

Readers' Letters 11 (Notable Persons)

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 1926 and 1963.

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

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Letter from Y.P. Chinnathamby¹

Ramanasramam T.V. Malai

15 - 11 - 52

My Master,

Received your kind letter of the 12th inst. and became extremely happy. As directed by you, I had been to the Sub Registrar in person and got the answer that the book was received and that he was satisfied now. He also told me that it was my mistake to have kept silent about your departure, soon after a few hours the book was got. Then I left his house and met Mr Cohen and had a talk with him showing your letter (to me). There he gave me one letter for you and asked me to send it to you with my letter. Herewith I have enclosed the letter.

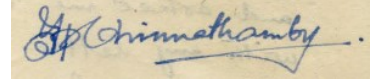
My {loffy} informed that he received m-o. from you and that he was quite happy. As for myself, I am sparing no pains² for Spiritual advancement. From the bottommost

¹ Noted with an underlined letter "C" added by PB himself.

of my heart, my prayers flow for the fulfilment of my sincere desire that I Should be blessed by the All-powerful, with the mental power (in terms of Divinity) to give you full satisfaction in the proper discharge of my duties to you, (My Divine Master.)

I fully believe that God is living in your heart (HIS SEAT) on my behalf in act of inducing you for Strengthening our relationship. Rest in next.

Your most humble disciple,



Ramanasramam. Ro.
Tiruvannamalai

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3 - 4

Letter from Y.P. Chinnathamby

T.V. Malai

4 - 11 - 52

My Master,

From the bottom-most of my heart, having close relationship with the Atman, I am humbly submitting the following few lines for your sympathetic consideration and favourable disposal in order to enable me to rise up courageously and fly high in the spiritual sky, no doubt, by the Grace of the Almighty.

Even from 1930, I have had seeds in me for progress in spiritual path and from then onwards, I have toiled and moiled in the line which all at length have made me to dedicate myself to God in all respects. I gave up my work in worldly ways and took to pranayama exercises in order to effect proper control over the five senses. With mountain-like faith in God, I am Journeying in the path with great hopes that blessings from HIM will sooner or later descend upon me. When I am thus getting on, I am blessed with your company as a result of my past good karmas. In reality, I am fortunate and³ I feel, it is Divine Will that I should be under you, (being helpful in all ways as far as I can do) as your disciple. It is not exaggeration to say that your kindness towards me is genuine even more than of my own father. Really you placed yourself in that situation of a Divine Father; if it is not so, you would have become very angry when I was spending money in my own ways without your permission and without submitting proper accounts. In this connection, I can say this much that some sort of feelings from my heart have developed in me a sense that you are not only my Master but also my Divine Father. This mentality gave me the courage to spend money as I desire thinking that it is not other's property. God knows me and my perseverance in spiritual line and I beg to submit-before you, My Master as well as My Divine Father,

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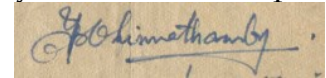
that this knowledge is my real Strength. Therefore I am not a thief though it may appear to the world so. With all my heart and with divine love (existing between father and son when both are in spiritual line) I humbly request you not to study my mentality from the words of ordinary people nor try to do so by means of my external appearances {sometimes} and careless talks. Again, I say, God knows me and my ardent-desire, to fulfil higher ambitions in life. Therefore I am not a mean-minded person though it may appear to the world so. Certainly one cannot study one's mind so well. Yet by duty and by circumstances I am compelled to place myself clearly before you; (my master as well as my divine father.) From the above few sentences, I hope you can form a picture about myself. Rest, I leave to the Almighty God, for He is ALL in ALL.

Change of mind.

Owing to change of climate for the coming 2 months (very cold, outside), I have determined to stay in Tiruvannamalai itself devoting all my time for spiritual progress⁴ sparing no pains, by way of fasting observances and fruit diet. I am not willing to take up my teaching profession now for reasons given above, and so I humbly request you to stimulate one in my perseverances by financial support of {Rs.} 2 of - (Twenty) per month, for these two months only. Things will go on well, for others come to know that I am yet under your support and patronage and that you desire my spiritual progress more than all.

Possessing mountain-like faith in you;

I am your humble disciple,



4-11-52

Pardon me for my ignorant and innocent committings
Submitted in HIS GREAT VISION.

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5 - 6

Letter from Y.P. Chinnathamby⁵
Ramanasramam Tiruvannamalai
15 - 1 - 53

My dear Master,

No letters from you for a long time. I hope you might have read my pc. about a month ago and read it. I was eagerly expecting something from you in view of my extreme poverty at present as a reply to that p.c. But to my great disappointment,

⁴ Page 3

⁵ "OM. TAT. SAT." is handwritten next to "Chinnathamby" by the author.

nothing has been read, up to this date. To tell you the truth, my Master! from the time I parted with you in T.V. Malai I began my tapas (penance) in an advanced grade state giving up all sorts of food varieties and observing fasting only with a cup or two of tea daily. 50 days I have pulled on like this and there remains only skeleton in my body. All believed that I will be off from the world soon. From this day 8 days {back}, I was attacked very seriously by biliousness and was taken to hospital by the help of some gentlemen. For about 5 days I was not in my own mood; complete change effected both in body and mind. I felt that I should live for doing good to others, selfishness being burnt once for all. My master, now I have to pick up my lost health, not a pie in hand. Financially my sufferings knew no bounds. I have to take food for some time including tonics because only skeleton is seen in my body now for God's sake, I humbly request you to realize my situation on behalf of my ardent desire to fulfil higher ambitions in life and do me some financial help. With great hopes that you will be now at least pleased to focus your attention a little on my behalf without delay. Pardon me for all.

ardon me for all
@p@himatham by

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7 - 8

Letter from K. Subramanian⁶

Sri Ramanasramam

13 - 11 - 52

Sir,

I heard that you had to leave us rather suddenly. I wanted to inform you the following facts conveniently and now I write them.

I agree with your suggestion that I should not leave Asramam and my heart is also advising me the same. But you know that I have to support my wife and two children. Let alone our living, I have to educate and bring up the children. I have to pray for it.

I fully believed that you will live here and be a sort of help to me. Now {God} has willed otherwise I shall Thank you to speak to a few friends of yours, and get me the means for my children's education.

I know that you are a staunch devotee of Shri Bhagavan and hence I confide this to you. I have already told you some things and I can never forget you. Hope this will find you in good health.

your own.

K. Subramanian.

⁶ Noted with a letter "S" added by PB himself.

P.S. Mr A {Chardwick} and Mr {Cobburne} have come here.

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9 - 10

Letter from K. Subramanian⁷

Sri Ramanasramam

31 - 1 - 53

Sir,

I hope this letter will find you in good health. I would like to inform you that on 29.1.53 night 11.30PM Sri Niranjanananda Swami expired.

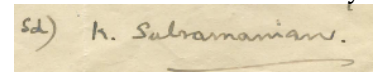
In this connection I would take the opportunity to inform you that on 19.10.53 Sri Niranjanananda Swami under influence from his advisers, forbade my taking food in the Asramam, and since then I am taking food at home or going to Asramam as usual.

Having served Sri Bagavan and Asramam so long, I do not know what to do now.

Myself and wife have two children to be brought up or educated and I do not {know}⁸ how God is going to enable me to do my duty to them.

Can I depend on you to help me a little or use your influence on some of your friends to enable me to educate and bring up our children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in ink on a piece of paper. The signature reads "Sd) K. Subramanian." with a flourish underneath.

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11 - 12

Letter from PB to Mr. K. Subramanyam⁹

Tiruvannamalai, North Arcot District, India¹⁰

September 14, 1954

Box 34, Cooper Station
New York 3, U.S.A.¹¹

My dear Subramanyam,

⁷ Noted with an underlined letter "S" added by PB himself.

⁸ Added for readability.

⁹ Also spelled "Subramanian."

¹⁰ Underlined letter "C" added by hand in upper right.

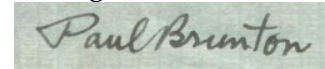
¹¹ PB's return address included in letter at top left.

I have been travelling across the United States and sorry but until now have not been able to attend to correspondence. I am not sure this address will still reach you and did not want to send money until I had a safe address.

Send me an address where you can be reached now and I will send you money by return air mail, also refund the cost of your two air letters to me.

I am very sorry that this delay happened but the difficulties of the correspondence are enormous for me when travelling.

