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**A Nobel Prize Winner Addresses the Issues of
Patriotism, Militarism, Capitalism and Ethnicity**

NEWER IDEALS OF PEACE *The Moral Substitutes for War* **by Jane Addams**

As social worker, reformer, and pacifist, Jane Addams was the “beloved lady” of American reform —
Encyclopedia of World Biography

*She demonstrated that one woman could make a difference, not only in her own community and during
her own lifetime but in many cities and for many years into the future —*Mary Kittredge

*Her peace work was the logical extension of a life dedicated to the principle that all human beings are
valuable, and that human survival depends on our ability to bridge the gaps that separate us—*
Historic World Leaders

Jane Addams (1860-1935) was an important activist whose work for peace, social justice and prosperity won her the Nobel Prize. Born in Cedarville, Illinois into a wealthy and influential family, she came to the decision that her life’s mission was to assist those who are the victims of neglect and exploitation, since modern society did not seem motivated to intervene. Addams realized that in America, the disruption was not just the result of forces that were economic in origin, as was the case in England, but also ethnic and cultural. Her mission would ultimately be fulfilled through a unique humanitarian shelter called Hull House. It was founded in 1889 in Chicago, a city that was long recognized as a place of violence and deprivation.

Besides her charity work, Addams supported the movement for women’s suffrage and was instrumental in the founding of several key peace organizations. She attempted to explain her motivations and beliefs over the course of eleven books. **NEWER IDEALS OF PEACE** (Quarterness Press) is her most significant written work, now finally back in print in a new edition. Although originally published in 1907, it still is astonishingly relevant to our own time. In this book, Addams presents in a compelling and concise format, the problems that America faces in the interaction between industrialism, militarism and patriotism. She also discusses the dynamics of ethnicity and race, especially in an urban context. Moreover, she provides sober, realistic solutions to these difficulties.

Her book often mentions Hull House, which was originally a run down mansion in Chicago’s 18th Ward. This place offered many services, taken for granted today, but ground breaking then, such as child care, instructions in English, and rooms for union meetings. In the area where Hull House was located, a collection of first generation immigrants from diverse places such as Italy, Russia, Poland, Ireland, Germany, and Greece had settled to find work in the city. It is in this environment that she made many important observations of human nature, which undoubtedly helped her to form the conclusions found in **NEWER IDEALS OF PEACE**.

NEWER IDEALS OF PEACE is very much needed in this time of growing international tensions. Addams herself witnessed how exploitative and hostile relationships can easily develop in a mixed population. She believed that the failures and limitations of capitalism and government force the individual to take the initiative in bringing progress to society. Consequently, Addams examines social patterns of change not so much in reference to collective action, but from a personal perspective. Her conclusion is that people must truly comprehend the unique characteristics of foreign cultures, if disasters are to be avoided. But **NEWER IDEALS OF PEACE** suggests that genuine pacifism is not necessarily an outgrowth of politics, but is the product of a Christian faith that seeks to reconcile and harmonize the diverse cultural systems of the world, without destroying what is good in each system.

Jane Addams was a controversial writer who was often condemned as a “leftist”. Yet, anyone who reads Addams’ own words will understand that she was never a doctrinaire or “revolutionary” socialist, as her form of social concern was based solidly on Christian ethics. She tried to advocate a harmonious balance of both individualism and social obligation, obtaining her inspiration from morally centered ideologies, such as found in John Bascom’s “Wisconsin Idea”, rather than from the radical politics of Marxism. Despite Addams’ great contributions — her charity work, her support of equal rights and fair wages — she was portrayed as a traitor by American politicians and media, primarily due to her efforts to bring about a quick, peaceful resolution to World War I. She has the unenviable distinction of being one of the few social activists in modern times who, in the opinion of many people, underwent a transformation from “saint” to “devil”. Hopefully, this new edition of **NEWER IDEALS OF PEACE** will help restore Addams’ reputation to its rightful place.

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