COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF QUOTES ON AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, PART 6: JAMES EARL CARTER



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"Jimmy Carter is talking about human right[s] but does he know that human beings have certain duties towards themselves? Does he realize that they have no right to spoil their Moladhara and the Sushumna by their egoistical freedom? Does he understand that Americans are under another kind of captivity? It is your task to write in your book very clearly that they cannot proclaim anything about right and wrong when their own instruments are rotten."

1977-0500 Letter to Grégoire de Kalbermatten, 2, Parklands, Ice House Wood, Hurst Green, Oxted, Surrey, UK



Sahaja Yoginī: President Carter is very against TM.

Śhrī Mātājī: Beg pardon?

Sahaja Yoginī: President Carter is against TM.

Śhrī Mātājī: But he is for something that is far worse. See, because he is supposed to be a ... a Baptist ...

Sahaja Yogi: Yeah.

Śhrī Mātājī: ... or something nonsense, you see. I don't know, [unclear] you can see, he's blessed himself [unclear]. He thinks he is twice-born, now what to do? Now if he says, `I am twice-born,' what should I tell him?

Sahaja Yogi: Tell him, 'You are not!' [Some laughter.]

Śhrī Mātājī: Huh?

Sahaja Yogi: Tell him, 'You are not!'

Sahaja Yoginī [laughing]: Definitely [unclear].

Shrī Mātājī: He's not realized either, you see. He's [], it's horrible."

1979-0617 Conversation with Sahaja Yogis, Bala Kanayson's House,
Rosemary Road, Tamworth (31 kms NE of Birmingham), UK



Śhrī Mātājī: You know but, I must say I was surprised -- thanks to you [Djamel Metouri] -- that your president has done something about it. He's very much different. You know, he has ...

Sahaja Yogi: Mhh.

Śhrī Mātājī: ... he has uh helped uh President Carter in some way, because President Carter has thanked him very much. Your President.

Djamel Metouri: Uh-uh-uh ... for the [unclear].

Śhrī Mātājī: Algerian [President]!

Djamel Metouri: Not supporting him.

Śhrī Mātājī: No, he has said something by which he, I don't know, for some "unknown reasons" they've wrote, that President Carter thanked the President of Algeria. [Letter of thanks from President James Earl Carter to Algerian President Houari Boumédiène on 1978-0629, in response to the received letter dated 1978-0520.]

1979-1202 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, before and during a Meal after Guru Pūjā, Living Room, Āśhram, 8, Hamilton Road, Dollis Hill, London NW10 1NX, UK



Śhrī Mātājī: The-ee President, before this, was uh ... what was he? He was a ... that Baptist Church, somebody from the Baptist Church was President of America, who was that?

Several Sahaja Yogis [at short intervals]: Carter.

Śhrī Mātājī: Carter.

Also, these churches, you see, you can point out that I, one person can say, I mean like you can talk about these uh-uh-uh what? Seventh-day [Adventists] or what is it yours is? The Pentecostals. No, I'm asking you. Pentecostals.

Sahaja Yogi: There's uh an international o..., there's an organization called Family Action: Information and Rescue, already formed and it's uh being run by an MP, called Paul Rose, and he got mixed up with some gurus, and he's formed this organization. And if you've been affected then ...

Shrī Mātājī: Then what do they do?

Sahaja Yogi: Uh-uh if's they ... anyone's been affected then they get the people out.

Śhrī Mātājī: You can ask them, you can go and as: `What do you have to say about this, about ...', you can interview them. Also you can use that information. It makes no difference. Use that also.

1982 -0816 Talk to Sahaja Yogis, Media and Other Problems, before and during Lunch, Caxton Hall, 10 Caxton Street, Westminster, London, UK



For example, I went to America first time in 1973 [1972] and there I told them, that, "You have to be born-again, that's what Christ has said." If everything was finished at the time of Christ, then why did He say that, "You are to be bornagain"?

So, they so they started uh an organization calling `Born-again'. Even one President of America was born-again [James Earl Carter declared it in 1976], I don't know how!

1982-0919 Public Program, Day 1, Who Does All these Things, Ghent, Belgium



Śhrī Mātājī: And if you could produce somebody like Abraham Lincoln now, you can put them right. With that one also, Abraham Lincoln, it's another great blessing they had, what a great blessing. There's only one road somewhere, very far-fetched, I saw once, in his name. Nothing else I saw. And then once a statue I saw of Abraham Lincoln.