With affectionate regards and Peace,



September 14, 1954

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13 - 14

Letter from Dr M.R. Krishnamurthi
Tiruvannamalai
31st August 56

Dear Mr Paul Brunton,

It is long since we hold any Correspondence. Today being my birthday, I have decided to break the spell with a business letter to you. Hope you have since now been restored to normal health. Try to take milk in plenty in consultation with your medical advisers as in my opinion it will cool your brain and give enough strength to your nerves. If milk is objectionable, take large quantities of {Sanatogen}. As you are a vegetarian and as even egg is excluded from your diet, please take Multivitamin Tablets (Concentrate) to keep your strength and vitality intact.

My 2nd son T. Natarajan who was working as a medical representative for 2 years in I.C.B. {I. ltd} Bangalore was obliged to resign it as the terms were bad. He is a brilliant fellow, he has toured the {nook} and Corner of South India and is an expert astro-palmist giving astounding predictions. As per his calculations he says, he will enter only the C-I Department. One to my absorption at the feet of Sri Bagavan I could not give him the benefit of a College education. He is only a {raw} matriculate - S.S.L.C. with a good knowledge of English Typewriting and book-keeping. Hence I would be glad to have a certificate from you in following form for my boy.

R. Natarajan son of Dr M.R. Krishnamurthi, a friend of mine of long standing and a staunch devotee of Sri Bagavan Ramana Maharshi is well-known to¹² me since his boyhood. He is smart and intelligent and has toured the nook and corner of South India as a medical representative. He comes of high family, his character and conduct being exemplary. He is an expert astro-palmist and I have no hesitation in recommending him to the Criminal Investigation Department where he will prove

remarkably successful. If you happen to know any one - any high official in the Court of (Central) India. I would be highly thankful if you could write to him personally to give a footing to my boy. Do as you deem fit but please send one certificate as mentioned above and oblige.

You might have seen 'Talks with Maharshi' 1 and 2 volume publications by our beloved professor Venkataramyar. No doubt it is good but I am Constrained to say that the same publications would have been more inspiring, more illuminating and charming if only it had come from your divine masterly pen. It was not to be so God's will!

With kind regards,
yours {atty}



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15 - 16

Letter from K. Subramanyam¹³

Tiruvannamalai

13 Sept 54

Dear Respected Dr Brunton,

I am deeply indebted to you for the kind and loving enquiring you made of me in your letter to Mr Chinnathambi. I consider this as a sign of Sri Bhagavan's Grace, a ray of hope for me during the immediate future.

I earnestly hope and pray that you are in your best health. Here, I am now a much reduced man, - I had to undergo severe-bodily strain. But my general health is not bad. My son and daughter are also doing well. Owing to the summer heat, my wife's health is indifferent. Our real misery is the poor nourishment I could {eak} out for the family.

When you were here last, I thought you would be continuing to stay for a pretty good time. It is Sri Bhagavan's inner presence that always drew you here and it is He that binds us in mutual love and regard. On the foundation of this inner mutual understanding, I do cherish the hope that you will one day play an important part in the future development of the Ashram. I shall therefore always be happy {to}¹⁴ know that you would be coming here soon. May Sri Bhagavan's Grace bring you here early! At present the Ashram affairs are bad indeed. Devotees who have served Sri Bhagavan and the institution for years together are now outside the Ashram. Among these are Sri Krisnaswamy (who served and attended on Sri Bhagavan for over 15 years) Ravgaswamy (15 years) Shivanandan (12 years) myself (over 30 years) Monnaswamy

¹³ Noted with a circled "S" by PB himself.

¹⁴ Added for readability.

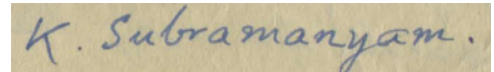
{14} years) and some others like Anjaneyalu and Vankata Ratnam who served Him for 5 years or more. The day-to-day management of the Ashram is in the hands of the only son of Niranjanananda Swamy, we call him VENKITTU, a consummate scoundrel, before whom Iago will find himself a play boy.

Venkittu has no sort of spiritual aspiration, nor has he any education worth the name. He has no cultural development at all in his life. He is about 40 and has 7 children. He has misappropriated huge sums of money belonging to the institution. Of Sri Bhagavan's teaching, he knows next to nothing. His interest consists exclusively in grabbing money for himself and his family and for harming others who seek to lead an honest life outside the Ashram. Even as a boy Venkittu received a lot of help from me, but now he laughs at my poor life. I therefore turn to you who is physically far away, than to Venkittu who¹⁵ is always here and would do anything to harm the interests of the old devotees of Sri Bhagavan. Under these circumstances I beg of you that you may render me and my family some substantial financial help for which we shall always be grateful to you.

In the near future. The Madras {illegible} may take up the management of the Temple of Sri {Maton bhuto nara} and make a demand for the assets dedicated by the Sage to the Idols.

There is one more important news for one to convey to you - namely - Monna Swamy, who was responsible for the latter day growth of the Ashram and also for the {illegible} proceedings re: the temple, - has been on a fast since the 3rd of March. He has built for himself an Ashram or Cottage just opposite Sri Ramanasramana. As far as I can gather, he proposes to continue the {fast}, notwithstanding the danger to his life, till the Ashram management actually accrues to the benefit of those who served the Sage the best part of that life. When that comes about, I would get some relief.

I am therefore now awaiting your kind financial help. Please do render it in the name of Sri Bhagavan!



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17 - 18

Letter¹⁶ from Y.P. Chinnathamby¹⁷
Tiruvannamalai S. India c/o Venkatajalam
17 Mar 1954¹⁸

Mr Paul Brunton
Box 34, Cooper Station

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¹⁶ "Om Tat Sat" at top of page.

¹⁷ Noted with a circled letter "C" in a different hand.

¹⁸ Year is from Postmark.

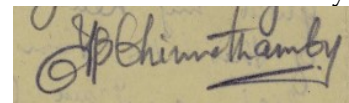
New York 3, USA

My dear Master,

Received your letter dated, 10-3-1954 and noted the contents. I feel in myself that it is only God, the Almighty, that is dwelling in your mind on my behalf and inducing you to write me. It is more than a year that I had written to you and it is only by God's Grace that I am receiving a reply now from you, my Master and Divine father. I feel very happy for you have recovered from illness and prove active and with all my heart I am praying to God on your behalf. It is only the Almighty, All-knowing Great Power that has made our relationship to become Divine and made you to write to me now even after a year I posted a letter. I was under the impression that you had completely forgotten me. I wrongly thought so, for now only, I understand the truth. As you have ordered, I have given my new address at the top of this letter from the time you left me, I am living in T.V. Malai only devoting all my attention for Spiritual Progress. I am sparing no pains for advancement in the path of Self Realisation. Really, I am toiling and moiling day and night to bring the five senses under {proper} control and conquer them at length. I hope God's blessings will soon descend. My master; financially I am much depressed and suffering greatly. As I have already requested I hope you will be pleased to help me now. May God unite us in terms of Divinity. Expecting reply eagerly.

Other¹⁹ Particulars about my life, I shall furnish you {after} receipt from you happily. I have mountain-like faith in you.

Yours obediently



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19 - 20

Letter from M. Williamson

Paris, France

19th, Dec, 1949

Dear Paul,

I want to inform you that I received from one of my student an "Egyptian Necklace," which there is not two like it made to any one. Even you can investigate in any of the Art Museum; in any country of the world; after having a look of what I have now in my position. It has been made for the most beautiful Queen that existed "660" years before Jesus!!! And who at that time had the greatest spiritual awakening and wore this Necklace made of Twenty Four Scarabie, that existed at that period of all the

different shades of stone, forming the finest piece of Art and hand work, which you or any one has never witness or have seen from that period of time. (Six hundred and sixty years; before Jesus coming in Human Form on this Earth:) This Necklace has something to do with my life: "Whom you know as (Ra-Mak-Hotep): and so this Necklace had to return back to me after passing through the many Hands, who were {worthy}²⁰ to have the privilege to see it but could not keep it. Until it returned back to me to whom it is concerned.

The History of this Necklace I shall give you all the necessary requirement desired of me. And at what time and period this Queen Sarcophagus were discovered and opened, and what has it to do with me "RA-MAK-HOTEP," If you can only come to Europe "to the secret corner which I dwell," I shall further your knowledge with greater Wisdom.

Whilst you are still in New York, kindly investigate in the selection of Egyptian Art and Objects. If there is any Necklace that has been discovered by any Geologist??? Made of Scarabae, mounted in Gold, with the face of a Dog and the Body of a Human being, closing the Locket to the Necklace, which represent "the guardian of the Necklace" Protecting the Queen in her Repose, with the freshness of Youth which have never faded and the most beautiful Queen, that ever existed from that period on to the present date. (Her Name shall be given from mouth to ear; when you can come to see me.) And then you may "Give that which has been kept Secret be KNOWN, And that which has been hidden be Brought to Light; And that which is Unknown be REVEALED." Permission to you as a LIGHT bearer.

