

Readers' Letters 15

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 1929 and 1975.

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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Book catalogue for purchasing

Books listed are on Spirituality and Food and contains PB's books.

Extract: "The works of Dr Paul Brunton"

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Letter from Matilda

355 East 187th Street, New York 58, N.Y.

November 14, 1962

Annotated by PB himself: "Keep this in Pending until I've written Sam {illegible} confirmation of his correct address"

Dear Dr Brunton:

All good wishes for you birthday! Of course you know that I think of you each day and not only when your birthday is near.

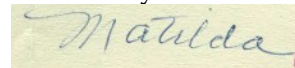
I have that little picture of you and I use it each morning in my meditation. While your expression is an extremely pleasant one on that picture I sometimes feel that you are smiling at me. I have come a long way in the past ten years and I really believe that I have made some progress towards what I am seeking. I hope that in the short time left in this present life, I might be able to find what I am seeking.

I hear from Sam from time to time and it brings me happiness to know that he is my friend. I also hear from Mrs Edna Paine now and then but I haven't seen her for a few years. I wish I were advanced enough to give her some help for she needs it very badly. The same holds true for my sisters.

I read part of your book "The Spiritual Crisis of Man" most every day and sometimes I refer and read parts of your other very wonderful books. Wish I could read aloud from your books to all humanity for then world affairs would take on a different picture for I am sure that something of your great writings would be absorbed to start people thinking in the right direction.

Thank you again for your wonderful help. I am very grateful to you and Sam.

Sincerely with love



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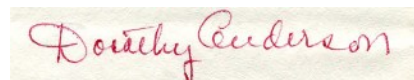
Letter from Dorothy Anderson
332 So. Cicero Ave. Chicago 44, Illinois
Sept. 11/61

Blessed Friend:

Have kept your note, and address, since I heard from you April 21st 1957. Please stay with me for a few days in meditation. It seems I have lost my way, (so to speak) But I do know, this is not true in Reality, still I would like to have you stand with me at this time.

Of all the books I have read, and those I have heard, I can more and more why you do not lecture to the public. I'm still in your books.

With most kind wishes as Ever



Dorothy Anderson

¹ "(Seip)" inserted to the right of the signature by PB himself.

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Letter from Mrs Rebecca {Dourie}
71 Woodward St. Merewether Heights 2291, New South Wales Australia
20 Aug 1970²

Dear Dr Brunton,

I have just finished reading your wonderful book "The Inner Reality" - simple and easily understood and sincere, I enjoyed it very much and thank you for it. I have been wondering if I could ask you for some advice? About forty (40) years ago and thought - to be at death's door, I had a vision, in full (awake) consciousness, of the Lord Jesus Christ and on either side of him a figure, all were composed of soft yet radiant Light. I was not able to think but was spellbound, as it were. All this happened after months of worry about an illness I suffered and torment as to whether there was God etc. Since this I have looked and studied various sects etc. etc. ("A voice told me to 'Look first the Kingdom of Heaven' - and this was the reason for my search) however³ I have not been happy with any of the organizations - the latest being "The Infinite Way" by Joel S. Goldsmith. I seem to have grown terribly sensitive and while I was reading your book, I was very conscious of your presence and voice. It was on one of these occasions (about dawn) when another voice cut in, telling me to "get in touch "with the Teacher, (a woman in Sydney), when this voice came, a strange thing happened, I suddenly became aware that I was high in the clouds above a great city and was surrounded by a sea of faces, (faces only all framed in cloudy light and I among them) - my problem is to differentiate between illusion or hypnotism and Truth as I do not want to follow anyone but Jesus {illegible}, of whom you have so beautifully written. There is a good deal of money for a person of moderate means, retired, involved in visits abroad and I wonder about all this, but not on my own behalf, but I wonder if such lack would exclude the poor⁴ of the world from the Truth as these students seem to think that they go to a Spiritual {Feast} not attainable right where they are.

Could you please advise me, how will I know that I am not being misled? I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanking you in anticipation

I am

Sincerely yours

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² "reply by aerogram {and type} {illegible}" and "request not to register letters if she does it again. Grindlay had to enclose it in special re-registered cover asking me 41/2 shillings" are inserted by PB at the top of the page.

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Incomplete letter from George R. {Nolen}

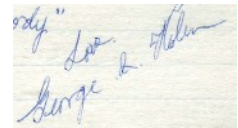
Undated letter

...Our⁵ garden is a picture, the peach tree's all in colour, and the cats are sleeping in the sun.

Frank {Goodey's} dream shop in the "{illegible}" is just his idea perfected, have {illegible} my mystical standing; declined a nice offer for a trip to India, all expenses paid 30.000, students each night gather around to hear the Master teach, Frank asked me the reason for decline so stated the truth Love Helen very much and the beach head at {Bougainville} what sanitation for the 30-000 pupils.

Many thanks from us, and we would be delighted to enjoy the quite "Peace you share with everybody"

Love

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Letter from Helen

Undated letter

Dear Teacher,

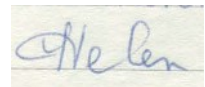
This is my side of a problem.

The God who has always answered my prayers with help is kind and loving and all powerful though sometimes it is years before we realize the rightness of the lesson and the result.

I can not see God jotting down evil doings to metre} out justice to a soul that has no idea what is being punished for that is cruel and vengeful

I can not blame Karma but some weakness or stubbornness in my character of interference from well meaning relations or for physical defects some flaw in nature's part of the human element.

Love

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⁵ Previous lines are missing.

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Incomplete letter from {illegible}

Address is illegible

29-9-71

Dear Teacher,

Will you solve a question from two pupils in the kindergarten class of life; (not having received my {guiding} instructions from the Cosmic Masters the wonderful experience of the "{Void}" having never been repeated.

God will work with us but not for us, if we break the laws of health, at some future date, we pay, the Time angle, to me today, tomorrow, next life, does not matter

Helen's would like your answer to the same problem?

A few words from you solved only love the Divine Spark but not their silly habits, that's that.

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Air mail letter from Gilda

31 October 1971

Dr Paul Brunton⁶
14, Chemin De Ballallaz
App 11 Bloc A
Ch 1820 Montreux
Switzerland

Dear PB -

October is gone and it is belatedly that I write to wish you a happy birthday.

The balance of your trip was very pleasant - sort of carefree and spontaneous. I came home ready to go back to work feeling refreshed. Our time with you was, for me and Kieffer, the real reason for being in Europe - all the rest was secondary. You are your own best example of your way of life - a man who pursuing his soul on the Path, has found what he sought. And has stayed a real person and not become a saint.

I have begun meditation with Kieffer in the early morning. He is very supportive and generous with himself toward me. I am grateful and still awed that he is my husband.

