things we envisioned in the tremendous moments of the great struggle - complete reconciliation among men, and a closer bond of union among all classes and creeds for the greater service of men, have not yet come to be.

Prejudice is today being artificially stimulated by men who see in it a means of checking the progress of liberalism in the world. Thus, the junkers in Germany, the White Terrorists in Hungary, the Imperialists in Poland, the reactionaries in England and their lackeys in America, have joined in an unholy alliance to discredit liberalism. They would render it unsavory by calling it a scheme of organized Jewry, to destroy throne and altar, in order that they may then step in and take possession of the ~~wake~~ whole world. This purpose is back of all the fabricated falsehoods now circulated widely by men of unlimited capital and depravity. It is a brazen and shameless appeal to the lowest and basest instincts in human nature.

The pity of it all is that these anti-social forces are bent upon emptying the sewers of European age-old hates and prejudices into the pure waters of American life. These men do not - can not - humiliate the Jews. But they are desecrating the Holy of Holies of America. They sin against the Holy Ghost of American idealism, for all the spiritual vaultings of our history and destiny intersect at this one point - Brotherhood.

The American soul will eschew these fomenters of strife and distrust among brothers as it would traitors to its cause.