"And SO LET it BE,"

A handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive, stylized script and reads "Ra-Mak-Hotep".

(RA-MAK-HOTEP)

"The Light bearer of PEACE"

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21 - 22

Letter from Murshid Williamson
32 Rue Perignon, Paris, (XV^{arr}). France
7th, December, 1949

Dear Paul,

This may be a surprise to you. As I could not reach you on the Material plane, I take this opportunity in dropping you these lines, in which you will understand without explanation.

First, I must tell you that, do your best not to be tempted so far as to loose your balance in matters that may delay your illumination, and Spiritual progress. For much

²⁰ "wordy" in the original.

is expected of you from others, whom are in stillness and patience waiting for future illumination from you, in the invisible manner you present your message as an Author. The more you can furnish the world with the Knowledge and illumination you possess through writing, the help you give to others, is a Blessing coming to you in disguise for your Spiritual growth.

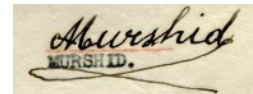
If you wish me to give you some help in making out a diet for you that will foster your Physical and Mental strength for Concentration to carry on your work without much tiredness. (Command me at your service.) I am here to serve, and the JOY I get in serving keeps me ACTIVE outwardly with the Inner-Plane.

Remember that Criticism, are lessons in disguise to help us on whatever plane of life, to see our faults and correct our weakness. It can also help us to fathom the depth of Intelligence. "In the way they present their Criticism." (The wise respect judging the poor in Knowledge, and gives to him the Blessings of a Spiritual serenity together with Silence.) "To LOVE is to RESPECT, to Give should be a JOY, To Serve is to be Honoured as ONE that chosen to do so.

To Fear, is limiting oneself to the Infinite Source of supply. To BE HUMBLE, is to FEEL the INFINITE Presence on whatever Plane of LIFE. To WISH You a happy CHRISTMAS, is like unto a running stream changing its PURE-NESS of its natural Colour into many Colours. But in giving my INNER-PEACE to YOU, (in the place of WISHING). Is bringing you back to the CHRIST-Saying: Peace on Earth and Good will Unto all Men.

And may the "NEW-YEAR" Be another DAY of RESURRECTION, Inspiring YOU with more Knowledge and Wisdom. That you may be able to GIVE more of YOUR-SELF to others (as that CUP of JOY which never runs DRY.)

"AND MAY IT BE SO AS EVER"



L11.023

23 - 24

Letter from Murshid Williamson²¹
32 Rue Perignon, Paris; (XV^{er})
April 13th, 1949

Mr Paul Brunton
Box 34, Cooper station
New York 3, NY
USA

Dear Paul,

²¹ "Williamson" added in a different hand.

Received Your letter dated March 13th and the Sum of Six thousand Francs, which you have mentioned in your letter as a gift to help my expenses. This Sum has been paid to me on March 26th, through a Bank, very little known to me the many years I have been in Paris: Of Course they carry on quite a Large International and Commercial Business; with a large service of employees in a Huge and Magnific Building: Address, --66--Rue de La Victoire; Paris, (9er).

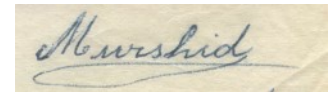
I had a letter from Mr Maune Nordberg; Telling me that his visit to Paris, for Xmas and New Year has brought him a Deeper Understanding of many things, clearer in his Mind. Also a Blessing in disguise, for since he has returned he has been elected "President of the Buddhist Society at Helsinki, Finland:" (This is His Address if you wish to have it?) Mr Maune Nordberg; Mariankatu; --17 A. Helsinki, Finland:

Also had a letter from Madame Cajzoran Ali, from Miami Florida: Saying she is in much better Health and are looking forward of our meeting again in the near future; I have given her your P.O. BOX, Address in New York City; You probably may hear from her in the near future, if you are still in the U.S.A.?

The Ticket I had received from the Steamship Line or Holland American Line, Place de L'Opera No. - I, Paris, Has been returned to them on March 26th, and have demanded of them a receipt for same. Which I am forwarding to you enclosed with this letter By Air Mail. Hoping you will safely receive it, as a proof to your credit.

With deep Appreciation, I wish to thank You for your KIND and Thoughtful Help. Hoping your Blessings will increase not only Financially, But in the Way the Infinite see fit in the Loving MANNER you SERVE others in (HIS NAME.)

Receive from me My INNER-PEACE; When Ye are there I am there also; (In STILLNESS - AND - SILENCE, I AWAIT THEE):



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25 - 26

Letter from Allastair Wallace
19 Sprott Road Kohimarama²²
25/8/63²³

Dr Paul Brunton
CPO Box 2583
Auckland

Dear Dr Brunton

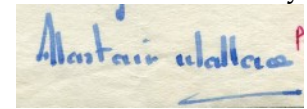
Our GH {Sorer} Ann {Davies} has expressed a wish to meet you and has a personal message for you from GH {Sorer} Harriet {Caae}.

²² "private res 19 Sprott Road Kohimarama 3 30 Tues" added by PB himself next to signature.

²³ "3/30 Thursday" added in a different hand.

Would you be kind enough to ring 585710 in the evening so that this can be discussed

Yours fraternally



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27 - 28

Handwritten note from M.

Undated

Anyway you are now in a position where you can meet people of power and interest and the forces which protect them will protect you also.



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29 - 32

Letter from M. to Raphael²⁴

'Clouds' Telscombe Road, Peacehaven Sussex, England²⁵

January 25, 1931

Dear Raphael;

Your welcome letter of Dec. 3rd., was read with great interest. I was right in that I was able to see - and told Aileen - regarding money and trouble with someone.

We have been living very quietly here at Peacehaven and I have done a great deal on my book. It is something for the Western world and scientific as well adapted for the Yoga of western bodies. It contains some new discoveries for serious students. The Great Atlantian-the Teacher of my Master has given me help and has opened a new door for me to explore.

The work is for our Western area and the 'Atlantian' and my Master are now in America living in the mountains in California.

America has a great future in store for The Atlantian has been for a long time bringing into America bodies which have a singular type of Atom in them which will respond when the time arrives for this new manifestation. They have with them the Brother's Teraphin - a relic of Atlantian days and it has the Nous Atom of a Brother in its substance who is related to me.

²⁴ Raphael is PB.

²⁵ A handwritten letter T and a small triangle noted in upper right corner.

This is to be given to me, as its instruction is needed and one can get its vibration at times.

Starr seemed very much upset when he heard that you had gone to India. I wonder if he has not been wrong in what he has told me about His Holiness M.B. - that is regarding instruction for I do not think that he knows the first principal of Yoga practice if it is of M.B.'s teaching it is not of the type of Instruction fitted²⁶ for the Western minds, for no Master would give out the teaching which Starr impressed me to think was that of M.B.

This is confidential. Margaret seems to be the strength of his retreat. The Editor of the O.R. has written that he has fallen out of the good graces of Starr - it is so foolish to quarrel about who should hold the Cup.

I was told about M.B. 18 - 20 years ago after the Head of the Bahai cult - Sir Abdul Baha Abbas el Bahai visited me here in London -- and shown a clear vision of a young man about 18 years of age and told many things about him. Is it not strange that you are to be with him? If he has any messages for me as Starr said he had, I would like to know what it is? The trip to Combe Martin was not very fertile as you know.

Michael came down here for Christmas and did not bring a good atmosphere to the place. He wished us to ask the Girl but we told him that we did not possess a bed or bedding for a fourth person and that we were not in a position to entertain - being out of work and no income coming in. He seemed so obsessed with his love affair that he could talk of nothing else - Poor fellow - and after his return wrote to us that the contact had been broken off and that we were responsible - for we did not invite Cynthia down here - in order to break the parental influence.

Much as we love him we think a little hard work would give him some knowledge of life and the character of people who work. We did everything to make him comfortable and happy but he would argue and it made us very desperate at times.

His personality puts people off and when Cynthia was here with her parents - they lived near us - they were very kind to Michael - but²⁷ Michael would sit beside the Girl and push his body against her so that she asked him to stop - such things embarrassed us and the girl - we do not mind what takes place behind closed doors - but anyone objects to love making in the open - it is not done here in England by people of Cynthia's class. I have often given him advice of this kind but he seems to know better - in fact he will not listen to this type of advice. At this time when he would constantly shove his body against her he had only known the Girl for three days, and it embarrassed her very much.