With this note go my very best wishes and love,



⁶ Address found page 24.

What can I say after that? I mean, I'm frequently amazed that we are married myself. I do appreciate Gilda writing this letter and lettering you know how we are. I hope all is well with you and that your apartment and the climate are both being satisfactory for you. Our week in Montreux was a real treat and I felt much better after that rest. I particularly was glad that the children could meet you.

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Letter from Kieffer

4-19-72

Dear PB,

It is spring and all activities see to gather new vigor and go to each day with a little more spirit than I had two months ago. I expect the snow three is changing to rain and even the trees must be bursting out in leaf again.

We have all had a fairly good winter. Carl has had a period of reevaluating his direction and has changed his course from pre-med to anthropology. All the worry and tension finally culminated in mononucleosis and which he seems to be about recovered. His change of study will require that he go to summer school to get a couple of courses that he missed. I believe he still wants to be an analyst, though he would very much like to be in the theatre.

Marlene has been accepted at a good small liberal arts college in the middle west, Grinnell, and also University of Calif's new small college, Santa Cruz. She had trouble making up her mind, or else she is waiting to see where her boy fiend goes. Her present boy friend is a class mate, Mike the fellow you met, has gone his own way. She is a very bright and alive girl and I'm sure she will find her way in the world.

Gilda has been and is busy doing clay work with her students and feeling rather good about the income she is producing. She could have a good future for herself in this field, but she is not sure that this is what she wants to do with her time. It's possible that the institute here might open up and permit individuals like herself to become lay analysis. That might tempt her and it might also secure her future.

Aside from working, I pursue the Quest and continually to seek to increase my spiritual growth. The other night I had a dream in which I heard myself saying that I wanted to devote my life to prayer. That surprised me for prayer s not something that I turn to. Since then I have directed my attention in that direction a couple of times a day and am trying to learn to pray. There is a clairvoyant in town by the name of George Osteen. I've made a date for myself and Gilda Saturday. Generally I am doing well except that I am finding my memory lapses, Or absence, quite a problem but I suppose that I will adjust to it in time. I do worry a little that it will interfere with my work, but I

console myself with the expectation that I will develop new capacities to compensate for the loss.

I was very sorry to hear that Romaine had another break. I didn't even consider that possibility when she wrote that she expected to visit you. That failure to consider such eventualities also concerns me.⁷

I hope you are well and that you have not found the winter too hard. People are still interested in your books, there are paperback copies available in the stores that carry such books.

Be well. Our very best wishes,



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Letter from Jean Beaulieu

Author has read PB and has realized a mystic force inside and is sharing his experiences with PB along with some questions.

Extract: "I have been blessed by the sight of a soul leaving his earthly body and your description is so much exactly what I have seen I have to believe the rest of your tale."

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A postage coupon

Contains a stamp from Bents Green Sheffield and date of 20 SP 75

Extract: None

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Letter from A.E. Marshall with a list of clear questions he has after reading PB's books.

Extract: "All the above questions and uncertainties stem from an earnest desire to progress in my inner life. Be assured I am not being anti or negative in my approach, I genuinely want to move forward."

⁷ This paragraph is marked in red on margin by PB himself.

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Letter from {Amarendravijayji}

Letter recounted the author's practice and work on the quest and asking for advice on what practice would be best.

Extract: "Though I am conscious of the fact that one should stick to a single practice, regularly and for a long period; the problem with me is to which should I stick?"

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Letter from Kenichi Sonoda

PO Box 43, Numazu-city, Shizuoka Prec. Japan

August 19, 1962

Dr Paul Brunton
Box 339
Times Square Station
New York 36, NY USA

Dear Sir,

Above all things, I want to thank you very much for your letter of the 20th May, 1962. I am sorry to have been so late in making a reply to you but we hope that you will find in this letter and the report a more satisfactory reply.

We are happy to send you the report of the Third Congress of the International Organization for Cultivating Human Spirit which was held in Japan in May 1962. This will be dispatched to you in a few days under the special cover. Your acceptance of this report will be our great pleasure and we sincerely hope that its aims will enlist your sympathetic cooperation in this movement.

This International Organization aims at expanding the real meaning of the Cultivation of Human Spirit for world peace on the basis of Benevolence, Goodness and Friendship among all the nations of the world and for their mutual understanding and prosperity. You fully realize the urgent importance of these aims.

We are confident that the congress has had favorable influence on the trend of world affairs owing to the many participants from abroad and bright success of the 1st and 2nd congresses.

At this critical juncture when the two ideological groups at the top of the world are threatening world peace, it is quite natural that such a spiritual organization as the international Organization for Cultivating Human Spirit is brought forth. We are very happy that more than 250 participants from India joined in this last congress. This symbolizes that the Indian people are living under the tradition of the peace-lover and wishing for the spiritual prosperity of all nations. Delegates from 27 other nations would seem to indicate that this is the prevailing world sentiments.

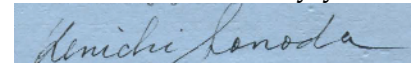
This congress was highly successful in determining the aim of the organization which is to promote a world wide understanding of the meaning and significance of living according to the Great Spirit of the Universe but it is very difficult to attain this goal without each one's self-sacrificing spirit and absolute unselfishness.

Though the report is inadequate to convey a clear understanding of the organization and its activity, we are hoping that you will have questions which we will be most happy to clarify to your satisfaction and that you will find the impression to cooperate with us in the promotion of the universal spirit of the world over.

In closing this letter, we express our deepest appreciation for your understanding and support of this organization in its hope of reaching the dawn of a better future. Your opinion and suggestion based on the report will be highly appreciated by yours faithfully I.O.C.H.S.

President of the International Organization, Mr Yonosuke Nakano, Vice President, Miss Yoshiko Nakano and Secretary General, Teshihiro Nakano join me in sending their best regards to you.

Sincerely yours,



Kenichi Sonoda

Correspondence Secretary

The International Organization for Cultivating Human Spirit

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Formal invitation to The Third Congress for Cultivating Human Spirit
The Third Congress will have the purpose of carrying out the actual plans of the
Organization for Cultivating Human Spirit.

Extract: "Due to the very critical situation of the world in the year 1961, the Second Congress was called in rapid succession from the 1st to the 15th of October 1961. About 400 delegates from 18 countries of the world were kind enough to attend it."

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Formal invitation to The Second Congress for Cultivating Human Spirit
The Second Congress is being held for 20 days beginning October 1st 1961⁸

Extract: "Agendum on this Congress is "How to save human beings from present crisis in conformity with the spirit of the universe?"

⁸ "{Louis} ask {illegible} if Jap magazine stopped coming - if so {resubscribe}" noted at top of page by PB himself.

