

Our word went around the world, and from over twenty-five nations came scores of entries. Essays on such topics as "Humanism -- A World-Unifying Faith" were returned from Chile, Uruguay, Barbados, and Cuba; from India and Japan; from Holland, France, Germany, Finland, Sweden, England, Italy; from Israel, West Africa, South Africa, the Gold Coast, Togoland, and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. Some of these essays have been published in our bimonthly magazine, The Humanist.

A Common Faith

Many of these writers see clearly that Humanism, because of its respect for the human individual, is opposed to all

authoritarian religion and politics. What is most manifest in these essays, originating from widely separated spots, is that so many of these writers, working only from a shared knowledge of science and the universal need of men for peace, security, and dignity, arrive by pathways of their own at a common faith -- Humanism. This is the religion for which John Dewey stood in his book A Common Faith.

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Dr. Julian Huxley, noted biologist and former director general of Unesco, wrote the American Humanist Association early in 1951: "I believe that some form of Humanism will be the world's next great religion....