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Persian Philosopher Says
Spiritual Civilization Alone Can
Produce Peace

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NEW YORK, April 14. -- Abdul Baha Abbas, the venerable Persian philosopher and religious leader, recently arrived here from Egypt, and head of the Bahai movement for the unification of religions and for the establishment of universal peace, made his first public address in America today at the Church of the Ascension on Fifth avenue. He spoke through an interpreter, his nephew, Dr. Ameen Ullah Fareed, taking as his subject "The Bahai Revelation"

The Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, rector of the church, introducing Abdul Baha, who is an exile from his own country, welcomed him as "a messenger from the East, freshly bearing a message of the gospel of peace, good will, and love to all mankind."

Abdul Baha Abbas, whose long iron gray beard gives him the appearance of a patriarch, was dressed in the costume of the East. He said that he had found here that material civilization had progressed greatly, but the spiritual civilization had been left behind and that compared with this, all other means are too weak to bring about universal peace.