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grated being fit for democratic leadership in the world today? If the two personalities were to be found always in separate individuals it would be simple enough—we could go to the mat for the one we want. We could even have a civil war again. But the reason why the other civil war we had never really gave the colored man freedom and democracy is still the reason why we do not give them to him today. The split personality which is America is found not in separate individuals but in most of the individuals of our nation. We are divided in our individual structure.

This division in personality is desperately serious at this moment when millions of people in the world are looking for leadership in democracy from us. If we cannot assemble ourselves and provide it, leadership will be found elsewhere. Japan may supply it or Russia may supply it—Russia is justly proud of her freedom from race prejudices. But let Americans be sure of this—unless we can declare ourselves wholly for total democracy now, we shall lose our chance to make the world what we want it to be, we shall lose even our place in the world, whatever our military victories are. For most of the people in the world today are colored.

Golden Age of Democracy

How can we integrate ourselves for democracy? The first step toward unifying a split personality is to realize that there is the split. The next step is to reject the undesired self. We must be willing to see that our inner division has the gravest relation now to outer events, to the success of this war for us, to world events which will shape an entirely