He thinks that happiness will come from sex satisfaction and marriage and that he should have it in order to do any creative work. I told him to get a job and not run about talking to half-wits in bookshops - the people he usually finds idle there.

You will think me perhaps very hard on Michael but he will not work - is lazy and idle and it is time that he should work and associate with men who work hard and

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put their minds upon the thing that they are doing and not run about talking about their souls.

You have influence with him and perhaps you could give him advice about work. You may think this very unkind to speak about Michael -- but he must pull up his socks and do some work, and make his future. (Confidential)

Let me know if I can help you in any way.

With Love from us both,
Faithfully,
M.

P.S. Letter from Star today and he says that M.B. only saw you for a few minutes and sent you away to work for him for two months, saying he would help you, if he was satisfied with the way you did your work. I shall keep this letter for you may like to read it someday. Evidently he has someone who keeps him²⁸ informed what is going on in the Centre. I wonder what S. has written about you and myself? - to M.B.

Can you find out if there is anything in being born on the evening of the feast of lights. Aileen was born that time at eight o'clock in India -- The Feast of Lights is when little boats are set adrift with candles in them and allowed to drift down the stream.

A letter came from Michael this morning he is in a better mood.

I am afraid that Starr has tried to dish us with M.B. I should really like to know what is Starr's standing with M.B.

It is strange that The Great Atlantian and my Master have not said anything to me about M.B. since the time mentioned in this letter.

Please find out what was the message that Starr said he had for me from M.B. when he sent for me to take that long trip last Xmas. If there was a message for me I did not receive any other than the contact thru S. The letters which I have received from S. I will keep for they are very bitter towards you and you know that I have told him what I thought of you and that seemed to put the fat on the fire. I said that you were honest and wished to find out things for yourself - that you were similar to a reporter after the truth and that there were other Masters in India. That I respected you and believed in your sincerity and your future success.

Kindly remember me to Mr. Fletcher - I think that he will like yourself go to America in the future for he would feel at home there and his costume would make him attractive to the ladies.

Love from us both,
Faithfully,
M.

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Letter from Sir Charles Higham to Raphael²⁹
Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2.
Friday November 23rd 1928

{My dear Raphael Hurst,}³⁰

I have no objection to your doing what you suggest and helping in any way I can, but I would like to see the article before you put it in because, in a year, one often gets some new ideas (if one doesn't, one should) I may be able to add to your article.

Yours very truly,

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Dictated and read by C.F.H.

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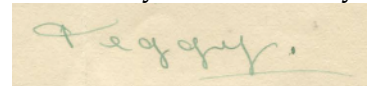
Letter from Peggy
The Sanctuary, Christchurch Road, East Sheen, S.W.14
20/12/37

My Dear Paul,

I've tried several times to get you on the phone, and couldn't.³¹ I have 2 very spiritual young men, who would very much like to sit in for men's class, their names are Mr Smithers and Mr Yark. I've told Mr Smithers to phone you on Thursday morning at 11 am and you will do the rest, I will tell Mr Yark to phone at 11am another morning during the week day time.

We too enjoyed the happy reunion, you can't find words to explain a great friendship, so we will leave it at that. We thought of you several times during the weekend, we shall be close to you this X'Mas Tide. Bless you.

Yours very affectionately,

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P.S. This needs no reply.

²⁹ "Raphael" is referring to PB here.

³⁰ "My dear Raphael Hurst" has been rubbed out.

³¹ "failed because at Rye" is handwritten in the right margin in a different hand.

Letter from Sudhir Ranjan Bhadury
248 Agasta Kunda, Bhriku Karyala, Benares
27.2.31

Dear Brother,

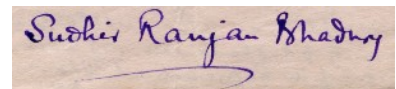
I am much glad to receive your letter, and I hope to have your next letter in which you will write "I am well." I am anxious about your health. May God keep you in good health in Europe.

I must thank you for your anxiety about me during the riots. I am proud about your brotherly affection. By the mercy of the Almighty no troubles came to us but we were much panic stricken and even now both Hindus and Mahomedans are not exempted of fear. We had not slept for several nights.

Settling in England I expect you will be able to practice the Yoga process (Brahma Chinta).

I am translating the 'Brahma Chinta' daily, of course I am progressing very little as I have many other works to do. I am also sorting and making sketches of the Vrigu Samhita.

"Blessed be the name of the Only Preceptor The Almighty, The Creator, Blessed be the name of the Only Preceptor The Almighty, The Preserver, Blessed be the name of the only Preceptor The Almighty, The destroyer, Blessed be the name of the only Supreme Soul the only Preceptor to Whom we adore."



(1)³² In every action try to think that you are worshipping God with that deed (as if with flowers, ie your deeds are to be considered as flowers for the worship of God.)

(2) As God is Omnipotent try to think of God in every being in everything such as Oh, Lord you are even in this oak or Holy tree etc, bow to thee etc.

(3) Try to remember God in every action thrice in the beginning in the middle and in the end such as speaking to a friend (take the name of God) in the beginning, in the middle and in the end, of course you shall not have to utter but remember this process only should be done at first in the night during supper or any other work lasting not more than five minutes daily, should you practice it for several hours you shall not be able to lead a Home life for it may turn you a saint very quickly.

(4) In happy days try to enjoy it as a blessing of God and in troubles try to think that it is very much like a medicine to heal your inner disease (Karma Sutra.)

(5) Try to love God as your most dearest relative as your most inner self, as your soul even better than your own self, fear Him not as He is all merciful.

(6) Pray to God in every good or bad deeds.

- (7) Be as simple as a child.
(8) Believe in God and be sincere.
(9) Whenever you do some good deed be proud of the Supreme Soul Who Hath given you the power to do it.
(10) Confess to the Lord all sins.
(11) Try to love everyone as your own self.

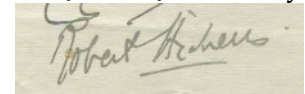
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Letter from Robert Hichens³³
Cairo³⁴
Thursday

My dear Brunton,

Could you come stay with me on Saturday here at 4.30? I should like to make {you known} to two great friends, Mr and Madame {Paranani}.

{Yours} Sincerely



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Letter from Alice Bailey³⁵
11 West 42nd Street, Thirty-Second Floor, New York
May 19, 1938

My dear Paul,

Here are the letters of introduction that I promised you; use them or not, just as you feel inclined. None of them, however, will be waste of your time if you should feel so inclined.

It was a great joy to Foster and me to be in touch with you again and I shall look forward to seeing you or hearing from you when we get back here about September 1st.

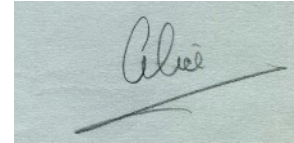
Take care of yourself and really rest and relax during the summer. There is much to be done today by the disciples of the world and you are badly needed.

With love from both of us,
Affectionately yours,

³³ "H" and a small triangle are written by a different hand in the top right corner of the page.

³⁴ "Giza 410 phone set 96 first" is handwritten by PB himself at the top of the page.

³⁵ "Alice Bailey" is written in top right corner in a different hand.



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Letter from Robert A. Millikan
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena
November 2, 1938

Mr Paul Brunton
8340 De Longpre Avenue
Los Angeles

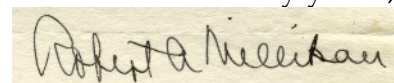
Dear Mr Brunton:

I am writing to thank you for sending me the essay contained in your letter, and for the opportunity of seeing the way you handle the problem.

With reference to the quotation you make from me on page 9, although it is true that according to the Einstein equation matter and all radiant energy - of which light is a particular case - are interconvertible, and we know individual experiments in which a photon of radiant energy is transformed in toto into a pair of electrons - that is into "matter" - and vice versa, yet I should not want to be quoted as asserting that "this entire material world has been condensed out of light." I do not think, however, any damage has been done by the way you quoted me in your address to a small private audience.

