

## Readers' Letters 10 (Mostly Cards)

*Editor's Note: The Readers' Letters files consist of correspondence between PB and his students, followers, fellow philosophers, spiritual leaders, friends and family. Most of these letters were sent to PB by readers of his books. They are in no particular order, and there may be letters by the same person in other files as well. Most of the letters in this file were written between 1965 and 1983.*

*PB had a tendency to make edits, write notes regarding his replies, or insert address information and meeting times on the letters themselves after receipt. We have noted PB's insertions and marginalia, but have not noted edits made by the original author, assuming that they were corrections made at the same time as the rest of the letter. To preserve both readability and the voice of the author, we have corrected spelling errors but have generally left grammar as is.*

*Less interesting letters have been summarized instead of fully transcribed. Please refer to the scanned PDFs for the full content, or to view all stationary headers, postmarks, unidentified markings, marginalia, etc. Proper names and dates have been written exactly as found in the original for each letter in this file; where we discovered multiple versions of a person's name, we have noted the full name either in the body of the text in {curly brackets} or in a footnote.*

*In many letters, there are words that are illegible or missing; in such cases we have included either our best guess or the word "illegible" inside {curly brackets}. In rare circumstances, we have added a word or phrase to a letter for readability, which are also noted with {curly brackets}; a footnote was added where we deemed it helpful. – Timothy Smith (TJS), 2020*

### L10.001

1 - 2

Letter from Dorothy Elder<sup>1</sup>

2557 S. Dover Apt 60, Denver, Colorado 80227

October 11, 1972

Dear Dr Brunton:

I have read many of your books and have learned so much from them. "The Wisdom of the Overself" has given me so much direction and I am most appreciative of your authorship of it. I have grown immeasurably through the sharing of your thoughts.

I have heard that you are teaching classes in Europe. Since I am a teacher and have summers free, I am wondering if you have classes this coming summer, 1973. If so, I would like some details about them.

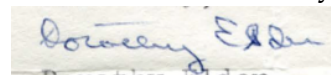
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<sup>1</sup> "E" is handwritten in the top right corner.

Where are they held? Who is eligible to attend? Are they beginning or advanced or both? What is the tuition? And how long do they last.

Please send me this information and I shall be most grateful. I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely



Dorothy Elder

P.S. Are you planning to hold any classes in the U.S.?

### L10.003

3 - 4

Letter from {Waegenar}<sup>2</sup>

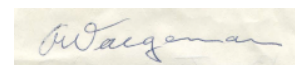
738 Farmdale {st}, Ferndale, Michigan 48220 U.S.A

Oct 27 - 1972

Dr Paul Brunton

I purchased a book, a Search in<sup>3</sup> Secret India. This is a very enlightening book. Through the Eastern and Western of yoga and religion, this book has brought me to the point of understanding that a person needs no master only your soul way. That was my prayer of my younger youth and also now at middle age. Between the two ages - a lot of water has passed through the dam a search for truth has been my aim all my life. I hope you will reply and give me the information for my spiritual growth.

Please send me the practice and methods of Brahma Chinta also the ten rules of practice of yoga of Brahma Chinta, as mentioned in your book (A Search in Secret India.)<sup>4</sup> As I can follow the path into my own Soul to God. This letter has been written by my wife for me.



### L10.005

5 - 6

Letter from Milada Capek

Prague

December 6th 1978

"Happy and Merry Christmas."

Uspesny novy rok = "Happy New Year."

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<sup>2</sup> "K reply" is handwritten at the top of the page.

<sup>3</sup> "to" in the original.

<sup>4</sup> "A Search in Secret India" is circled with a handwritten note by KTH: "? Check."

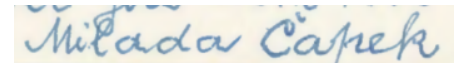
Dear Sir,<sup>5</sup>

It is impossible to forget the personal meeting with you in the far past. All you had then and even in later years given us inwardly and the richness of true magnificently express ideas in your books has remained to us for ever an enlightenment.

Please to accept my deeply felt devoted remembrance. I try to follow the short path and to adopt the attitude as you recommended us. I humbly thank for everything - May the sublime Powers protect you and bless your work!

