

## Notes from Joardar's Talk 1958

*Editor's Note: This short and fragmentary document appears to be notes taken down by PB himself while attending a lecture (possibly in Washington D.C.) given by Dr Joardar in 1958. Unfortunately even the specific year doesn't help us identify Dr Joardar with any certainty. We believe that this is Dr N.G.B. Joardar, who was a pacifist and associated with the Theosophical Society – according to the sole reference found on him – which also mentions that he was situated in Washington D.C. There are several pages which mention the Christian writer Hannah Hurnard, most known for her book "Hinds' Feet on High Places;" by the end of her life she was a pan-religionist much to the consternation of her early followers.*

*There are many pages missing from the original; we have no idea what happened to them; we are left with about 10 pages from a document which ran to at least 24 pages. The notes on these pages are fragmentary; we believe them to be largely PB's impressions of the statements made by Dr Joardar rather than views held by himself. This volume therefore falls under the category of "Book Notes" – volumes of other people's writings acquired by PB to either critique, emulate, or study for his own reasons. We have no way of knowing PB's evaluation of this material, since he left no such comments; we present it because he included it as part of his post-mortem papers (along with several other equally puzzling documents).*

*For more information about the people and texts PB quotes or references here, please see the file titled "Wiki Standard Info for Comments." For more information about the editorial standards, spelling changes, and formatting that we have implemented – including page and para numbering – please see the file titled "Introductory Readers' Guide." We have introduced minimal changes to the text; our changes deal with inconsistencies of spelling, educated guesses at illegible words, and the rare modification of grammar for clarity's sake. Whenever there is any question as to whether what is typed is what PB wrote, please consult the associated scan of the original pages, currently to be found in a PDF of the same name. – Timothy Smith (TJS), 2020*

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(1-1)<sup>1</sup> Poverty in all the countries that are newly independent – not enough food, not enough clothes, not enough shelter, very little health. Jesus said "I have come to give you abundant life." Christ very definite. You can have all the good things but do not become [attached.]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The paras in this file are unnumbered, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>2</sup> PB himself inserted "Dr Joardar's Talk 1958" and "(4)" at the bottom of the page by hand.

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(3-1) "I have conquered the world." The world means the economic order that organised itself without Christ. Do not trust your money as your own but use it for the world at large. Because Asia and Africa have so little there is danger of their accepting materialism.

(3-2) Minimum requirements per person: 1000 square feet of living space, 3000 calories, 16 yards for clothing. We must learn to share. We give economically so little; we should be ashamed of the small percentage of our national income we give to help the people of the world. Our stored foods rot in our warehouses as stocks pile up. Most money used for arms, not for economic help – most of it is to help our own manufacturers. Must change our insulting behaviour toward the rest of the world.

(3-3) Science: bombs, hydrogen and atomic<sup>5</sup> and sputniks show bankruptcy of our intelligence. Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink. That's what happened to our intelligence. Great, devastating wars fought between Catholics and Protestants – must stop fighting and turn intelligence to something else – science. Science revered in East Europe because religion did not satisfy. Also West – we look to science as to God. Could be used for good, but mostly now used for destructive purposes. Science has nothing to do with values – that is philosophy's role. Where science stops, philosophy [enters]<sup>6</sup> and tells us the meaning. Religion next and shows us techniques to live by. When speaking to people of other religions from our own do not refer to religious values which differ, but to spiritual values which all understand.

(3-4) CHRIST: the highest ideal of mankind – not in the sectarian meaning. {Through Christ one can}<sup>7</sup> give the healing touch – uniting world into one, we must make the world come to blossom in the name of Christ

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(5-1) Problems: Political, economic, social, spiritual. Koinonia<sup>10</sup> is a corrected to ICA<sup>11</sup> because ICA wants to give material but not spiritual values. Before we can help others we must help ourselves. We cannot go out and help the world unless we conquer ourselves. Establish our identity. Are you master of yourself?

In the course of history, over long periods there sometimes comes, once to a nation, the call of destiny. America has been so called at this time as leader of the

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<sup>5</sup> "h and a" in the original.

<sup>6</sup> The original editor changed "begins" to "enters" by typing over the original words with x's.

<sup>7</sup> We have changed "Through Christ can" to "Through Christ one can" for clarity.

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<sup>10</sup> "Koinonia" = Christian fellowship or community. – TJS '20

<sup>11</sup> Referring to Iglesia Cristiana Koinonia. – TJS '20

world. England was once called, once Greece, once Rome, etc. but only once. Shall we accept the challenge or throw it down in the dust? We want to win the world to Christ (not in the narrow sense). Leaders remain behind, serves and loves with humility; keeps in background and to serve well is to know and understand the people first. Understanding is a very difficult thing. Stop vicious tit for tat policy of retaliation. "Lord, come what may, we shall stand for love." Christ is ideal for all mankind. From the beginning of the world God gave the Logos to the world. The entire world is groaning for the highest ideal of God. Reaching for fullest stature, highest ideal. We are living in a world of dichotomy - no man is an island unto himself. We depend upon one another in economy - in everything. The idea of independence must be given up. Spiritually, mentally, economically, all must be healthy.

