

EuroJam Daily Reflection Material. v2. Jan.04

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Framework

Resources for participants (cards – thought for the day / key thought, image and one text)

Resource for unit leaders (A5 booklet – similar to SYP cards, plus guidance notes. Cf EOTI.)

Full resource pack for sub-camp teams – internal production, not fully designed?

EuroJam Live! – upload spare texts and additional material.

Bogsheets for IST?

Resource (card? For Day visitors?)

Training for sub-camp.

Candle in glass lantern for each unit?

1. Opportunities / New Beginnings
2. Choices / Getting the Most Out of Life
3. Discovery
4. Light
5. Seeing the Whole Picture
6. Preconceptions
7. Challenge
8. Communities
9. Friends / Neighbours
10. Water
11. New Beginnings

Graces for Food.

Christian – SdF, AGESCI, etc.?

Muslim?

Sikh?

Jewish?

Buddhist?

“Scout”

Sources & Abbreviations

APW – *A Prayerful World*. Eds John Seddon, Colin Coleman. Merseyside Scouts.

EOTI – *Explorers of the Invisible*. WSJ20.

FOTF – *Footsteps of the Founder*.

HOTE – Anthony De Mello *The Heart of the Enlightened*. London: Fount (Harper Collins), 1989. (Collection of stories, original sources not given)

NRSV – *New Revised Standard Version*. (Most widely accepted translation of Christian Scriptures. General permission given for usage. Copyright page should note “The scripture quotations contained herein are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Anglicised edition, copyright © 1989, 1995 by the Division of

Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and are used by permission. All rights reserved.”
OWBP - The Oneworld Book of Prayers. Compiled Juliet Mawby, p27.
TF – Anthony De Mello Taking Flight. New York: Image (Doubleday), 1988.
WOV – With One Voice. Ed. Sid Hedges. RE Press / Pergamon, Oxford.

1. Opportunities / New Beginnings

Sub themes: expectations, fears, of new people, new places, new experiences. To become a “new me”. Where do I begin?

Key thought: “Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars.”¹
Les Brown – A dancing star (SYP1-exploration)
Graphic: Nightscape

Imagine this camp – hopes and dreams – do / experience.

Activity: **New place** – mapping. Finding your way around. Where do I want to get to?, language, culture, food...?

Setting practical targets: eg meet 10 new people... learn a new language! Buzz groups.

Kim’s game on sub-camp nationalities.

Opportunity for later in the day: to map out the site. Note new places to explore.

Think about what else you want to get out of EuroJam.

(Buzz groups)

If I were to go home next week:

- These people I would like to have met
- These things I would hope to have done
- These things I would hope I have found out
- These things I would like to be able to say in other languages
- This person I would like to have become

Could write in personal journal or just discuss.²

Reflections:

This day will you strengthen us. Amen.
This day will you bless us. Amen.
This day will you uplift us. Amen.
This day will you visit us for good. Amen.
This day will you inscribe us for happy life. Amen.
This day will you hear our cry. Amen.
This day will you accept our prayer in mercy and favour. Amen.
This day will you support us with your righteous hand. Amen.³

A seeker asked the Sufi Jalal ad-Din ar-Rumi if the Koran was a good book to read. He replied, “You should rather ask yourself if you are in a state to profit from it.”⁴

¹ Les Brown *A dancing star*. From *SYP1*, “Exploration.”

² Original Text, inspired by meditation from De Mello.

³ Jewish. OWBP, 172.

⁴ De Mello, *TF*, p69.

2. Choices / Getting the Most Out of Life

Sub-themes: not just letting things happen, taking responsibility. (Culture, FAB, Sport.) Consequences of actions – develop moral responsibility.

Key thought: “The Glory of God is the human being fully alive.”⁵
Graphic: a really happy scout!

Activity: Stretching. Upwards. Reaching out.

Reflections:

“My happiness depends not on the events I meet, but on the way I meet the events.”⁶

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, . . . , then you shall live and become numerous and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. . . . Choose life so that you and your descendants may live. . . .⁷

A woman dreamed she walked into a brand-new shop and, to her surprise, found God behind the counter.

“What do you sell here?” she asked.

