

The Japanese Pavilion and Human Hypocrisy

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"The Japanese building in the New York World's Fair cost \$250,000. When the fair was closed it was decided that this beautiful building should remain standing. Perhaps it was left standing as a symbol of peace between Japan and America.

When Major LaGuardia accepted the building from the Japanese, in 1940, at the opening of the fair, the Japanese consul general made a speech including these felicitous words:

"In such a world of turmoil and unrest as we are confronted with these days, all the more precious are peace and goodwill among nations. May this beautiful pavilion and garden stand in this park forever as a monument of our sincere aspirations for peace and good will between our two great nations across the Pacific."

"Forever," said the Japanese speaker.

And in less than two years "peace and good will" made way for war and ill feeling.

"For we are but of yesterday and know nothing" Job 8:9. Therefore: "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, In whom there is no help", Psalm 146.

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