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(7-1)<sup>14</sup> [since]<sup>15</sup> then he can eat anything that is placed before him. Control of your tongue - you must follow the truth, speak the truth and find out the right word to express what you know. Feel the truth, act the truth. You must always pray. You must invoke your God. This brings to your aid, the aid of God. Prayer hour every morning from 4 to 6 - the hour of God. You must love everybody. If the deed is wrong you must love the man because he needs help. Salt march, just a few disciples with Gandhi at the start but 100,000's joined. British soldiers knocked them unconscious, killed some and never allowed a doctor to go near them. This way on day after day until Gandhi marched to the sea, no soldier came forward. The sermon on the mount was a dead letter in politics until M. Gandhi. Joardar lives in Washington only because he hopes to inject the idea of nonviolence into politics - Christian principal... quiet place where people can be trained for this in America. Must have a leader and a band of young people. G. said to GJ "follow the gleam in your own soul" when J<sup>16</sup> asked about his becoming a Christian. Individual and collective prayer. Early morning individual, evening collective.

(7-2) HANNAH HURNARD: her book heavenly powers. When we practice his commandments and his beatitudes this generates the supernatural powers, the power to transform every circumstance on Earth, to control earthly elements and creative power to change men's hearts... recreate the future... power over death, power of transfiguration. You cannot begin to release these powers in the world of materialism and selfish policies except at great cost.

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<sup>15</sup> PB himself inserted "Dr. Joardar" in the upper margin of this para by hand.

<sup>16</sup> Probably "G" = Gandhi and "GJ"/"J" = NGD Joardar. - TJS '20

(9-1)<sup>18</sup> revolution in the world, which is expressed through nationalism. 41 nations have come into their independence and freedom within the past 15 years. U.S. has been put into place of world leadership. If we meet the responsibility we can go onto great heights but that door never opens more than once to any nation.

(11-1) HANNAH HURNARD, missionary in Palestine, travelled in all parts of the world. Out of it has come a deep penetration into the power and love of God which all of us need. English but has become missionary to the world. Thought and imagination is the most creative power in the universe. A fallen thought world. "Let Him think all of his thoughts through me." Must break our habits of speech, never to speak another unkind or unloving word or criticise. Our thoughts create our desires. You desire what you keep thinking about. Desire sets into motion circumstances so that we get what we desire. Our thoughts create our feelings. According to our thinking and our memory our feelings will be poisoned or we can heal.

(13-1)<sup>22</sup> years, never felt such a concentration of love, sincere desire to serve and suffer, oneness of spirit as here. Believe this meeting from every corner of U.S.A. will have historical importance - a second Pentecost. It will spread around the world.

(13-2) Hannah Hurnard: Patience is never separated from love. When you are patient you are always loving... develop our consciousness to extend beyond our senses into the spiritual world which is the heart and the source of everything in this outer world.

1<sup>st</sup> step: Going to church for fellowship and worship

2<sup>nd</sup> step: Faith opens the way to a more wonderful consciousness... surrender of our lives. Yield ourselves to Christ...

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The quiet times when we come to feed upon words of Christ and to get guidance and be nourished and strengthened, learning to hear his voice. The light never allowed to go out... new light in our understanding which comes from feeding on the word of God - new life and guidance. Subconscious prayer.

Indwelling - our heart the throne, Christ is allowed to become conscious in us. Satan is our own self-consciousness - the consciousness of ourselves. Self-consciousness is on the throne instead of consciousness of Christ, that Christ may be conscious in us.

(13-3) Dr Joardar's class at Koinonia Foundation (for trainees):

two approaches -<sup>23</sup>

1.<sup>24</sup> Go to the area of the world to find out conditions, problems. Catalogue problems in those areas. Prepare a list of problems of different areas, Southeast Asia, Middle East, USSR, West Europe, Africa, Central America, South America. Survey of conditions prevailing throughout the world. That is not enough however.

2.<sup>25</sup> {The 2<sup>nd</sup> problem is to}<sup>26</sup>

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(continued from the previous page) find out the problems of different countries and compare to problems common to all mankind.<sup>29</sup>

3. Catalogue these problems, show which should have priority, those which come next and those which can wait. Make a list in order of their importance.

4.<sup>30</sup> What are the solutions? Have we any social, moral, psychological, political answers? There can be expedient solutions of different types. We want some that are based upon eternal values.

5.<sup>31</sup> How can the solution be implemented: some would say "Be good and dedicated and things will solve themselves." That is no solution. We must show in what practical way we must go. We must solve them step by step - step #1, step #2, step #3, etc.