“Everything your heart desires,” said God.

Hardly daring to believe what she was hearing, the woman decided to ask for the best things a human being could wish for. “I want peace of mind and love and happiness and wisdom and freedom from fear,” she said. Then as an afterthought, she added, “Not just for me. For everyone on earth.”

God smiled, “I think you’ve got me wrong, my dear,” he said. “We don’t sell fruits here, only seeds.”⁸

Good and evil. Choice of good as fulfilment.

Scouts, I ask you to make a solemn choice. Differences exist between the people of the world in thought and sentiment, just as they do in language and physique. The war has taught us that if one nation tries to impose its particular will upon others, cruel reaction is bound to follow. The Jamboree has taught us that if we exercise mutual forbearance and give-and-take, then there is sympathy and harmony. If it be your will, let us go forth from here fully determined that we will develop among ourselves and our scouts that comradeship, through the world-wide spirit of the Scout family, so that we may help to develop peace and happiness in the world and goodwill among all. Scouts, answer me. Will you join in this endeavour?⁹

⁵ Irenaeus of Lyons.

⁶ Anon. from *SYP1* “Exploration”

⁷ Deuteronomy 30:15-16,19. NRSV

⁸ De Mello, *TF*. p103

⁹ BP. Closing speech, first WSJ, Olympia, 1920.

3. Discovery

(GDV) Going out. Exploration.

Key thought:

From an explorer? Mountaineer?

Graphic

Activity: Nine dots. SYP2 – exploration.

Reflections:

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and at my departing.¹⁰

A young man became obsessed with a passion for Truth so he took leave of his family and set out in search of it. He travelled over many lands, sailed across many oceans, climbed many mountains, and all in all, went through a great deal of hardship and suffering.

One day he awoke to find he was seventy-five years old and had still not found the Truth he had been searching for. So he decided, sadly, to give up the search and go back home.

It took him months to return to his hometown for he was an old man now. Once home, he opened the door of his house – and there he found that Truth had been patiently waiting for him all those years.¹¹

¹⁰ Sarum Primer, WOV, 44.

¹¹ De Mello, *HOTE* p179

4. Light

(Euro / Choice) Sub-theme: Light and guidance. Enlightenment.

Key thought: *Buddhist? De mello?*
Graphic

Activity: Blindfolding. Led in trail? Blind collection of objects in relay. Small teams.

Reflections:

O God, give me light in my heart and light in my tongue and light in my hearing and light in my sight and light in my feeling and light in all my body and light before me and light behind me.
Give me, I pray Thee, light on my right hand and light on my left hand and light above me and light beneath me. O Lord, increase light within me and give me light and illuminate me.¹²

Lord,
Be a bright flame before me
a guiding star above me
a smooth path below me
a kindly shepherd behind me
today, tonight, and forever.¹³

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied, 'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!'
So I went forth and finding the Hand of God
Trode gladly into the night
He led me towards the hills
And the breaking of day in the lone east.¹⁴

Minnie Louise Haskins.

Disciple: What's the difference between knowledge and enlightenment?
Master: When you have knowledge, you use a torch to show the way. When you are enlightened, you become a torch.¹⁵

When a friend visited the Spanish painter El Greco at his home on a lovely spring afternoon, he found him sitting in his room, the curtains tightly drawn.
"Come out into the sunshine," said the friend.
"Not now," El Greco replied. "It would disturb the light that is shining within me."¹⁶

¹² Ascribed to the Prophet Muhammad, OWBP, 58

¹³ St Columba, OWBP 99.

¹⁴ Minnie Louise Haskins *The Gate of the Year*.
[http://www.geocities.com/piers_clement/gate.html]

¹⁵ De Mello *TF* p70.

¹⁶ De Mello *TF* p53

5. Seeing the Whole Picture

Looking in a new way.
(EuroVille)

Key thought:
Graphic: something from unusual angle.

Activity: Set of picture of things at unusual angles or silhouettes. Guess what they are.

“101 things to do with a dead cat”

Find collection of objects – but where is peace and friendship?

