SOCIO-POLITICAL THOUGHTS OF EINSTEIN

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Albert Einstein was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1921. Better late than never. As a celebrity, he was able to influence the causes that were of interest to him, such as pacifism, world government and Zionism. He travelled the world for the next thirteen years, giving both scientific lectures and interviews and speeches on his thoughts and beliefs on various political and humanitarian matters. He travelled to the United States, Japan, China, Palestine and South America, as well as England and other European countries. Unfortunately, he did not visit India, then of course a British colony. He kept up a lively correspondence with friends and colleagues all over the world, leaving a permanent record of his activities and interests in the then contemponary world.