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Letter from Yonosuke Nakano, Founder of Ananikyo
Ananai Shimizu, Shimizu City, Japan
22 June 1960

Dear Sir,

I herewith make a brief statement, to you all, hoping that I may have the agreement of all overseas sympathizers. First of all, as the founder and leader of the Ananaikyo, I sincerely extend my hearty gratitude to you for your kindness, give to me and the organization for so many years. As you know, the Ananaikyo aims to be a universal religion, and has been teaching the truth of the universe, we have not any prejudice against any other religion or religious organization as we are not sectionalists.

Ananai is one of the legal religious organizations authenticated by the Education Ministry of Japan (the authority concerned). It is natural that the activity of Ananai is solely a religious movement, and many people at home and abroad know this is so.

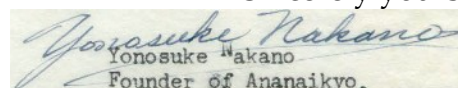
In view of the serious state of affairs in the world at present, I am establishing at this time a juridical foundation named the "International Foundation for Cultural Harmony." Therefore I have determined on a great activity, for the purpose of promoting advancement in the field of international education and culture by the cooperation and support of all people in every part of the world, including those who are indifferent to religion, and regardless of race, nationality or religions discord. For this purpose I have donated all my property to the foundation, and I have made up my mind to exert all my efforts for this movement till the end of my life. I hope that there will come the time when this world will become a world family, and the whole of mankind on earth will promote good will and friendship among themselves with a heart of world brotherhood.

I do hope that you will kindly agree to my humble opinions and extend your support and cooperation for this movement. Further, I should be very glad if you would send me your message of approval for this foundation. The address is as follows.

The international Foundation for Cultural Harmony
P.O. Box 43, Numazu City, Japan.

On this occasion of the inauguration of the International foundation for Cultural Harmony, I express my simply greetings, wishing you good health and the best of fortune.

Sincerely yours,



Yonosuke Nakano
Founder of Ananaikyo.

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Founder of Ananaikyo

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Form letter from Yonosuke Nakano

A letter from the Chief Director of the International Foundation for Cultural Harmony describing the opening of this foundation, what its purpose is to be and looking for support.

Extract: "Now, taking serious consideration of present world situation which is becoming increasingly agitated, I have determined to work from an impartial point of view and to stand above religion or sect. Accordingly I founded The International foundation for Cultural Harmony."

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Invitation from Toshihiro Nakano and International Foundation for Cultural Harmony

An invitation to The first Congress for Cultivating Human Spirit.

Extract: "As you see in the prospectus, the International foundation for Cultural Harmony is formed representing majority opinions with our respectable friends in faith abroad all through eight times' conferences in the past. It may fairly be said that whether the Foundation is able to accomplish its objects depends on your cooperation in your attendance, and we wish to hear your opinions on how to cultivate the human spirit."

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Fundraising letter from Ananaikyo
Ananaikyo is writing seeking financial support.

Extract: "Through the blessings of God, we now have strong supporters in Mr and Mrs Eric Bass who visited our headquarters and sympathized with the activity and devotion of the Founder, Yonosuke Nakano. They have offered us a piece of land in California for our bas of work, which is the introduction to the USA of the traditional and spiritual culture of Japan."

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Letter from Toshihiro Nakano on behalf of Ananaikyo⁹
Shimizu City, Japan
July 19th, 1957

Dr Paul Brunton
Box 339
Times Square Station New York, 36
USA

Dear Dr Brunton,

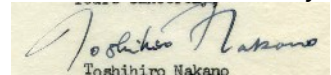
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Subscription Form filled and I tell you we are very glad to know that you are sending 2 dollars to subscribe to the Ananai for 1 year. Though it has not yet reached us we are sure it will soon. We are also in receipt of three copies of Coupon.

You asked us to give you the name of Mr J.W. Kaiser of Holland, which is: Mr J.W. Kaiser, Ferdinand Hucycklaan, 3, Baarn, Holland. I am sure you will find him a good fellow to work with for peace.

May I ask you on this occasion to write an article for the Ananai on the subject which chiefly interests you or, if you please, on the question of "Supreme Religion and Physicographe-of-Heaven Are One Entity" as Rev. Founder Nakano puts it. The monthly will be highly enhanced by the article of yours. Any issue will be sent free of charge to the contributors of the articles appearing in it.

I wish you will enjoy good health in this summer season and wish your work every success, I remain

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Toshihiro Nakano', is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Toshihiro Nakano
Secretary
Ann

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Letter of invitation from Shin Negami President of Ananaikyo
Letter thanks PB for his "precious opinions and encouragement" and invites him
to visit and tour the country all expenses paid.

Extract: "First of all we cordially thank you for your precious opinions and encouragement sent in with deep understanding toward the Ananaikyo advocacy that there is inseparable close relation between Religion and Astronomy. Under the protection of God there are now arising

⁹ "ask Arthur {illegible}" noted by PB himself.

vigorous cries for the establishing of astronomical observatories in every section of Japan as you already know.

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Letter from Nora Armstrong
23rd March 1960

Dear Dr Brunton,

I came across your writings only seven years ago, when I read "The Secret Path" and have followed this with "The Quest" and "The Wisdom of the Overself," {illegible} of which I have read three times, and am now wondering which of your books to read next.

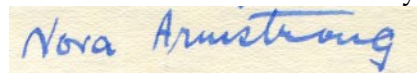
Knowing almost nothing about Yoga I realize that one can {get} wrong ideas! And I should appreciate your guidance, especially as I live where it is not easy to contact others who are interested in what you write about.

Born into a Christian home 55 years ago I have the deepest faith in God through Christ, but {now} realize how improbable it is that God would reveal Himself only at too late a time in world history.

Also if you will please bear with me I should like to tell you briefly about a most beloved daughter, highly intelligent and very attractive who distressed me and all her family by entering an {African} enclosed convent three years ago. It appears that she might stay there for the rest of her life, and I am unable to accept this, especially as before leaving home, she was {extorted} and encouraged to keep the fact of what she was contemplating from all her family, and she was in fact, taken from 'under our noses.' She declares her deepest love for us all but will listen to no argument that we can use.

I do not expect that you can suggest anything one might do or say, but should be most grateful if you will consider what I have told you about myself and my family and perhaps you would be good enough to take us and one problem, in your meditations, to the light of the Eternal Intelligence. I am asking you this because, whilst I admire your writings so greatly, I am not any distance on the road you have travelled so long.

