Notes: Autobiography - final chapter

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Autobiography:

The final Chapter probably should be on the Life of the Woman in this period. I think I ought to end my convictions that the greatest present obligation of women is getting at the causes of war and here I think probably an analysis of this book of Jane Addams, "New Ideals of Peace" should be analyzed. As I understand her teaching the feelings that she discovered in her conduct with men were simple: the capacity for friendliness, what Kropotkin calls Mutual helpfulness, active action, which developed into general internation/goodwill. Her argument - of her bones, of her faith in the possible peace of the world should be analyzed. Give also some reference to the way when one sees a way out and finding many followers they become to believe that the whole world has accepted, when the whole world as a matter of fact knows nothing about it.

And it is this faith in her faith and the way it was spreading that so knocked her in the head when the war came; knocked me in the head - I didn't believe it. The habit of not knowing what a thing is about and taking a position without knowing is probably a good deal of the base of the trouble.

What can women do? And there I think I should elaborate and close on that note - the future of the world. It is not the future of the world in the hands of women, it is the future of the world in the hands of men and women as human beings.

Sincerely, - Mrs. Roosevelt