We all shall remember you with love-

Yours



### L10.007a

7 - 8

Letter from Elfriede Pleier

Augsburg

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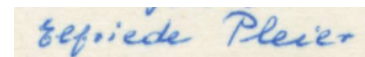
Dear Mr Brunton,

With all my heart I thank you for the great help I received from you. I feel - since our meeting in Zurich - such a change in my whole body - my meditation became better and all the troubles vanished. How may I thank you? With this little card I bring to you my gratitude. A girlfriend of mine (who is on the same way of light and joy) helped me to write this letter. But words are too small ---

So in my deepest silence I'll bring you my affectionate greetings.

-Ich dankt Ihnen - ich bin sehr froh -

Yours



### L10.007b

7 - 8

Letter from Ute Schweiggart

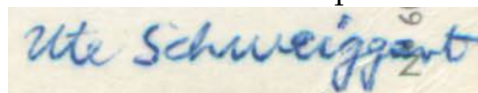
Undated letter

Herzliche Grusse Ihr {Herr} Pleier

Suffering vanished, but also that which the world regards as pleasant and good. There are not illusions more, there is only the Overself. Birth and death, death and

birth. This aspect told the Overself to me from (by, {or} through) you last time. I thank the Overself with you therefore and entreat to help my ego to die also.

In worship and love



### L10.009

9 - 12

Letter and envelope from Dr Stoker Mikes

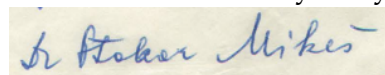
Praha

Aug 2nd, 1965

Dear<sup>6</sup> Dr Brunton,

I am very glad you have received letters sent from N.Y. Now I have the occasion to send you your pictures from beautiful meeting in Austria. This month I am travelling with my family through Hungary, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. I would be very happy if in future will be an opportunity to meet with you. Your books translated into Czech have very great importance for me and influence upon all my life.

Yours very truly



P.S. 1/1

### L10.013

13 - 14

Letter from Lida

Praha

July 7th 1965

My dear Teacher and friend,

I do not find enough words to thank you for all your Grace. It was unexpected gift of God to us, to be able to stay with you for one week in the mountains.

I miss your enchanting smile, your cheerful conversation and the look of your eyes touching the heart.

The farewell was painful, but I see often your dear face vividly before me, the thoughts are still and a splendid Peace envelops me entirely in which I am plunged.

The great gift which was put into my heart needs time to ripen innerly in order that the Grace could work according to its Will.

In<sup>7</sup> Huben I dedicated myself thoroughly to the Higher force - God - with confidence and love.

With reverence devotion and love  
I bow before you  
Yours



## L10.015

15 - 18  
Letter and photograph from Josef  
Praha  
July 30th 1965

Our dear Friend and Teacher,

enclosed I send you several photos from Huben.

Once more I have to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your invitation. It was an unexpected gift of Grace to us. And the miraculous working of the Higher Force enabled us, that we could come to Huben.

The wonderful experience of Stillness, Force and Light in the church of Huben gave me a definite change of the inner life. It still lasts in the Heart, felt as your Presence, connected with an inner joy. This experience gives a better understanding of the Truth of the Short Path, than any broad intellectual study could give.

With heartfelt thanks, gratitude, love and devotion

Yours



## L10.019

19 - 22  
Letter and envelope from Mai Musta  
23 Ballyronan Rd, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada  
September 26/1983

Dr Paul Brunton,  
c/o Rider & Company,  
3 Fitzroy Square,  
London, W.1  
England

Dear<sup>8</sup> sir,

I first read "A Search in Secret India" about 12 years ago and continued to study most of your books over a period of four years. I feel especially indebted to you for the clarity and benefit I found in "The Hidden Teaching Beyond Yoga" and "The Wisdom of the Overself."

I have continued study with the Bhagavad Gita, the Upanishads and the writings of Adi Sankaracharya with the translations and commentaries of Swami Chinnayananda of Bombay, India. Again I feel that I am very much benefitted but I don't think that I would have heard the message of these books without earlier preparation through your writings.

One of my deep joys is that the study and reflection of the past few years that began with casual reading of "A Search in Secret India" has opened a new door to me to some understanding of the Scriptures and I have found a happy<sup>9</sup> reorientation in my personal values and goals.

