

# *Lydia Maria Child and Friedrich Engels: Cities and Social Justice*

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**Presented by Ted Stoltz**

Lydia Maria Child (1802 –1880), was an American Transcendentalist thinker, an abolitionist, a women’s rights activist, a Native American rights activist, a novelist, a journalist, and an opponent of American expansionism.

Child’s “**Letters from New York**,” which movingly address the plight of workers during the rise of American cities. I also consider the similarities and differences between Child’s observations and those of her contemporary Friedrich Engels, who just as movingly wrote about English workers confronting poverty, alienation, and exploitation in cities like Manchester and London.

