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Comment on Rabindranath Tagore, *Towards Universal Man* (London, 1961), printed on the back panel of the jacket:

I now have a vivid picture of the person of Tagore as a social reformer and intellectual leader, for whom I feel sympathy and admiration. The theme which runs through all the essays is of course the deeply morbid relationship of England and India; his attacks on England and his generosity towards her, the sane and astonishingly sympathetic understanding of Western values, together with an even acuter perception of the evils of mechanical adaptation to them, and the donning of foreign clothes and the damage done to spontaneity and native gifts by attempting to force them into the mould of an alien culture – all this seems to me most wonderfully stated.