I am returning your essay herewith, with many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

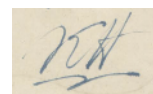


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Letter from KH
Undated

With my Highest Blessings to Paul Brunton



Letter from Dorothy Webb
Sydney, Australia
11th Aug. 1947

Mr Paul Brunton

Dear Sir,

I have just read your book "Discover Yourself," and although I found it very interesting I did not find the all-important thing I was looking for only that you had attempted to rid your mind permanently of the ego. You regard the ego as being an indispensable part of the human consciousness but I have proved the truth of the contention of one psychologist that it is a false self, the one great illusion we have to recognise and eliminate. When this year I read a book entitled "World without frontiers" by Richard Weiss I found the answer to all my fruitless searching. I had for some years been able to enter the yoga state at will. I learned it by intuition and it was not at all difficult so I must have practiced it in former lives. As soon as I read of the method in this book I put it to the test. I entered into a deep intense state of concentration banishing thought. I then concentrated on this ego in the mind and I mentally said to it coldly and impartially "you are afraid." I did not tell it to go. I faced it with the truth. I held this for perhaps a minute and then relaxed, nothing happened immediately³⁶ so I got up and took a few steps, when suddenly a complete heavy inner body fell away from me and I felt indescribably light and detached like some ethereal being. Next I was aware that my mind was changing. I could almost see the picture of that perfect mechanism switching from dual control to a single unit. I had to gather all my courage then to keep my bearings, but later I went to bed and slept soundly. The next day I saw a different world, a far more beautiful one for I saw it in a new dimension, and for the first time in my life I felt "at home" in it. That is, I felt I was in an invisible company of love and goodwill. The thing which had conditioned my sight and my thinking had gone forever. The immortal friend within was not found in the yoga state but revealed Itself suddenly as a divine and beautiful river flowing through the heart. In the month since my mind has become more and more detached from my physical self and I have no doubt this freeing process will go on. I have from time to time had to suffer nerve pains in the head and neck. Unknown friend, if this new discovery had not come to your notice, please {reflect} on this and don't be deceived by its simplicity.³⁷ I do not write to you across the world to tell you a fairy tale. I lost a very substantial body. What it was I do not know, but I know that those who have not slain their ego with the objective truth are still hampered by that body, they still live in a three-dimensional world. If they identify themselves with the divine and try to ignore the ego they are using their imagination to change the pattern of the mind by imposing

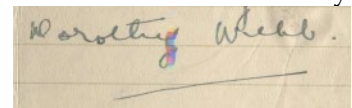
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another condition on it. But when the ego goes into a blaze of pure energy there is a new unconditioned mind. It has the simplicity and attractive quality of a child plus all the wisdom one has been able to gather during life. But there is all the repressed energy to be released and dispersed and we learn the marvellous manner in which the life force deals with this problem. We can trust to this kind thing which has always run our bodies even under the handicap of a personal ego. There is no doubt in my mind that this step up in evolution has been the unconscious goal of all the mystical practices of the centuries. The mystics of the past thought they attained Truth and they were right. But as the³⁸ mind of man evolves a new Truth reveals itself to his widening gaze. So that in this way we might say that Reality itself evolves.

I have not given my address because I do not want a reply. I hope this letter reaches you and that it may prove useful.

Yours sincerely



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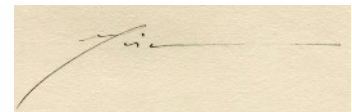
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Letter from The Mother
Pondicherry, India
Undated

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No. 1604

To Paul Brunton



autograph of THE MOTHER, Pondicherry, India

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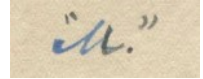
Letter³⁹ from "M."
Calcutta
5th January 1930

Sri Sri Rama Krishna

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³⁹ 'M.' = Mahasaya as noted by PB himself in note below.

Presented
with loving greetings from



Given me by the Master 'M.' = Mahasaya, M.N. Gupta recorder of "The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna and direct disciple of Ramakrishna"⁴⁰

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Three Conceptions of the World⁴¹ written by {'The Mother' Pondicherry}⁴²

Undated

1) (Buddhist and Shankara)

The world is an illusion, a field of ignorance and suffering due to ignorance. The one thing to do is to get out of it as soon as possible and to disappear into the original Non-Existence or Non-Manifestation.

2) (The Vedantic as very commonly understood.)

The world is essentially divine, for the Divine is omnipresent there. But its exterior expression is distorted, obscured, ignorant, perverted. The one thing to do is to become conscious of the inner Divine and remain fixed in that inner consciousness without troubling about the world; for the external world cannot change and will always be in its natural state of unconsciousness and ignorance.

3) The world as it is is not the divine creation it is meant to be but an obscure and perverted expression - it is not the expression of the divine Consciousness and Will - but that is what it is meant⁴³ to become; it has been created to develop into a perfect manifestation of the Divine under all His forms and aspects - Light and Knowledge, Power, Love, Beauty.

This is our conception of it and the aim we follow.

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Letter⁴⁴ from A. Bose
Bangalore City

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⁴¹ "R" and "copied" are handwritten in the top right corner of the page.

⁴² "Written by 'The Mother' Pondicherry" is handwritten by PB himself in the top left corner of the page.

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⁴⁴ Possibly an incomplete letter as no signature is present.

2nd April 46

My dear Dr Brunton,

I hope you have received my telegram sent from Tiruvannamalai on 29th March 46 to your hotel address at Cochin, reading as under:

“Bhagavan’s Blessings. Wishing bon voyage.” Bose.⁴⁵

Your letter was brought to me by Mr Harper just an hour before I was starting to Tiruvannamalai and so I was made an instrument to carry the message of your departure to the Maharishi. I showed your letter to Him which He read through. I told Him that I was sending you such a telegram and He graciously said: “Yes, yes, do so.”⁴⁶

We,⁴⁷ the devotees have decided to celebrate Shree Bhagavan’s Golden Jubilee in September 1946 and intend bringing out a fairly big illustrated volume as a golden Jubilee Souvenir. This volume will contain a life history of Sree Bhagavan with photographs at different ages and a number of articles from all his devotees, admirers and philosophers. We have requested Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Krishna Prem, Dr M.H. Syed and others. It is not necessary to write to you as to value and usefulness of such a compilation to the world at large. It⁴⁸ is my sincere wish that an article from your pen should be contributed to this souvenir, as one who has devoted most of his life time and is still after spiritual knowledge and realisation of a higher life. I request you to write an article of two to three thousand words, or of any other length you may choose on Sree Bhagavan’s philosophy for publication in this Souvenir. I am making this request knowing fully well your deep regard and high respect for the Maharishi, which you have also expressed in your letter. I have no doubt that you will consent to write an article, as one who has understood His teachings and philosophy, in spite of the difference in the past or which you may still have now with the Ashram management. I hope you will find time to write this article, knowing as I do, how busy you would be in America, reaching there, after a lapse of six and odd years. Please write to me as to when I may expect the article, or you may give it to me when I meet you in America.

Other people might have misunderstood you, but I have not so far had any reason to question your fidelity towards Maharishi.

I hope you are in the midst of your friends and admirers and will feel much better after spending such a long time in this tropical climate. I don’t think that Mr Harper could go with you by the same boat.⁴⁹

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⁴⁶ “//” handwritten at the end of this paragraph.

⁴⁷ “0” is handwritten in the left margin before this paragraph.

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⁴⁹ This is the end of the letter as we have it; no signature is present.

Letter from Robert Krig
108 South Hill Park, London N.W.3.
4.12.36

My dear Paul Brunton,

At the moment you are under a series of adverse influences of an inner order, which will be in operation (until September of 1937,) during which period, Karma will tend to press heavy and hard upon you. It seems, as if you were finishing a cycle of Hate, and that out of the inner turmoil, a set of entirely new conditions, is being born, which will have their reactions in the West, rather than in the East, (but for the moment, the indications, {favour} your staying in the East until the early fall of next year when a western {trek} is foreshadowed.)

California or Los Angeles appear to be the direction in which you will travel, but I feel that it will be wise, not to tie yourself too rigidly in any one spot, as a certain freedom of movement should be provided for. A good deal of publicity must be allowed for, no matter where you go, and distasteful, as this will be personally, it will have to be endured, at least for a little while.

The outlook in the marriage field is not very bright, as notwithstanding your friendly nature, you have a lonely path to tread, also apart from intense sex urges, intermittent in their expression, your sex side as such is not a factor of great strength. What is powerful is⁵⁰ your love ({illegible}) nature, which seeks to share, and also to be at one with the object of the affection on all planes. This condition however is not often found in ordinary marriage, hence I think that your union was a Karmic one, the paying of a debt, hence the partner will, I fear, be of little real help to you or your work.