I have always wanted to express my gratitude for your work in sharing your thoughts and knowledge, so that even I (i.e.: a housewife with three young children) had access to them.

I hope that this letter will reach you through your publishers.

with love and gratitude,



(I was just rereading "The Inner Reality" and couldn't resist the impulse to write this note ---)

**L10.023**

23 - 24

Envelope from Colin Horscroft  
20 Bedminster Road, Bristol  
14 JNE 1983

Paul Brunton  
c/o Mountainview East,  
696 Sierra Vista Lane,  
Valley Cottage,  
New York 10089  
USA<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Page 21

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<sup>10</sup> "Please Forward" is handwritten at the top of the envelope and "c/o Rider and Company, 3 Fitzroy Square, London, W1" is crossed out by hand.

L10.025

25 - 30

Letter and envelope<sup>11</sup> from Oscar Guimaraes Filho<sup>12</sup>

Juiz de Fora,

July 03, 1981

Mr Paul Brunton  
In care of Rider & Company  
London, England

Dear<sup>13</sup> Sir:

After traversing many experiences, all of them absolutely necessary, and after I have had the opportunity to appreciate the variety of the aspects of the same Truth, I must recognize that by the intermedium of you I have received a special and well defined strength.

The "Inner Reality" may have represented to me, basically, the same meaning that for you it may have signify your own identification under Maharishi.

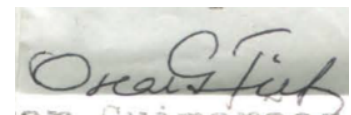
From that time my soul, unconstrained by time or space, has identified itself with yours, and through it, with Master's soul, in a prediction of that I am absolutely sure now will be a permanent state in relation to all the souls and to all the things.

Excuse me for taking a portion of your precious time, but I could not avoid myself the privilege to send to your Heart, this way, the homage of my immense gratitude and of my most reverent veneration.

To express all my mind and my heart want to transmit will be unnecessary at all. Because of this I dare to appeal to the Master of Silence to register only the following:

'What kind of utility do the words when we talk from hearth to hearth?'

I beg you to receive my respectful compliments.



Oscar Guimaraes Filho

Prayer <sup>14</sup>to Maharishi

Master:

Upon You I place my devotion. With the tenderness You taught me to seek.

And this is what I trust.

Because, without knowing you as a human being, I have learned to love You.

And loving you I can anticipate that I will learn to love every soul, every thing.

Without any restrictions.

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<sup>11</sup> "Send form letter" is handwritten on the envelope.

<sup>12</sup> "F" is handwritten in the top right corner.

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<sup>14</sup> Page 29

Your presence, living flame in my soul, is my sweet and gentle hope.  
Bless me! For I could, in all the thing and in all the persons,  
See the Divine Mother.  
As I see and feel Her. In You.

### L10.031

31 - 32

Letter from Josef and Lida  
Marianske Lazne (Marienbad)  
January 31st 1968

Our dear Friend and Teacher,<sup>15</sup>

We duly received your letters of December 30th and January 12th.

We sent you a letter on January 7th. We are glad that everything is in order.

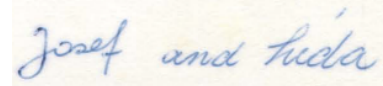
We send you our best remembrances from a short visit at Marianske Lazne.

A summer colour photo from a winter stay. Today everything is covered with the snow.

The inner contact with you brings us the encouragement and the help.

With deep reverence and best {love}

Yours always devoted



P.S. We sent you in November a letter of our good friend and your devoted disciple {Vojtech} Ferdinand.<sup>16</sup>

### L10.033

33 - 34

Letter from Ute Schweiggart and Elfriede Pleier  
Dec, 1969

Dear<sup>17</sup> revered Dr Brunton!

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Always we think to you with all our love and thanks for all what you do.

Whole-heartedly with all good wishes for you



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<sup>15</sup> Page 32

<sup>16</sup> PB wrote "(It was rec'd)" by hand.

<sup>17</sup> Page 34



{So} grusst Sie herzlichst Ihre, {dankbare}

### L10.035

35 - 36

Letter from Ute Schweiggart and E. Pleier

Augsburg

15th. 10. 70

Dear,<sup>18</sup> revered Dr Paul Brunton!