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<sup>23</sup> What follows is a series of numbers in the original which are redundant and overlap one another. We have imposed a sequence of numbers to unkink this bewildering (not to say ambitious) to do list. - TJS '20

<sup>24</sup> We have inserted "1." for clarity. - TJS '20

<sup>25</sup> We have inserted "2." for clarity. - TJS '20

<sup>26</sup> We have changed "2nd problem to" to "The 2nd problem is to" for clarity. - TJS '20

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<sup>29</sup> In other words, step 1 has to do with special local problems, while step 2 has to do with global problems. - TJS '20

<sup>30</sup> We have changed "SECOND" to "4." for clarity.

<sup>31</sup> We have inserted "5." for clarity. - TJS '20

6.<sup>32</sup> Solution that fit facts, then take action. Ask does time permit it? Does human capacity permit it? Problems can be categorised into many phases – political, social, cultural, etc. etc.

(15-1) NATIONALISM: The word is a coinage of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Nationalism is the aspiration, the desire of a large group of people to become a nation. The nation is a community of people based upon certain common interests. We have a certain amount of territory which belongs to us; common language; common historical traditions. Religion binds people together although sometimes it divides. Never speak of religious values to people of different faith, speak of spiritual values. All agree on spiritual values. Dignity of man, of human labour. Were exploited by a foreign nation. During the English occupation we worked together so in that way was good. The common desire to be economically free, politically free; and the aspiration to be a nation is nationalism. Belonging to a nation is nationality. Desire to do something great, aspiration, is nationalism. In the course of becoming independent some become aggressive – Chauvinism, Jingoism – Victorian era. World today is full of nationalism. This sometimes produces imbalance. We go through a revolution – quick change. We often forget our great past in our desire to become a great country. Sometimes new nations become aggressive and want to conquer their neighbours. Many countries think – what is in this country is

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(continued from the previous page) good – what is outside is bad. Nationalism is good when people get a chance to determine their destiny but to conquer other nations is wrong. Nationalism under Gandhi – taught to love the English and when he did wrong dislike the deed, not the man. This is nationalism which is mature – I would rather suffer than make them suffer. People in the east say of wester Christians “When you came to our country you had the bible and we had the land – now we have the bible and you have the land.”

(17-1) Colonialism and imperialism: colonial powers become the most important citizens and keep the natives as 2<sup>nd</sup> class citizens, often as servants – exploit the economic resources of the land for their own benefit. Organise the government so that they are the lords of the country and people are your servants – have the privilege to use your coal and oil, etc. and the people living here will be your labourers – the privilege of settling in that part of the country which has beautiful climate, scenery, etc. reserving the best of the land to themselves segregation.

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(17-2) ALGERIA: French people here do not want to be displaced and the French at home are afraid they will have all these refugees and their pockets will be touched. Colonialist - conquest of foreign lands and taking those lands as dependencies, most white race does this although Japanese occupied other countries and used for their best interests - always take the best land in the county - law of jungle. Reliance upon physical instead of spiritual principals. Freedom is the birthright of man - dignity of man. Man is the temple of god. England build railroads but not for good of Indians but for quick transport of soldiers to keep the country under British domination. Incidentally however it helped the Indians. Sometimes you build for one thing and something else happens... I can share what I have with you and if you want it it becomes yours, if imposed then motive cannot be right.

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(19-1) IMPERIALISM: You are running another country for your own good. You train men to keep the natives down. Train how to treat the local people. IMPERIALISM at Shanghai - wherever white men live that territory belongs to them - to be in the country but not bound by its laws its attitude of imperialism. 2<sup>nd</sup> general attitude as shown by club notices "Chinese and dogs not allowed." 3<sup>rd</sup> doctrine of white man's supremacy as "Guard and gran out native seas"

Man must go through certain steps in evolution. Cannot change local customs too rapidly nor too drastically nor make all laws apply to all people.

RACISM<sup>37</sup>

(19-2) Organisation democracy. First settlers in our country were courageous and adventurous spirits. That was more important to this country than their attitude regarding religion since actually they were not tolerant, wanted only freedom of worship for themselves and soon set about persecuting those who differed from them. Americans still show the adventurous spirit.

(19-3) DEMOCRACY: one of the ways of organising government. In England very good thing - party of the opposition which studies and brings into open the flaws and defects of any proposed laws. Bad feature of democracy it is safe for the rulers to absolve themselves from blame by putting it on someone else or some particular group. How are we going to have a democracy and have "rightness" at the same time. Majority by no means always right.

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<sup>37</sup> This title appears to refer to the text which precedes it more than the text that follows it. We think that PB may have written the word down in caps to remind himself to address this issue.

(19-4) COMMUNISM: Teach all people not only equal but must enjoy all the privileges. That governments are not needed. They hope to come to that step but must first go through socialistic state. When they arrive at the goal of communism there will be no need for a government. Do not call themselves communists now but socialists. U.N. bill of rights our country and Yemen are only governments who have not yet signed because we have segregation and they have slavery.

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