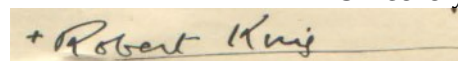
You have much work yet to do, and like all who are chosen for this task you will have the {burden} of inner loneliness, but believe me, and in this matter I speak from personal experience, it will be worth it, so hold on dear lad and go persistently and compassionately onward. There is a large field to be delved in the esoteric love side of Christianity, which later you may be used to expound to the helping of innumerable souls, your horoscope indicating a peculiar power of being used in this connection, if you (the person) so will. For a while, you will have to play the part of a "leaning post" to many, its a part of you job, however distasteful it may be personally, I feel that you will do it and all will be well.

I have no flair for writing, so have published nothing, my forte seems to be by personal contact, (a relic of my Egyptian priest incarnations), and lecturing. Karma fixes me in London, much as I desire to travel to Egypt so R.K squats here, and carries on. Your book "Secret Path" is one that is of very great service in a special way to many people, also the others have done much good. Those who are behind you, have yet much to give, through you, when the time is ripe.

May Love, Wisdom and Strength abide with you this Christmastide is the earnest
wish of yours

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Sincerely



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Letter from Meurig Morris⁵¹

Bedruthan Steps Hotel, St. Columb Minor, Cornwall⁵²

August 22nd 1936

Dear Mr Paul Brunton,

Please forgive the delay in answering your very welcome and interesting letter. Domestic worries coupled with my many meetings have given me little time for anything. We closed down on classes for the month of August and as I am none too well shall not commence again until we do so at the Wigmore Hall on September 27th {for} classes will also be held at Lancaster Gate as well as Hampstead⁵³ for we find the latter a little out of the way for people who live outside of London.

I am very pleased at the way the work is progressing considering we do not touch the psychic side at all.

Mrs Beech came to see me a month or so ago. I think she is doing a good work to it⁵⁴ must sooner or later permeate the Spiritualist Societies who will eventually tire of the phenomena.

How I envy you being with the masters. It must be so refreshing⁵⁵ mentally to meet those who know and have experience. Your work is greatly needed in these Western countries whose people are so self satisfied with their knowledge and belief: especially many who have had a little psychic experience.⁵⁶

I went to see Mrs Alice Bailey a few weeks ago. She was {illegible} for me at my meeting in September, but recently as⁵⁷ had great trouble with her heart. I do hope she may be fit to come along.

I shall be so glad to know when you return to England and in a year or so! am hoping to visit India until then, I shall be so interested to hear of your experiences of these holy men and to live in them myself. With my kindest thoughts in which {illegible} joins me.

Very Sincerely

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⁵² Address appears in the letterhead.

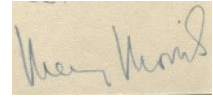
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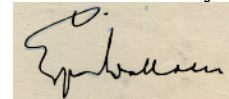
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Letter from {Ep Wallace}
31, Portland Place, W.1.
1st February, 1929.

The⁵⁸ only advice I can give to young people is this: if a young man is never sorry for himself and never loses his sense of humour, he cannot help, given good health, being a smashing success in whatever department of life he finds himself.

Your sincerely,



H. Raphael Hurst, Esq.,
The Editor, "Success"
7, Duke Street, Adelphi, W.C.

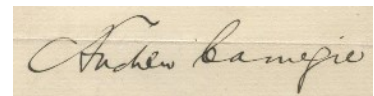
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Letter from Andrew Carnegie
Undated

To the Right {illegible}

Joseph {illegible} with the {illegible} regard of his Republican friend and {illegible}.



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Letter from {Sir A} Murdoch⁵⁹
Hotel Rubens, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1⁶⁰
June {27th} 1929

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⁵⁹ "Return Letter to Mr Hurst" and "Hurst" are written at the top of the page in a different hand.

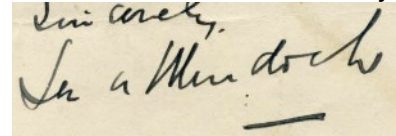
⁶⁰ Address appears in the letterhead.

...Editor⁶¹ Success Magazine

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the typed report which I am now returning with a few minor alterations. I have read your magazine with much interest, and have gained the impression that its contents must be of inestimable value to your readers especially the Youth of England.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored rectangular piece of paper. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'C.C. Wakefield'.

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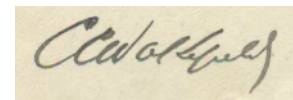
Letter from C.C. Wakefield

Wakefield House, Cheapside, London, E.C.2.

February 7th 1929.

A magazine that sets out to inspire the right kind of ambition in young people has a high responsibility, and itself deserves encouragement. To its readers I have pleasure in sending a brief message.

The important thing is to deserve success; to earn it by intelligent self-discipline and preparation. It is not in our power to command success, but every effort rightly made in that direction broadens our outlook upon life and increases our capacity for living intensely, and is in that way alone well worth while. A great success is the cumulative effect of many small opportunities seized and wisely used.

A handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored rectangular piece of paper. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'C.C. Wakefield'.

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75 - 76

Letter from Ramdas

P.O. Anandashram, Ramnagar, Via, Kanhangad⁶²

24th. September 1945

Dr Paul Brunton
595 Nazarbad,
Mysore City

⁶¹ A line before this is scratched out and illegible.

⁶² Address appears in the letterhead.

Beloved Friend,

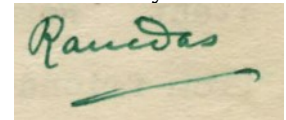
Ramdas is very happy to receive your loving letter of the 13th instant. Ramdas has heard about you from friends who love you and also he has read some of your works.

Your⁶³ heart is aflame with divine fervour. May you always enjoy the inner peace and bliss. Man is a veritable embodiment of Divinity, for the matter of that all creation is.⁶⁴

We shall be very happy to see you whenever you choose to come to us.

Mrs Gwynn has gone from Bombay to New Delhi. She is so good, devout and⁶⁵ loving. May she have mental rest and peace.

Love and blessings,
Ever your Self,

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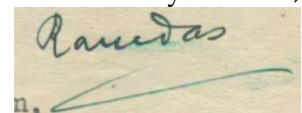
Letter from Ramdas
P.O. Anandashram, Ramnagar, Via, Kanhangad⁶⁶
30th December 1945

Mr Paul Brunton
Nilgris

Beloved Friend,

Ramdas is very happy to receive your Christmas Greetings and good wishes for the New Year. Ramdas reciprocates your feelings and wishes you full spiritual illumination and peace. The picture on your card is so beautiful and inspiring. Hearty love and blessings.

Ever your Self,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Ramdas" with a long, sweeping horizontal line underneath.

⁶³ “/” is inserted before “Your” and a small triangle is written in the left margin.

⁶⁴ “//” is inserted after “is” and “O” is written in the left margin.

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⁶⁶ Address appears in the letterhead.

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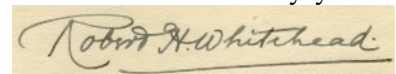
Letter from Robert H. Whitehead⁶⁷
Maple Lodge, Park Road. West-Dulwich
Oct 24/34

{Dear Mr Hurst}⁶⁸

I⁶⁹ have recalled the verses I attempted to quote for you. Here they are. I apologise for having bound them on the wrong edge.

I saw Mr Strutton this morning. We are both going to Chapel House on Saturday and meet at the {Augel} for lunch at 12.45. We shall be pleased if you can join us.

Sincerely yours



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81 - 82

Letter from {C.F. Anbens}⁷⁰
35, Great Cumberland Place, W.1.⁷¹
Sunday

Dear Mr Paul Brunton,

Will you forgive my long silence. I tried to get you on the telephone but failed. I am afraid now I am going back to India almost immediately and it will be hardly possible for me to see you as I greatly wished to do. I have not yet finished your book {but} it has interested me very much indeed. I came back in {illegible} and perhaps {illegible} may {meet} {illegible} {illegible}.



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83 - 84

Letter from Robert Hichens
Cairo
March 17. 1935

⁶⁷ "W" and a small triangle have been written by hand in the top right corner.

⁶⁸ "Dear Mr Hurst" is rubbed out.

⁶⁹ The salutation of this letter has been washed out yet remains legible.

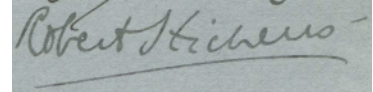
⁷⁰ A triangle is handwritten in the top right corner.

⁷¹ Address appears in the letterhead.

Dear Mr Brunton,

Very many thanks for {your} gift. I am glad to have it and have first began to read it. I hope to see you {illegible} very soon.