Yours sincerely



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Letter from Edwin

London, England¹⁰
Undated letter

Dear Dr Brunton

In these quite hours of this evening I have at long last a moment in which to write you, and have often {wondered} since leaving N.Z. just how you were keeping in general

Have covered places of interest here on Rambles week ends and contacted most of the vegetarian shops and restaurants in my travels

Am still with Royal Parks gardening, but have intentions of leaving in Spring for Hosteling and camping which I might add my last camping in Oct was not the things these days due to {illegible} gangs that invade noisily in the early hours after midnight however¹¹ I have rambled the south coast of England with another {ex wrestler} who has become vegetarian and is returning to N.Z. with his vegetarian wife, a life long vegetarian who had worked at Champaneys Veg-Rest -Home under the guidance of Stanley Ziefs

They met at an International Veg-camp last August, I did not go but paid visits out of interest {etc} which incidentally it was a or for youth mainly

Re-visits to wrestling championships show little or no change among the {illegible} of my own heydays the {quest} star still Georges {Mackensand} conversation is still the pointed finger, however the {undated} sport continues among all ages

Word remains {illegible} and somewhat outdated {methods} to make it so, however my love for Nature and outdoor still survives our impetuous Leo Forman, who still wishes I longs for a trip to N.Z. on dreams. As¹² a item of interest George McKenzie my {tutor} for wrestling died while I was in N.Z. and who was a strict vegetarian pass away with cancer so this is also questionable against met eaters when {mal-men meet}

L.R.F. have had a recent visit by Swiss American Monk Ananda may for initiations etc and a {re-show} of Yogananda life on film

Still haven't met Ken Richmond who you may recall was man who hit the gong at the openings of {G. Arthur Rank} films I mention tis because just prior to my leaving the Saturday 8 o'clock paper show him as a devoted convert to Jehovah witness plus caption God comes first, some {club boys} say it's a gimmick for the money other say he's gone {illegible} some not interested while others don't know but all agree he has the "fight of the gab" and text from bible like poetry thus he still continues to tour with his Jamaican born wife and¹³ large caravan the length of the land his way of living for an easy life

I pay Mr Watkins back seller and occasional visit when {illegible} Charming Cross but here to done with, keeping well and fit so May life continue to bless you

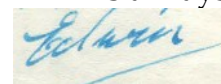
¹⁰ "postmarked London, England" noted by PB himself.

¹¹ Page 77

¹² Page 79

¹³ Page 81

As always



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Letter from Edwin

19 Jan 63

Hello Sir

May life continue to Bless you, I have made many attempts at writing you, so I do hope this one will satisfy that part of me that has been dissatisfied and you also.

Having been back in London again for a few months now, I have a fair picture of changes and the like, but first I feel I should apologize for having kept you so long without news.

A short while ago Mr {Howan} sent news of progress of the {illegible} Ashram project, A building fund was opened in Nov and the result was over six thousand pounds in six weeks, and the yoga inst. of N.Z. now have five sections of 250 ft frontage and a lot of activity going on.

To this I must say I am very¹⁴ pleased and deeply interested in its progress but not without that enquiring part of my mind that seeks the growth of such things

While on this subject the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi seems also to have done well here as a sound proof Meditation Centre is to be speedily built in London for several hundred who wish it so

I think this is really needed here than perhaps most places as tension is so great, it is to be felt almost everywhere daily in this "rat race" as it is termed

Actually in some ways London has changed little for me, in others an entire new uprising of an integrating process yet to be defined or labeled

There is a kind of suspended animation as it were, life the uncertainty of coming out of the old known into uncertainty of the new.

Unemployment continues Those¹⁵ rose gardens are the only one of its kind in the country and something to {illegible} be seen rather than written of

Spent last weekend at a camping exhibition watching {waterless} cooking gear being used, not bad and have a pamphlet for your interest

The smog was ghostly terrible stuff and I know this will not be a country for my health sake as like other's, I {spat} lumps like coal.

Now the coldest weather for seventy years and the worst however I will see summer and then?

¹⁴ Page 85

¹⁵ Page 87

George {Hackenschmidt} vegetarian is still with us in 1963 among many others listed in Vegetarian Catering Guide which by the way reminds me there also three of us at work and other's slowly coming on.

Saw an exhibition of Chinese and Japanese Buddhist Paintings at the British Museum a few days ago, was very interesting indeed. Am¹⁶ keeping very busy and enjoying life sharing similar interest. I am not given to writing letters, though I {feel}.

Have found much to interest me as you once stated and a great pity a letter to you cannot contain it all however I will write again sometime.

Kindest regard to Mr and Mrs {Gourdey} etc. etc. and until further {near}, as always May Life Bless you



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Letter from Muriel

8927 St. Ives Drive, Los Angeles, 46, California

December 20th 1929

Dear P.B.

Where or when or if this reaches you The news I have may have reached you somehow before this letter.

{Sail} Sunday evenings, December thirteenth, a friend called me from New York to tell me the sad and shocking news of {Louise's} death. Sad and shocking as it was it was wonderful to know that she had Divine Protection to the end of this life. Apparently she died in her sleep and she {illegible} in no pain, and I pray peacefully. I also pray, P.B. that whatever transition she may be going through or has gone through may be easy, and that the gentle Hands of god may lead her safely on her voyage ahead.

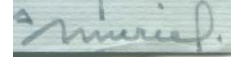
{Louise} had called me from New York on Friday the eleventh about one P.M. New York¹⁷ time. We talked for about half and hour. Among other things we said the {illegible} from Rome the day before had been grim and terrible and that she was tired beyond words. In face so tired she would spend that day in bed and fly to Richmond on Saturday. I guess she was first too tired to make that final effort and was thus released...{illegible }, P.B., I pray that she is at Peace...to those who knew and loved {Louise}, she was as a dear sweet child trying always in her way to bring pleasure to those about her. She really loved Life and Beauty and I would like to know that, at long last, she has found a {greater} life and greater Beauty... Please pray for her. P.B... god willing, I shall be in New York about mid January. I {don't} know for how long but I

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will send you word when I know. Romaine tells me that you are out of this country and not to be reached for sometime to come. I pray that all is well with you and that all goes well for you and that perhaps your plans have changed and that I may see you before too long.

devotedly always



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Letter from Romaine Stevens
P.O. Box 555 La Crescenta, California
May 25, 1969

Dr Paul Brunton
bei Lussi
Roseggerstrasse, 43
A. 6020 Innsbruck
(Tirol) Austria

Dear PB

Yesterday I went to see Muriel Ames again. This time, I came away humbled by the greatest that lies in this proud lady. It was a humbling revelation for me. She spoke so unselfconsciously and it seemed so obvious what a beautiful wise woman she is and has always been.

