

the conditions of the world today. I am convinced that they could serve as an inspiration and a guide in our present endeavor to promote world peace through the rule of law.

Writers and historians have characterized different historical periods by the outstanding events occurring in each. There were, for example, the age of faith, the age of feudalism, the period of geographical discoveries, the revival of learning, the industrial revolution, the age of global wars, the atomic age, and the age of outer space

exploration. May the last quarter of the present century go down in history as the age of international law and may this conference mark the real beginning of that age. For this event, there is no better site than Athens the place of origin of those intellectual ideas and aesthetic sentiments which have made possible the flowering of modern civilization.

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#### **POOR APE!**

The most famous of debates over a theory of modern science took place in 1860 when Bishop Wilberforce shared a platform with Thomas Henry Huxley. The Bishop concluded his attack on evolution by asking Huxley whether his descent from the ape was on his father's or his mother's side. Huxley's crushing reply, from his own account in a recently discovered letter, was:

"If then, said I, the question is put to me would I rather have a miserable ape for a grandfather or a man highly endowed by nature and possessing great means and influence and yet who employs those faculties and that influence for the mere purpose of introducing ridicule into a grave scientific discussion — I unhesitatingly affirm my preference for the ape."