{illegible} very Sincerely



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85 - 86

Letter from Robert Hichens⁷²

Ein Shams, Cairo

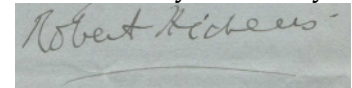
March 11. 1935

Dear Mr Brunton,

I should very much like to know you. I have your book "A Search in Secret India." All this week, being a tennis fan, I am {engaged} every afternoon. But could you come to lunch with me at Shepheard's Hotel next Thursday at 12.30? I have to be at the tennis at 2.15. I could meet you in the Terrace or in the hall.

I'm glad you liked that not very popular book of mine.

Very Sincerely⁷³



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87 - 88

Letter from Robert Hichens⁷⁴

Ein Shams, Cairo

March 19. 1935

Dear Mr Brunton,

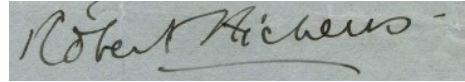
Could you come stay here with John Knittel on Thursday on 4.30, or so. He wants very much to know you. Come from Cairo by train to the Ein Shams station. If you can telephone, (We are under "Knittel" in the book) at what time you will arrive - There's a train, {I think}, getting here at {4.30}. Knittel can meet you.

Very Sincerely⁷⁵

⁷² "H" and a small triangle are handwritten in the top right corner.

⁷³ "OK. said look for him in hall" is handwritten by PB himself at the bottom of the page.

⁷⁴ "H" and a small triangle are handwritten in the top right corner of the page.



L11.089

89 - 90

Letter from Robert Hichens⁷⁶

Ein Shams, Cairo

April 10. 1935

Dear Paul Brunton,

I have {been} {sorry} {not} to see you again, but have been rather abnormally busy with many things. I am going to stay at {illegible} {House} from Tuesday 16 till {probably} Sunday 21. Perhaps you can find time to come over to tea with me there one day? I shall be more free there, I believe.

Very Sincerely



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91 - 92

Letter from Robert Hichens⁷⁷

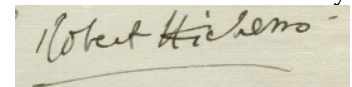
Ein Shams

April 11. 1935

Dear Paul Brunton,

Can you meet me at the Continental Savoy on Monday evening {illegible} at {illegible} {illegible} on the terrace, and we {might} {illegible}, or {illegible} together? Hoping you are free -

Sincerely



L11.093

93 - 94

Letter from Robert Whitehead⁷⁸ to unknown

⁷⁵ PB inserted "take train from Pont Limon station (next door to Cairo Central) runs every 1/2 hour" by hand at the bottom of the page.

⁷⁶ "H" and a small triangle are handwritten in the top right corner.

⁷⁷ "H" is handwritten in the top right corner.

Sep 7th 1934

Be not in a hurry to find God. Already He has found thee: even now thou art lying in His arms.

Be still and nestle down.

Take joy in God.

In God's arms fall asleep: and whilst thou sleepest thou shalt grow and develop as does a sleeping babe.

In God's arms wake to Life. To what Life?

To any life: but in particular to that life where thou dost find thyself, that life in that place where the arms of God now set thee down.

Thou art God - begotten, God-nursed, God-placed in the World.

For what purpose?

Who Knows? What thinkest thou?

Man⁷⁹ Know thyself!

For as thou thinkest so wilt thou be - God remembering, God forgetting

Here in this place.

Baeda

Some thoughts on the morning after meeting {Raphael Hurst}⁸⁰ - we two alone.

L11.095

95 - 104

Letter from {illegible}⁸¹

12/5/26

Dear Paul,

I had received your letter from three weeks ago, but sorry, I could not answer earlier as I was busy; - busy in my own way of acquiring knowledge, not anything else-.

Dear Paul, I am realised, that philosophy, theology and Co. are names of a high science, which leads one to the knowledge of the truth. But unhappily, this truth remained a kind of nonsense?, unless it is based on a true science. What could be this true science? So it a mere meditation, or contemplation of a high Being; a kind of feeling that <<we are>>, or of realising that some thing makes us live, move, love, and understand? Or is it some thing much higher than all these? Yes dear Paul, true science, has completely changed today. I am not a conservatist; I am not seeking true science in a heap of old Ideas, and in books full of all kinds of sham truths; nor am I

⁷⁸ "from Robert Whitehead" is handwritten at the bottom of page 94 in a different hand.

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⁸⁰ "Raphael Hurst" has been rubbed out.

⁸¹ "A" is handwritten in the top right corner. "P" is handwritten in the top left corner.

seeking a man, full of understanding and wisdom, and knowing some thing about reality! All these are mere nonsense to me. The world is going onward, and tomorrow is better than today, and so on for ever and ever. Also the man of tomorrow, is better than the man of today. Why then, should we look for some old men, to find in them, what would be of no use to us today. Are you seeing that some man would be better acquainted than yourself? Why should you accept, to be a parasite to others? Dear Paul, it is just the time now, that every body, should be a self-supplying, and quite independent from others. You are a man! That is enough for you! Would you be better than a man, don't look for a man, to make you better than a man. A man is a man; and never, could a man make of you something better than you are. Keep well this in your mind. And don't trouble yourself, to find the true science outside yourself.⁸² And the truth of others, are good for other's, but not for you; and your truth is good for yourself, but not for other's. This is the basis of true science. Your lunch is for your own stomach, and your own⁸³ life. Is it of use for a hungry man, seating near, and looking at you, (at your lunch), is it enough to see you eating, and then he boasts that he saw you eating, and then pretend, that he gained some strength and power? Never! This is in our physical life; and so is our philosophical and metaphysical life. Every one for himself. And we should beware of being parasites to others.

Is your life, and all the universe, seem to you so strained, that you find it so difficult for you, to walk through it, unless helped by someone? Why are you so short-sighted toward yourself. Did you find in others, what you did not find in yourself? If so, it is your own mistake, - mistake to trust others, and distrust yourself. What a shame! Yes it is shameful dear Paul, to believe in others, and doubt about your self.

Dear Paul, if you believe, that you are a beast, is much better, than to let others make you believe, that you are something else. Why should you distrust yourself, to believe what others say about you.

Then, if you stand back alone, you doubt about what you must to believe i.e. I am a beast (which is your own idea about yourself) or am I something else (which is what others say about you). It is a sore condition, and a situation of doubt and mistrust. But were you leaving others, and rely upon your-self, you would be happy to believe in your self, even so this belief (that you are a beast) is not a quite fair a belief, but you are believing, and left others, be what they would be; then you ascend to this self in studying it carefully; you will find that you are not a beast, but something better. You must use your own telescope, and your own spectrograph; every own has his own sky, his own {some} of truth; be glad to discover it in your own gallant way; use your own apparatus; and a day come, when you will find the truth's waves, which could make your apparatus talk and song; and further, you will find, that you are seeing some photons, sparkling on it; and further, with your strong will, and forbearance, you find

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later, that your own apparatus, is graphing to you, the best pictures⁸⁴ of the whole truth. This is the wise path in searching true science.

Why be guided by others, in a subject of your own? Can others feel what you are feeling, best that you feel it your self? Never! Well, this⁸⁵ life is a privilege to you; everyone has his own privilege. No man would have two privileges, his and other's. But man can have no privilege at all, when he gives his, to others. As in a huge factory, where there are many busy-men; every one holds a job, no one could have two jobs at a same time; but many of them, could lose theirs, if they have no practice about it; and that is in trusting others, and handling to them, blindly, their jobs; thinking that they could help them, in showing them how to work; but suddenly, who his clever, and holds the jobs of others, is promoted in the factory, and those who trusted him, find themselves outside their jobs, in finding that they have nothing to do, and their hand empty; and come the owner of the factory, who has promoted the clever busy-man, and return back without, even, asking those idle workers, what they are doing in his factory; he knows that there are many onlookers, and thought of them as onlookers; not as men, who came to earn their leaving, with their privilege, to enter the factory as workers. Or just as in physics, when two atoms, wish to be alike, and remain free, they must preserve their state of stability in temperature; but what could happen, to the atom, which, could not resist the temperature? He is, suddenly, losing some electrons, which revolves about its nucleus, and are the cause of its freedom; and these electrons join the electrons of the other atom, which, this {last} in gaining much electrons, has become much stronger negatively, and has had the power, now, to join to itself all the atom which has become weaker negatively, in not resisting the temperature, which has been resisted by the former atom, of the same element. So, if we would not be attracted, we must try to be neutral, to be free, and not be attracted by the others, which become stronger in their turn, in attracting us to them and they are free, but we become nil, after have been in bondage.