She shared with me one particular experience she had just after leaving you - on what she says was perhaps, your last visit to this coast. She was driving away from your abode and suddenly, in a flash, she was granted the vision of eternity-in-all. She said it changed her life. Suddenly she knew we were all in eternity - we had never been out of it! And she told me to, "Ponder upon it." I told her I would - and was quite overcome by her humility in speaking of it.¹⁸

Oddly, (to me) she had never connected the experience directly with you. And when I said it was a mark of your grace, it caught her by surprise. She said quite honestly, "Do you think so? I had never thought of it like that." But I can see the divine grace behind this: allowing her to think it came of itself through her own direct perception. It has sustained her all these years - over ten, she thought. When I mentioned this was grace, she seemed surprised by that too.

Well, I was overcome at the beauty of that visit. She unwrapped her bible and between the loose and worn pages she had placed, "my life." She shared with me some letters that Pere Chardin had written to her and they expressed the beauty she had brought into his life by her love and faith. This must be the same Chardin that Aileen Coates spoke of in her letter to you. I was astonished to hear more about this great

¹⁸ This portion marked with vertical lines and an "X" by PB himself.

Catholic priest – (amongst other things) One thing I remember she read aloud was: “Rome does not like me very much – but I shall win them over!” And I understand, he did. There were many other inspiring tender things and he spoke about his project (the Peking-man?) and it was most beautiful to hear. But Muriel says all these letters and those she has from you, also, will be buried with her. They will never be released. That is all personal cherished memories. Many poems and tributes to her mother and grandmother lie amongst her beloved Priest and other spiritual written memories. She spoke of two passages in the Bible that meant most to her: I can only call to mind one now, but will ask again for the other – (however, I would remember it if I heard it). “Unless Ye be born again – ye cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” I hope that is right. She has no fear (never has had) of transition but has a prayer that her cat, “Miss Otis” will precede her in death – otherwise it will be put to sleep immediately. I wondered, as she talked and beautiful things unfolded if she was preparing for this “transition” or simply content when it came. But she did say she hoped it would be “In my own bed and dignified.” I left her hollow – of is it “hallowed” inside.

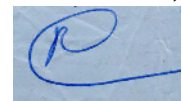
This would not be Muriel unless she told in her own “unpredictable and inimitable way” a story: God was very tired; He was exhausted. So he got on the phone and made a call to Christ. He said “Get up here – I want to see you.” So Christ hurried up and God said: “See here – I’m very very tired and I’m going to take a vacation and you are to take over and run things.” Christ was astonished. He said “you’re going away?” And God said, “Yes, I’m exhausted and you are to take over.” Whereupon Christ said, “What! And leave me all alone up here with that Ghost!!”

At¹⁹ one point I looked at her bedside table where she has your picture. And it seemed to have a fresco-like glow.

Upon two walls were, in beautiful simple frames, Altar cloths. I recognized in the center of one, the fluttering wings and image of a moth type butterfly – around the edges were flowers and dainty leaves. Upon the other, directly over her bed, was a symbolic Cross but not the standard Westernized one. Both of these Altar pieces spoke of her past connections (it seemed to me) with the Church and when PB was in it. I was again astonished as I had never connected her with you like this before. But when I think upon it, all who have contacted you most certainly must have been in the Church – my Mother, sisters and many many more – all of us! The “Church” seems embedded in our Soul. It is all very poignant – and Yet I understand very little if anything at all.

I²⁰ do not know if I shall see Muriel again – and yet, my heart must not cry, but accept as courageously and blithely as her own – but if I can, I will re-route myself through Aspen upon my return journey West and visit her and “Toots” Fluttering above her shoulder like a symbol, direct center in the Altar cloth.

Love,



¹⁹ Page 97. Page 96 is a partial scan of page 95.

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Oh,²¹ yes! I told her I would give her your direct address. I shall phone her now to do so.

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Letter from Muriel²²
Box 551 Aspen Colorado 81611²³
February the second

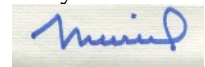
Dear P.B.

It was a joy to have your letter of January twenty ninth but also a disappointment - in fact two disappointments. First, that I was not in California while you are there and secondly that it won't be possible for me to get there, for even a day, before you have to leave for New York. It would have meant more than I could possible say to have seen you - especially at this time. Perhaps you can let me know where you will be in Europe, so that if destiny smile on me, I could perhaps see you there. My life for the last year or two seems to have been chopped up in many strange fragments and "plans" have been almost impossible so it seems I have to play the future "by ear" for the time being, which can be rather disconcerting. How I wish you could stop off in Aspen on your way to New York! It is only forty minutes by air, from Denver. Would it be possible? If only for a day or two? Aspen is very beautiful just now and fro my balcony I can gaze on the snow clad mountains while a warm sun shines down during the day and the stars light up the calm nights.

I will try to reach you by phone within²⁴ the next few days, hoping to have a few words with you. I only wish it was possible for me to see you!

I hope, hope, hope, that all goes well with you, P.B., in every way and that somehow, somewhere we may see each other again before too many moons wax and wane.

devotedly always and thank you for you letter.



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Letter from Nowell²⁵ Mayo
140 Princes street, Edinburgh, Scotland

²¹ Added by author as a post script.

²² "Ames" circled in pencil in another hand.

²³ "Enter address" added PB himself in upper right next to this address.

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²⁵ "Nowell" in the original.

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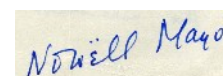
Dear Mr Paul Brunton

How Edinburgh International Convention would love to have a visit from you: I am praying that you will be led to come and speak at the Convention Royalty {may offer} it and we are hoping for a great success, as it is the first of its kind in Edinburgh for the Seekers outside of the²⁶ Church.

Countless Easter Blessings and may {w.} rebirth he is that higher and still higher rung of {w.} spiral

I shall be having a book out - the last one gave three men a Cosmic Consciousness they wrote. This one will be called VC Visions Celestial (43) would you review it?

There is an excellent Cunard boat from Montreal leaving 13 Aug arriving 19th Aug.



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Letter from Nowell Mayo

Active Truth Academy 140 Princes street, Edinburgh, Scotland

Undated letter

Dear Paul Brunton

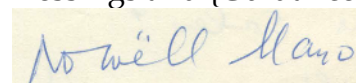
Do you never want to visit beloved Scotland, the home for all inventions {nearly} Television, jet planes radar, {teleph} Bell etc. etc.

Well perhaps this convention may tempt you to further your sales?

There is a Cunard boat sailing from Montreal or Quebec on²⁷ 13 August arriving {Glasgow} (Clyde) 19th August and if 30 friends go with you they offer a free passage!! Also the BDAC and Pan America told me the same Thomas Cooks of NY are helping to arrange a seminar

How wonderful if you did decide to give us all this treat. Accommodation {for your} followers is very reasonable \$2.5 per day or \$6 full board.