Reflections:

A principle which has often been my guide in life is to look at one's environment in two ways, A and B. A stands for Above, B for Beyond.
Let's take B first. Look wide, *beyond* your immediate surroundings and limits, and you see things in their right proportion. And in addition remember A: look *above* the level of things around you and see a higher aim and possibility to your work, i.e. how to serve God.¹⁷

The human condition is perfectly depicted in the case of the poor drunk standing late at night outside the park, beating on the fence, and yelling, “Let me out”.¹⁸

A famous Viennese surgeon told his students that a surgeon needed two gifts: freedom from nausea and the power of observation.
He then dipped his finger into some nauseating fluid and licked it, requesting each of the students to do the same. They steeled themselves to it and managed it without flinching.
With a smile, the surgeon then said, “Gentlemen I congratulate you on having passed the first test. But not, unfortunately, the second, for not one of you noticed that the finger I licked was not the one I dipped into the fluid.”¹⁹

¹⁷ BP – Rover Moot Address, Birmingham, 1928. FOTF, 69

¹⁸ De Mello *HOTE*, p185

¹⁹ De Mello *TF* p49

6. Preconceptions

Sub themes: Caricatures, prejudice.

Key thought:
Graphic – optical illusion.

Activity:

How well do you know your friend:

- Where do they like to go on holiday?
- Which celebrity would they most like to meet?
- What is their favourite [brand of] chocolate?
- What is their favourite drink?

Optical illusions – spinning wheel. (A3 poster)

Reflections:

I thank you, Lord, for knowing me better than I know myself, and for letting me know myself better than others know me. Make me, I pray you, better than they suppose, and forgive me for what they do not know.²⁰

May we learn to think without prejudice, love all beings for love's sake, express our convictions fearlessly, lead a life of purity, so that the sunlight of truth will illuminate us. If theology and dogma stand in our way in the search for truth let them be put aside. May we be earnest and work out our salvation with diligence so that the fruits of holiness will be ours.²¹

I asked the Lord for a bunch of fresh flowers, but instead he gave me an ugly cactus with thorns.
I asked the Lord for some beautiful butterflies, but instead he gave me many ugly and dreadful worms.
I was threatened, I was disappointed, I mourned. But after many days, suddenly I was the cactus bloom with many beautiful flowers, and those worms became beautiful butterflies flying in the spring wind. God's way is the best way.²²

There was a group of elderly gentlemen in Japan who would meet to exchange news and drink tea. One of their diversions was to search for costly varieties of tea and create new blends that would delight the palate.
When it was the turn of the oldest member of the group to entertain the others, he served tea with the greatest ceremony, measuring out the leaves from a golden container. Everyone had the highest praise for the tea and demanded to know by what particular combination he had arrived at this exquisite blend.
The old man smiled and said, "Gentlemen, the tea that you find so delightful is the one that is drunk by the peasants on my farm. The finest things in life are neither costly nor hard to find."²³

²⁰ Abu Bakr. *OWBP*, 27.

²¹ Anagarika Dharmapala, *World Parliament of Religions*, 1893. *WOV*, 51

²² Chung-Ming Kao, from *APW*

²³ De Mello, *HOTE* p28.

Traveller: What kind of weather are we going to have today?

Shepherd: The kind of weather I like.

Traveller: How do you know it will be the kind of weather you like?

Shepherd: Having found out, sir, I cannot always get what I like, I have learned to always like what I get. So I am quite sure we will have the kind of weather I like.²⁴

“A pessimist finds difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist finds opportunity in every difficulty.”

²⁴ De Mello *HOTE* p176.

7. Challenge

Working together can achieve

Key thought: "Adventure is an attitude..."
Graphic: mountaineer?

Activity (for the bus): Your feet are amazing and we can prove it: While sitting down, make clockwise circles with your right foot. While you are doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction. (Moot – Sp Pack 3)

4 finger lift?