In studying the simplest fact in nature, you could have a clear idea about our own fact. In speaking about true science, our first step must be freedom, and complete independence. Leave all others and think about yourself. Don't rely upon the Teachings of others; but upon your own teachings;⁸⁶ (are your teachings unworthy? Make them useful.) And be master of yourself; but in thinking, that your self, is not enough productive, to supply you all you need; this very idea, is the cause of your weakness, and the⁸⁷ cause of your fall. And for that, you find others stronger than you. Are you not of the same stuff, but only you differ in shape? Break down the shape which you find it unfair, and build a new one; as the stuff, here, is of a kind, which could be rebuilt a million of times, without losing any thing of its quality. Be as a boy, playing with a heap of snow; he can make the shape of anything he wants, before the

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snow is melted. He can make the shape of a cow, as he can make the shape of a bird; he is only playing, in materialising his imaginations; but once the snow is melted, he must never stay onlooking, and pretend, that he can not make a shape of a thing, with melted snow. But he must be clever, and use the water as something better than snow; because he can unite his {skatings} together, and make a small boat; and makes a tour on water, which could reveal to him, a new stuff, from which, he can make a toy and more, but perhaps these toys are more lasting than the fist made of snow. It would be a waste of your time, if you would read all I could write you, about this subject. For that, I find myself obliged to refrain. But I wish you know, that all is good in this universe; this is the basis of true science, and the general law of nature; law for the simplest bodies, which build up an atom, and law to the largest bodies, which radiate out all kinds of energies. Nothing is bad, so what you do, and think what you think, all is good. Don't worry yourself to the better; you are better than you think. And it is our fitness, and dispositions, which push us forward, to know the truth.

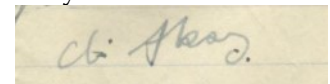
But the truth is a path, in which we are walking, and the axiom of the true science, is, to know, that we walk in the truth's way; and all what we do is marvel. If there is a sacred thing in this world, and a think which is true; what can you show me, which would be not sacred, and not true, in this world? Nothing! All is sacred, and all is true! Throw away the Idea of some {monopolistes} who pretends to hide⁸⁸ the truth in their hearts, and they had found it, and you will find far from them, the shining truth of nature and of God. And where you walk, you will find it sparkling, and brilliantly shining, in the hearts of everything,⁸⁹ yes you will find it in the heart of the shortest wave and in the heart of the biggest particle; in inert and active matter.

And dear Paul I wish you all I wish myself to be.

If I done some mistakes, or I {wrote} some {absurdities}, is not a {shame} to me, as I am a layman. But it is shameful, to recede from my way, of free thinking, and from sincerity. If to say my thoughts would be not {ripe}, or even absurd, tomorrow they would be worth of writing.

And I am very, sure that they would be; if not in my life, it would be after my death. But happy am I and very happy, to have an aim, in this life, and should reach it, and even my death, would be a help to me to reach it.

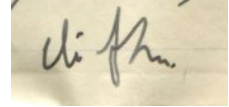
from your sincere friend



The purity of an Idea, cleans up the dirtiness of a pen. The sincerity of your friend, obliges you to forgive him as mistakes are not those committed by ignorance but those who do harm.

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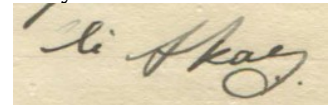
105 - 106
Letter from {illegible}
Cairo
28/12/36

Mr Paul Brunton
Madras (India)

Dear Paul

Having your letter in hand. I congratulate you, for having reached a position of inner peace which you now, wish all people having the same feeling; which makes one happy and self-confident in his way to wisdom and truth.

From your sincere friend



P.S. if you ever change your address please do not forget to write me your new one.

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107 - 108
Letter from {illegible}
Cairo
24/5/37

Dear Paul

I am very glad to have in hand your letter of 12-5/37 as an answer on my letter of last December. You have known that I was fond of writing but I could not know how to make a first start. As writing is nearly the only thing by which one can explain himself to other in writing down his own feeling about truth and {C^{ie}}. I tried to write several articles but dare not send them to newspaper to be printed as I was sure they could be of no interest, or else, could be of no importance as they are not send by remarkable people which newspapers are always interested with. I tried to gain some fame by which I could make myself well known to newspapers' men and to the public in general. That was the only way to get a manageable pen by the several articles written or the answer by which I am defending my ideas. But as this could not be done through philosophy and {Cⁱ}, I tried another one which is that of the languages. The Arabic

language is written without vocals; and is the most difficult language, for the lack of vowels which are always missed in public writings, and the newspaper etc. Some people tried to do something⁹⁰ in creating new ways by which the Arabic could be written with vocals without being obliged, as is the case, to write the vocals over or under the consonants as you can see them for instance in the Quran. But this new ways are not of great use as they will make the Arabic more difficult in writing. Then and only in 16-11-{26} I began to create a quite new method based {mainly} on good reason and necessity by which the Arabic could be written with consonants uniting to them their vocals. And the way is very good and easy and of great advantage. I was going to make it known; but I feared to be discouraged by some opponents. I tried another thing, that is, to transform my new Arabic alphabet in an International alphabet; and I done it, and I am preparing the book for the print. By my international alphabet you can write the Arabic, the English, French, German, Italian etc. down with their right pronounce in same time as you write down their letters, that is if you are translating in Int. writing the word: enough, right, blood; you write both at a same time, the pronounce and the spelling of the words, which is very important to all people. As the great difficulty in studying a language is that of the pronounce by which an -o- for instance in English is of different pronounce in these different words: women, some, blood, move, loose, etc. and so is the -ch- for instance in: cholera, chivalry, children, In German: acht, machen, ich mich etc. all this is trustfully translated in pronounce and spelling through my international alphabet which is to be patented after some days. By this way I will have many opponents which I must resist their criticism by writing down my defence and so I can gain a good practice in writing and then I will be free to care about a new philosophy.



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109 - 110
Letter from {illegible}
Cairo
13/1/36

Dear Paul

If you know how I wished to read about you, you would be convinced that our relation is too strong to be weakened. I felt some days ago a strong affection as obliged to write you, but couldn't do it as have not received any answer on my first letter; and was in doubt if a second letter would reach you.

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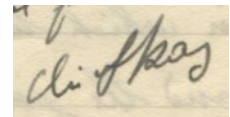
But so glad to receive an answer today, I am sure that this letter would reach you on the former address. But now have been know all about your marriage and divorce, I readvise you dear friend that the best girl would perhaps never satisfy your temper; as you still being a beginner in studying <<life>>. For know well about writing, reporting and gathering some news for journalism or books. But in studying <<Life>> in the true sense of the word is quite another job. It is a life of meditation and foresight, and study how to connect true {Ideas}, and relate them {me}⁹¹ after the other as to become a very record of divine news which could be available to society. Man can write much and be a great writer but it is not all. Society needs not much writing in this modern times in which <<time is life>> and no time to much reading some books, which, first, at an earlier age was a good pastime. Now society is seeking and asking for realities and divinity in a new shape, and these two, require no much books in which to be interested; but merely some lines on some sheets of paper and the job is done. And that for, I never tried to hurry in explaining myself through writing, for once man {is}⁹² himself⁹³ in society, scarce will he be saved from a hurried life, which goes on, and goes on, with not knowing where it is going. Society needs a {guide} today, or explanation of <<Life>> in a new shape. They have many explanations of life, but too old to suit our modern time which is coming. Modern life needs modern explanations of their beings.

It is easy to speak or write, but very hard to create new ideas to go with, society. Is better for anybody to study life before giving himself unto it. In being far from society for some times we can study it; but in being within society we could only know what could be recorded as happening, and happened; but is much interesting for society to know what will happen to it than what is happening. Then it best for you to be free for some time to have opportunity for studies and Co. Though you will suffer to be alone, you would have a better writing; your anxiety to be with a friend, and are deprived, create in your imagination new shapes of thoughts, and thoroughly your style would be more vivid {illegible}⁹⁴ contain more life. You must be persuaded that the best friend is one's self. In being the friend of yourself you would never be betrayed or disgusted if you see for your future.

Wishing you a merry and happy year, and hope to meet you later.

Don't forget to write me some news about your travel.

Your faithful friend

A small, rectangular photograph of a handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper. The signature appears to be 'Ch. F. Kay' written in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

⁹¹ Part of this word is missing from a hole punch.

⁹² The page is ripped; "is" added for readability.

⁹³ Page 110

⁹⁴ This word is partially cut off by a hole punch.

{illegible}⁹⁵ me for all mistakes in writing and if some sentences are very {illegible}⁹⁶ {expression} I would do my better later to explain myself more correctly and fairly.

⁹⁵ Some words may be missing because the page is torn.

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