Countless Blessings and {Guidance}



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Letter from Jean Calissi, Secretary to K.T. Hurst

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July 15, 1975

Dr Paul Brunton
Chemin de Ballallaz, 14
Bloc A Appt. 11
Ch. 1820 Montreux
Switzerland

To: Dr Paul Brunton

I have very good news for you. Mr Hurst is back to work and looks wonderful. He has a good tan and seems to be in fairly good spirits.

He has been requested by his doctor to work only part-time for awhile (probably his first month or so back to work). He is also supposed to lie down in his office once in awhile during the day just to rest for a few minutes.

I'm sure you are pleased with Mr Hurst's excellent progress and to know that he is following his doctor's orders.

Sincerely yours.



Jean Claissi

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Letter from Michael {Currie}

Bolham Rd, Tirerton, Devon

4th July, 1975

Dear Dr Brunton,

I have written to your Publishers in the hope that they would supply your address to me, but I don't not really expect them to. So I am writing to you via them, hoping you will be able to spare some of your most valuable time to talk to me.

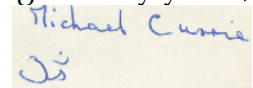
I have read some of your books and I have been most deeply moved by them. It is the first time I have been so deeply moved by an author, usually I find most written words very vague, but I am able to relate to your books in my Quest for truth not a truth but the truth which gives me hope when people tell me I am only following a dream.

It would be a great honour to sit at your feet and hear your teachings from your mouth and not from books. I believe you to be one of the few masters on the earth at the Present time. usually I am not at all subservient to anyone on²⁸ this Plane as I find it very difficult to relate my inner feelings to most people so it is a pretty lonely journey to

truth, but every now and again one comes across a alight in the dark or a friendly hand outstretched, I consider you to be both of these. You speak with such wisdom and authority that I cannot do anything but feel as insignificant as a grain of sand, but at the same time know that I know that one day we must all attain to the same level, but I am at the stage where I need help, I feel I have found one in you. I know that each cross road I come to that which ever Path I come to take is the right one, but there is much more unseen and unspoken because words cannot convey the real Truth behind life it has to be felt.

Thank you for all your help so far, I hope you will be able to continue to help me in the future in my Quest for the ultimate {Merger} with the World Mind.

Very gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Currie" with a stylized flourish below it.

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Letter from Joan and Stan Clayton

60 Rugby Rd, New Cubbington, Leamington Spa, Warwicks

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Dear Mr Brunton,

My husband and I hope you are well.

May I say what great pleasure your books have given to us we have not read them all yet but are going to.

I bought your book "The Secret Path" in 1965 as a birthday present for my husband as we were just embarking on spiritual meditation as practiced in the Spiritual Church, and found your method most enlightening and interesting.

We thought you would like to hear of a strange message which my husband received on the 23rd July 1973. as I said earlier we had sat in a meditation²⁹ group for approximately 2 years in Sutton Coldfield. we moved to Leamington Spa in 1970 where we met a teacher of occultism who explained reincarnation to us and we accepted this truth. during the twelve months that we Learnt from her we decided to form a Healing group and also to help people if they needed it on any other way.

During 1972 to 1973 several Indian groups visited Leamington and we attended their meetings namely "The Maharishee" who the "Beatles" pop group had visited in India. and The Divine Light Mission" whose Leader was a young boy, we found what they had to say very interesting. They all said you could see "God" by some special meditation practice and repeating a Mantra. Then on the 14th July 1973 we saw an advertisement in the local paper saying that His Holiness The Nirankari Baba was

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coming to Leamington at the start of his Word Wide Tour. So³⁰ of course we went along to see what they had to say. we found they were {sitters} and their headquarters are in Deli. They said their Master could show you God in the blinking of an eye. They are also advocates of "World Peace" and "Universal brotherhood." at the end of the meeting we were invited to meet His Holiness and party and we asked them for their knowledge. we were given a perception of god that my husband and myself had not had before that God is formless. The Nirankari Bab asked my husband to start a center in Leamington which he has tried to do. a stipulation to this knowledge is that you are not allowed to give it to anyone unless you have been given permission by the Master.

On July 23rd 1973 The party were leaving U.K. to start on their tour of Canada. My husband awake at about 4 o'clock and said to me I can hear someone talking to me will you get up and come with³¹ me into the lounge. I had been awakened earlier by a beautiful perfume and thought that I saw someone in while kneeling by my husbands bed. a fortnight previous to this my husband had won a tape cassette in Kenitworth carnival so it was in the lounge hand with part of an unused tape in it. My husband switched on the cassette we both knelt down and my husband started to speak the words he was hearing it was to do with Gods Universal {plan} etc. towards the end of the message He says "GO IN MY NAME. SANKARA." We had never heard this name in our lives before and my husband thought that this message must be for His Holiness needless to say we went to Heathrow airport to give him this tape but his plane had left 5 minutes earlier so we didn't know what to think as the message seemed urgent, also the message said "THERE IS HE AMONG YOU WHO WILL HAVE NO DOUBT"³² although we tried to find out who this Sankara was we could not until one day in 1974 my friend lent me a paperback of the Bhagavad³³ Gita and in the introduction it mentioned Sankara, and his work. needless to say we got several books from the library about his life etc. although we still couldn't get to the reason why we had got this message.

One day I got a book from the library called A FAITH FOR A NEW AGE and in the introduction David Vaughan says as Paul Brunton "spoke to Sri Sankara spiritual Head of Southern India" 30 years ago in His book "A SEARCH IN SECRET INDIA" so I finally got your book and we have read it and your interesting encounter with Sankara. We are wondering if there is still a Sankara in India and what the significance of the message is. We know that you are now in retirement and it would be a tremendous effort for³⁴ you to answer our letter, it must be marvelous to have experienced all that you have in your travels.

My husband both wish you well and know that the world is a better place for you having been here.

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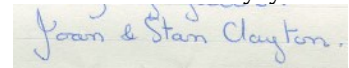
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³³ "Bhagvad" in original.

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Faithfully yours



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Letter to Anna Prim-Bornstein³⁵

Letter containing book revisions dated 3/75.³⁶

Extract: "the revisions of the October 1974 correction sheets for all the PB books is complete. In most cases there have been only minor changes made, and it is not necessary to mail you the new lists. Since you already have all the October 1974 lists, you can merely amend them as follows:"

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Extract: None

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Check to Paul Brunton

31 de Agosto de 1970

Extract: None

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Envelope from Ma. Teresa S. de Villalpando

Calle Mimosa No. 79. Col. Olivar de los Padres, Mexico 20, D.F.

