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I didn't have the chance of sitting at a seat of learning like this. Since leaving Loveday in 1910 I have been making wild speeches which changed nobody and which brought no solution to our problems, and I remember that after making some of the speeches when I told the white man exactly what I thought of him I used to go and celebrate with my friends, and the result was that I was ruining my life and my character - I mean by celebrating, with a glass! Then I met Moral Re-Armament ~~in~~ in 1947.

I went to Caue where I discovered all people of all races and colours where a new world ~~is~~ was being born, a world in which every race should and must have his part to play. Before that I hated the white people and the Indians. I said they had no right to be here in Africa. I said, "The white man should go back to Europe," but I found that by hating them I was doing the same thing. I was not bringing a cure to the problems of this country. Today I have discovered that the Indians have every right to be in Africa and that the white man has every right to be here and to live on equal terms. MRA stands above party, race, class, colour, point of view and personal advantage.