All good wishes to your birthday and thanks to the Overself that you are living here on this earth.

The Overself is taking and giving us so much of goodness, love, pity, wisdom and beauty through you, words cannot say it. There is a deep (through)<sup>19</sup> you and your works deeper and deeper without an end.

My love and reverence to Peter Lassalle and Graf Durckheim, they make my remembrance deeper to you and what you have given to me through the Overself. I or my soul or mind cannot love anything more than you but I hope the Overself will teaching me to give this love to other people further. We thank you very much for all the meetings with you. It was so kindly. Peace be with us all. Gratefully to you and the Overself.

yours

### L10.037

37 - 38

Letter from Josef and Lida<sup>20</sup>

Praha

December 6th 1967

Our<sup>21</sup> dear Friend and Teacher,

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<sup>18</sup> Page 36

<sup>19</sup> "by air?" is written between the lines above "through."

<sup>20</sup> "sent to Grindlays", "Urgent", "Z" and "30 Dec 64" are handwritten at the top of the page.

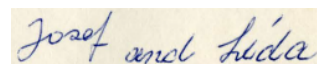
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in these days Tana returned from her trip. From the publisher she received your address. Vasil P. sent her newspaper cutting of the year 1965 with the article dealing with your stay and connections in Tatoi. After her return, before meeting us, she showed the article to her friends. Now the news will spread, we are afraid.

The conditions here are not favourable in this matter, as you know. We believe it is our duty to inform you.

We remember you constantly with love, respect and devotion

Yours



### L10.039

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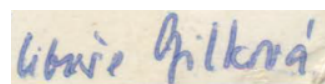
Letter from {Libuse} Gilkna  
Hamam al Alil Iraq  
26th March, 69

Dr Paul Brunton  
Fermo Posta  
Genoa  
(Genova) <sup>22</sup>  
Italy

Dear<sup>23</sup> Sir,

Please, accept my wishes of peaceful and joyous {Easter Feast} and of thanks for your all help.

Your devoted



### L10.041

41 - 42

Letter from Elfriede Pleier, Irene Schmitz, Ute Schweiggart, F. {Doordun} and  
Ravi Durdheim  
27.8.70

Dear<sup>24</sup> Dr Brunton,

From a meditation course with Prof. K. von Durckheim and with some other people who have talks about inner things and wonderful exercises for our {Hara}, we

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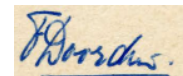
<sup>22</sup> "Genoa, (Genova)" has been crossed out by hand and "Abanoterme Bagni" is handwritten under the address. "England" has been written and crossed out by hand under the address.

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are sending you our greetings - We thank you again for the beautiful hours you gave us.

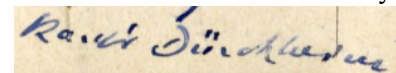
Sincerely yours



Dear Friend -

I am so happy to know that are in {good} health and I so hope to meet you before long.

Yours sincerely



### L10.043

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Envelope from Mrs Renee McAthys Poborak  
Sao Paulo, SP, Brasil  
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Dr Paul Brunton,  
c/o mme. Claire Pierpoint  
Suica  
Switzerland

### L10.045

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Envelope from Fam. P. Teixeira  
2049 Waterloo St. Vancouver, B.C. Canada  
{1981}

Dr Paul Brunton  
S.B.S.  
1820 Montreux 107  
Vaud Switzerland

Dear P.B.<sup>25</sup>,

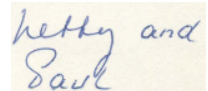
I hope you get the help you need now.

Paul and I are remarried this year. Paul is studying astrology and we work together for four hours daily, we live on vegetable juices and salads and yogurt. Paul studied health food. If you have any physical problems, maybe Paul could help with a good suggestion. I lost a lot of weight and feel much better now. (Paul studied special Dr Walker)

I<sup>26</sup> am concerned sometimes about Angeline, our only daughter, when she has negative feelings and thoughts. She lives in a small town in Holland and her husband is her only friend, and she has a demanding and love {needing} child of nearly two years old.

Will you please help her if possible. I trust in you.

With devotion and love

A small rectangular piece of paper with the handwritten names "Netty and Paul" in blue ink.

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<sup>25</sup> Page 48

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