Dear Lord, teach me to be generous;
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labour and not to seek reward,
Save that of knowing that I do your will.²⁵

A real scout is the most patient of people: one who doesn't worry if they do not succeed all at once, but waits and works quietly and determinedly till he "gets there" in the end – in small things just as much as in big ones.²⁶

Adventure isn't hanging on a rope off the side of a mountain. Adventure is an attitude that we must apply to the day to day obstacles of life - facing new challenges, seizing new opportunities, testing our resources against the unknown and in the process, discovering our own unique potential.²⁷ *John Amatt, organizer and participant in Canada's first successful expedition to the summit of Mt Everest*

"There have been joys too great to be described in words, and there have been griefs upon which I have not dared to dwell; and with these in mind I say, Climb if you will, but remember that courage and strength are not without prudence, and that a momentary negligence may destroy the happiness of a lifetime. Do nothing in haste; look well to each step; and from the beginning think what may be the end."²⁸

²⁵ Ignatius of Loyola, OWBP, 67.

²⁶ BP - *Yarns for Boy Scouts*. In *FOTF*, 93.

²⁷ John Amatt. From Moot Spiritual Pack 3

²⁸ Edward Whymper *My Scrambles Amongst the Alps*.

[<http://www.climber.org/Resource/wisdom.html>], 23Jan2005

8. Communities

HANDS. Service, outreach, solidarity

Key thought:
Graphic: giving a hand.

Activity: Brush each other's teeth: Humility of serving and being served. (in pairs, use proper toothbrush!!).

feet / hand washing at end of day.

"game of the Guardian Angels" throughout the day. [look after another throughout the day – unknown to the other]

Reflections: St Francis – means of peace.

Buber – helped by those we help.

Lord,
I give you my hand to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you see.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that you might pray in me.²⁹

Do all the good you can,
by all the mean you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you,
as long as you ever can.³⁰

The very fact you know about someone who is in trouble means that in some way you are able to help. Otherwise, why would this knowledge have entered your world?³¹

There was once a man who was busy building a home for himself. He wanted it to be the nicest, cosiest home in the world. Someone came to him to ask for help because the world was on fire. But it was his home he was interested in, not the world. When he finally finished his home he found he did not have a planet to put it on.³²

BP - Last Message

Scout Prayer. [Roberta]

²⁹ Bishop Lancelot Andrewes, OWBP, 63.

³⁰ John Wesley, APW.

³¹ Baal Shem Tov, EOTI, 63

³² De Mello *HOTE* p153

Primo Mazzolari? I care

Tonino Bello? A spare wing

9. Friends / Neighbours

Key thought: companionship – eating bread together. Dictionary /etymology – L. *cum panis*.

Graphic: Broken loaf of bread? People sharing food together.

Activity: Circle dancing. (lunchtime activity?)

Reflections: Gibran,
The Prophet (on friendship).
Vanier / Aristotle?

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.³³

I would urge that, at the Jamboree, we do not let our scouts be content with the mere fact of being in camp with those of other nations, but that we should encourage them to utilise every minute of the short time they are there to make acquaintance, and from acquaintance friendship, with their brother and sister scouts, their future family in the world. Each one could then go forth from the Jamboree with a new responsibility upon him, namely that of an apostle, to his particular district, of peace and goodwill.³⁴

American Indian? – cannot say you know another until you have walked in their shoes.

³³ Numbers 6:24-26. OWBP, 70.

³⁴ BP – *Jamboree*, 1929. in FOTF, 64.

10. Water

Key thought: From UN?

Activity: Drink from cup (SYP)

Reflections:

Water Statistics

11. New Beginnings

Key thought: "I have a dream..."?
Graphic: sunrise over Brownsea

Activity: EuroJam Postcards to send later (by unit leaders)

Reflections: Rev? Prophets?

"It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet, I keep them, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart."³⁵ *Anne Frank?*

The important thing about swapping is not the items that are exchanged, instead, it is the process of getting to know another person and the benefits which follow...

Two men went into a diner and sat down at the counter. They ordered two sodas, took sandwiches out of their packs and started to eat them. The owner saw what was going on and approached the men. "You can't eat your own sandwiches in here," he complained. The two men stopped, looked at each other, and then swapped their sandwiches.³⁶

Fuller text of MLK speech.

Spare activities:

Helium stick: Moot Sp Pack 5.

General notes on how to use: could add a song, dance, other games etc. These are only a tool!

Post-Card for day visitors, or foldout card.

³⁵ From Moot Spiritual Pack 5. or Bog Sheet?

³⁶ From Moot Spiritual Pack 5.