

## FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

Thank you for your very kind  
letter of April 11<sup>th</sup>. I enjoyed the  
exchange of ideas and look forward  
to further meetings. Unfortunately  
we do not have cable as yet

anywhere in the Bronx so I shall  
have to wait to see the program

in Manhattan.

Yes; I should like to be  
a member of the Advisory and  
Looking Forward  
to future ventures. Rogers

It is among the saddest of human tragedies that religious allegiances which should unite people into the closest of fellowships can on occasion become the pretext for the most durable and devastating of antagonisms because such antagonisms often seem completely justified they present what is perhaps the most dangerous threat to peace in the world today. Nothing is so radical a threat as that which is grounded in unshakable convictions on the nature of ultimate reality. Religion is properly the province of our ideas of the Absolute and for that reason too readily opens itself to the perils of dogmatism, unable or unwilling to countenance another avenue to God than that which is one is already accustomed to, confusing the habitual with the inevitable, the familiar with the natural.

Until peoples of all faiths can bring themselves to share the commonness of their religious persuasions despite the great variety of their expression there is little hope for religious peace. All too often religion has been used to mask the basest of feelings and the grossest of collective egoisms. Until we can accept the fact that credal differences, although historically justified, often tell us little about the real felt convictions of the individual or the group; until we allow ourselves to

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see beyond the expressed and formulated to that which is  
after all inexpressible mystery, we shall never have the joy of a  
unifying religious experience which can cut straight across  
all differences whatever. We must learn somehow to cultivate  
a deep intellectual modesty in attempting any definitiveness  
in identifying the Will of God as applied to others, knowing  
that whatever our certainties and however strong our persuasions at  
the very last God's ways almost always are never our ways.

H. W. Ragus S.J.

Sept. 16th.

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Dear M . Shamra,

I regret that I must go to Italy for a few weeks..I send you this statement for your conference. I had been one of the founders of the Catholic Peace Fellowship..

Sincerely..

All the best for the

conference and to your wife.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Rogers S.J.', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Herbert W. Rogers S.J.