SET 2 1970

Mr Dr Paul Brunton

Via Carona 38

CH 6900 Lugano-2-Paradiso

³⁵ PB inserted "Prim-Bornstein" by hand at the top of the page.

³⁶ PB inserted "sent 2 April 75" by hand in the top right corner of the page. "PB's copy" is handwritten in the top right corner of the page.

Ticino Switzerland³⁷

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Letter and Envelope from Ma. Teresa S. de Villalpando
Calle Mimosa No. 79, Olivar de los Padres, Mexico 20, D.F.
4th December, 1969.

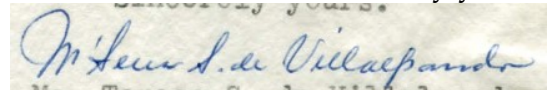
Dear Sir:

I write this letter only to know if you are alive. I have read several times your books "A search in Secret India" and The Secret Egypt" and I'm very interested in this type of studies. I would take a trip only to meet you and have a little talk with you if you let me.

I ask you to please write back.

Thank you very much. Permit me to wish you Merry Christmas and a New Year full of Happiness.

Sincerely yours.



Ma. Teresa S. de Villalpando.

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Letter from Ma. Teresa Suarez de Villanalpando
Calle Mimosa No. 79, Oliver de los Padres, Mexico 20, D.F.
29th August, 1970

Dr Paul Brunton
C/o National and Grindlays Bank
13, St. James Square
London, S.W.L.

Dear Doctor,

I cannot wait any longer. It is impossible for me - going on living without seeing you, even if it be at a distance.

My destiny has been marked. It is exactly equal to -- the sensations you have experienced ever since your childhood - until you reached what you wanted.

The same has happened in me, since 1960, when I read for the first time "A SEARCH IN SECRET INDIA." It was the first touch of destiny which, until today, I feel to be the getting -- nearer to the real purpose for which my being has been given me.

³⁷ Address on envelope is crossed out and this address is written in a different hand.

I had succeeded in finding out your address and I wrote you that day, but I do not know whether you received my letter. And even more: I went to Europe last year in August and most especially to London, in order to see you there, but unfortunately it was useless. Now I understand: It was not the time yet.

The moment has come. I just get your new address. It is 8 o'clock in the morning. I have sent you a message by conduct of the great wise Maharishi and Vishudhananda. Did you receive it? I sent it from the very depth of my being, and you must certainly have felt some kind of unquietness.

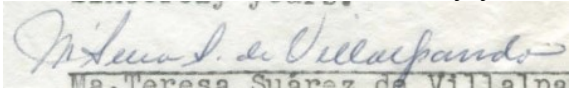
I know that you travel much. Did you ever come to Mexico?

Please indicate me the place where I could speak to you, not more than for 10 minutes, and I will go there immediately.

My English is very limited, but I think I would not -- need it much. I feel for you the same attraction which you felt for the wise Maharishee.

My destiny is marked out, and I confide in you. My eyes are full of tears of emotion. I beg you very sincerely to answer me.

Sincerely yours.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ma. Teresa Suarez de Villalpando". Below the signature, the name is printed in a small, serif font.

Ma. Teresa Suarez de Villalpando.

In³⁸ order for you to know who I am:

I was born on the 28th of December, 1913, at 10 o'clock at night.

The check No. 393871 is³⁹ for the stamps.

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Book Revisions

Extract: None

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Additional Footnotes for the Swedish Translation of A Search in Secret India

March 1975

Extract: "Everything above has been sent to Prim, except the "addition" and the pen-ink changes"⁴⁰

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³⁹ "if" in the original.

⁴⁰ The extract is handwritten by PB at the bottom of the page.

Letter from Eileen L. Coates
Briancliffe Acres, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
April 17, 1969

Dear Dr Brunton:

One night at dinner with our mutual friend Roma Stevens, I questioned her regarding your feelings about the heart transplants that are taking place at this time. I quoted to her excerpts from your book "The Quest Of The Overself" and she suggested that I ask you for clarification as she felt unable to do so to my satisfaction. If you lack the time or inclination to appease my curiosity I will understand perfectly.

Page 230 - "The divine atom of the Overself is situated in the right ventricle of the heart, etc."

Question: Man #1 dies from brain damage or other causes and his heart is transplanted into the body of man #2. Does the divine atom withdraw, or is it transplanted along with the physical heart? The heart from man #2 is removed and discarded. Does the divine atom withdraw into the universal life current and be replaced by the atom from man #1? Or does it hover about and re-enter the new heart?

Page⁴¹ 231 - "The real seat of human consciousness is not in the brain but in the heart."

Question: If a man's brain damaged beyond repair and the heart is kept pumping by artificial means, does the ego "formed from that minute fragment of transcendental vital force and greater consciousness" (page 232) just disappear, or does it re-descend to the divine atom in the heart? If so, then what happens when the heart is transplanted into another body? Or - when the heart is started pumping artificially, does the divine atom withdraw at that time?

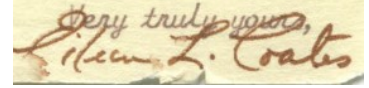
I'm sure the answer is quite simple. The trouble is though that I am just too simple too figure it out!

It may interest you to know that your impression of Meher Baba (Search in Secret India) was so similar to my own that I was greatly amused. I have lived in close proximity to the Baba group here for more than ten years and still feel the same.

I asked Roma to ask your opinion of the writing and philosophy of Teilhard de Chardin which she forgot to do, but I would still like very much to have it. His Future Of Man, and his Phenomenon of Man are the two most exciting book I've read since your Hidden Teaching, Wisdom Of the Overself and Spiritual Crisis of man, which I read eight years ago.

Very truly yours,

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Letter from E.R. Nayanar
Kalliasseri
20.5.75

Revered Dr Brunton,

First of all I request you to kindly go through {this} carefully and help me with your advice. { | | } Recently I read your book 'The Secret Path.' {illegible} {illegible} {an} excellent one on this subject. The matter contained in the Chapter 'The Way of Divine Beauty' is new to me and I feel it will benefit people like me who are artistic minded, sensitive and emotional. {If} I find a good natural scenery or a beautiful picture of {illegible} I will be moved. When I look into such a picture, I forget the surroundings and feel as if I am on that spot "So also good {illegible} brings tears to my eyes. I feel I know a little of {illegible}, {illegible} etc. Many verses of 'Gita'⁴² move me. When I deeply thing of God amid His manifestations, it is not 'aananda' ({illegible} joy) but fear, and respect that is aroused in me. I fail to get 'aananda' why? Is it bad? Will this experience help or hinder my spiritual progress? Sometimes I can visualize God in all {creation} but it is {often} short lived.