American Sahaja Yogi: Mh-hm.

Shrī Mātājī: I mean he was the greatest man you could think of. And even greater than Jawaharlal Nehru or anyone because, he had such great conceptions and such great ideas of freedom and all.

What about these now, Reagan and all? I mean, imagine a cinema actor! [Soft laughter.] English would not accept that at least. Of course, even Margaret Thatcher is petty trader sort of a person. But Reagan I just don't understand.

American Sahaja Yogi: There didn't seem to be much choice for the election.

Śhrī Mātājī: Huh?

American Sahaja Yogi: But there didn't seem to be much choice, uh, just

between him and Jim ... Jimmy Carter.

Shrī Mātājī: Laughs.] Who's that?

American Sahaja Yogi: I mean, there is no other chorus [choice].

Śhrī Mātājī: Uh first the Jimmy Carter was a wrong [choice], you see.

American Sahaja Yogi: Mh-hm.

Śhrī Mātājī: That's like stepping down one after another.

American Sahaja Yogi: Mh-hm.

Śhrī Mātājī: So, between them two, what to do?

American Sahaja Yogi: Mh-hm.

Śhrī Mātājī: But with such a great country, you have such great thinkers. Will you have only these two clowns there to be voted for? What I am saying, ...

American Sahaja Yogi: Yeah.

Śhrī Mātājī: ... [laughing:] that why not bring out some great people? People with ideas, people with higher thinking.

Or you cannot beat Russians otherwise, unless and until you talk big. You have to tell them all these bad things. Then Russians can't talk.

1983-0527 Conversation with Sahaja Yogis, Before and During Lunch, Brighton Center, Brighton Center, Brighton Center, Brighton, East Sussex, UK



Śhrī Mātājī: Like one American lady came to see Me, she's all the time nudging Me, you see. I was surprised at her, you see. Uh and she was winking at Me, nudging. She was friendly, you know, trying to be friendly. [Laughter.] I went to see a play and still she was nudging Me and [as laughter starts:] she used to wink at Me like this. Every time she winked I was quite shocked, you see. [Everyone laughs.] Then she said something to Me, I said, "I didn't follow." "Oh, by the way, You can't understand slangs, do You?" I said of, "No, I think I don't understand." "Have You ever spoken slang?" I said, "So I, I don't think. Ah ah I don't know." "Ah, You come to America and You'll know all this." And then she gave Me a sig nudge. [Laughter.]

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When I came home it was all paining on the left-hand side, you see! No, My husband said, "What's the matter?" I said, "I was sitting to an America... next to an American lady, that's what you get!" All the time nudging Me!

I mean, she was very sweet and very good person, nice, knowledgeable, intelligent, and of My age, not young lady. But I felt that she was trying to be a child of five years or something or maybe even five years [of age] in India people won't nudge you. [Some laughter.] And then I realized that there's a big uh diffidence in the mind of this lady that she thinks she's grown old and she has to behave like a young person.

When she would walk, you know, like your president I have seen, all of them: Carter, this one [Ronald Reagan], everyone.

Sahaja Yogi: They ...

Śhrī Mātājī: They ... they walk, you see, like that. Uh on the airplane when they walk there's no dignity, you see. They walk with legs like this and jump out suddenly, stand up like that, very jerky. [Laughter.] You can't understand, at that age, with that position, to be that jerky, isn't it? There should be some majestic behavior, something dignified. But on the contrary, it's so jerky, you know the whole thing is.

At first, I couldn't believe it was the President! [Some laughter.] Then they said, "He's [James Earl Carter's] a peanut one." [In 1953, after the death of his father and a seven-years persue of a career in the United States Navy (submarines), James Earl Carter took over the reins of his family's peanut-growing business.] All right," I said. [Laughter.]

[Laughing:] And then the second one [Ronald Reagan] came in, he was the same! I said, "What's the matter with him?" "He is an actor." [Laughter.] I said, "Who is the next? God alone knows!"

I mean, it doesn't behove [behoove] a person, a president.

And you had's Abraham Lincoln. What a man! I think his blessings should work out one day in this country. What a Saint! What a personality!

And that's what: you had people, great people in this country. And that greatness, that vision, is lost now. Have confidence in yourself!

1984-0818 Śhrī Kṛiṣhṇa Pūjā (the day before Janmāṣhṭamī Day), Tent, Backyard, House of Judy Gaddy, 442 Liberty Road, Engelwood, NJ, U.S.A.

