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“Standing Up For Humanity”
by John Huddleston. Publisher:
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John Huddleston is well known to Bahá'ís here for his books and lectures. “Standing Up For Humanity” has not had the same attention here as his other works, which is a pity because it is, in its rather specialised way, a fascinating piece of work and valuable resource. It is a collection of talks and presentations to Bahá'í and non-Bahá'í bodies as well as some essays.

Huddleston is an economist of note so it is hardly surprising that many of the articles deal with the economic needs of a better world and what the Bahá'í Faith has to offer in this area. Given that most Bahá'ís, if pressed, would find the “spiritual solution to the economic problem” as the principle of the Faith they could actually say the least about, this book has a lot to offer. The general reader will find the principle fleshed out with much helpful information ideas by a writer who is also firmly grounded in the realities of present-day economic life. Huddleston knows what is going on in the world of economic development, trade, etc., and what – from a Bahá'í point of view – needs to be addressed and what ways forward can be offered. The book will help those involved in discussions in this area at a time when the world's progress towards unity is being seen as a threat by many who do not understand the underlying processes and who espouse a dogmatic “antiglobalism”.

Standing Up For Humanity – a title that reminds us what we should be doing in all areas of our endeavour – also contains articles on a range of social and political issues that will help our understanding of these.

Some readers may have read some of the articles elsewhere but most or all will be new to most of us. By bringing them together in this one book the editors, and the Bahá'í Publishing Trust of India, have done us all a real

Dr Iain S. Palin service.

