

be established only when people of all nations think the thoughts of peace, and put aside the thoughts of war for any purpose whatever; and that the World State will come into being only when international technical controls are buttressed by the universal sentiment of brotherhood.' Is it necessary to write books in order to re-state these truisms?

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