I am a firm believer in nonviolence. I refrain from meat, fish, tea, coffee, chilli, tamarind, {illegible}, {illegible} etc. {illegible} I fail to get that {mood} {I} 'love.' {Whereas} Vedantas say that we must get I can't kill a creature nor can I tolerate someone doing it. But {illegible} it I am forced to kill! {What} {at} unforgivable situation! My home is fully {bugs} that extract my blood every night. I have been doing this for the {illegible} many years. What shall I do but to kill them to get rid of it, to get good sleep in the night. Is not the human body sacred enough so that anything that attacks it {illegible} be removed or destroyed without any 'paapa' or Spiritual bad-effect? I am of bad health even otherwise. If bugs are allowed to {illegible} my {condition} will be worse. {illegible} {elucidate} on⁴³ this point.

The next thing I want is to know whether I can practice the procedure of self-realisation described⁴⁴ by you, without doing the breathing exercise. I am a heart-{patient}. Hence this question.

The last doubt In regarding sexual relations.

Is sexual connection to be completely avoided? If not, what is the interval allowed, taking into account the health aspect also.

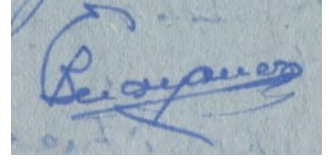
⁴² "Geeta" in the original.

⁴³ "1" is handwritten and circled in the left margin by this line.

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I humble request that I {illegible} be favoured with a reply

I remain yours



From E.R. Nayanar
Advocate
X Kalliasseri- 670562
Cannanore Dr
Kerala State
S. India

P.S. I have read your 'A Search in Secret India' and 'A message from Arunachala'
besides 'The Secret Path'

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Letter from Harry Dickman
Aug. 18, 1969⁴⁵

Dear Dr Brunton,

⁴⁵ The Sanskrit symbol "Om" is handwritten at the top of the page by the Author. PB inserted "ARCH" by hand in the top right corner of the page.

Received thankfully your card with autograph from Verona, Italy. Highly delighted indeed!

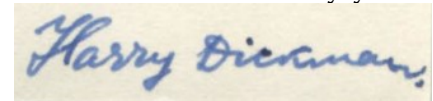
Your address was recently supplied through our mutual friend Mrs Erna King.

May be you still remember that we exchanged letters while I was in Latvia, Europe. It was shortly after your book "A Search in Secret India" was published.

Though I have read most of your works but the just mentioned one charmed me most.

With my very best wishes and kindest regards with
{Prem} and OM

Cordially yours



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Incomplete letter from {Unknown}⁴⁶

Chicago

Thursday, February 4, 1954

Dear Paul,

I know you are a busy man, but why don't you drop me a line and say hello and let me know how everything is with you! (Just a-teasin' --do hope everything is ship-shape.)

Thought you might like to hear this little story because it might have some meaning for you: Last Monday while downtown, I received the impression to call upon a certain psychic lady. This was not premeditated, I was just standing on the corner of State and Madison, when something seemed to take me by the shoulders, turn me around to the right direction, then telling me to visit this individual. You do not know her.

She gave me a card-reading, but as she said, they were not at all necessary--everything was coming to her as quickly as she could tell it to me. The first thing that she mentioned was a favorite author of mine, "now in the spirit world," and the fact that he received my thoughts. He was, she went on to say, going to help me a great deal, but furthermore (and this is what amazed me) he was going to help my friend, Paul! You are the only man with your name who is of importance to me, and I cannot help but feel this message does pertain to you.

I do not know if you feel that you need help of any kind, but I think it might be of interest to know that there is someone on another plane who is aware of you.

⁴⁶ "G" is handwritten in the top right corner of the page.

Personally, I am not too acquainted with the doings of souls on other planes as I have always been too busy trying to learn how to conduct myself on this one! But if this message has any importance to you, I am happy to pass it on to you....⁴⁷

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Letter from Marianne⁴⁸
April 29, 1954

Thank you so much, Paul,

for your letter of the 28th. I have thought of you often and thought to see a letter from you telling me of yourself.

I should like so much to visit you in person although this must be deferred til later. I am sorry for it would be so good to see you. There are travel plans for forthcoming months so perhaps we can meet somewhere along the way. It will work out.

I am most happy to hear of your good health and may it remain so! Also that Kenneth found his good job. I am very fond of him and it will be my pleasure to meet him in the flesh some day.

Paul, I am not friends with Dr Holloway. I merely attended several of his lectures and talked with him personally only once. Knowing of him and his works only brought to light, for me, what goes on in this world of ours.

My world has changed considerably. I am very happy and delighted with Life. Of course I was always of a happy nature, but today my happiness is a mature, grown-up happiness; at least it is sufficient unto me. What else can I ask for? As I am happy, it will spread and that too is a happy thought!

As always, I thank you for your assistance to my happiness and may I return it a hundredfold and many times over!

My life, as usual remains busy, but then I like it that way. I have my pen friends and those in person. It is so wonderful to feel of help, and every time I bear witness to another's happiness, it is my own.

Have you read the books written by Neville? He uses just the one name. He lives and teaches in New York City, although I believe his classes are private. His⁴⁹ books have also meant a great deal to me. If you haven't read them I should like to send them on to you as they are not even as large as the conventional size. I think you would like them. They have revolutionized my life. There are six of them and most of them can be read in an hour or so. His writing is based upon the bible, but his interpretations are far removed from orthodox Christianity.

⁴⁷ Following pages may be missing.

⁴⁸ "G" is handwritten in the top right corner of the page.

⁴⁹ "X" and a bracket are handwritten in the left margin in the middle of this paragraph.

Bill no longer travels and it is most pleasant having him home much more. He has come a long way. It was Bill who signed for your letter this morning, and he expressed the hope you are well and happy. He is very occupied with his furniture business as much of the responsibility of the sales end has been on his shoulders but he enjoys it so it really isn't work to him.

Dear Albert too is in excellent spirits. I had lunch with him only yesterday and we had a pleasant meeting.

Received a letter from Mary Wadlow (Colorado) this morning. I write to her quite often as she is strongly desirous of gaining added knowledge. She is a very dear person. I am going to write to my South Africa friend today too. She is a very lovely person. The Prine case closed with a letter from her mother who is a fine woman and we occasionally exchange short letters. Christel had many sad experiences but is much better now.

My astrologer friend, Bob is a frequent correspondent weaning himself away from the subject despite its hold over him. Le Gros continues with astrological lectures (he is the one you heard downtown) but I never hear him nor do I see any longer those with whom I studied while I was interested in the subject.

I have⁵⁰ dispensed with astrology coming to the conclusion some time ago that it held too little of Truth to be very useful to man. And the more I consciously realized that we are what we believe the time came when I found no usefulness whatsoever from the subject and dropped it completely giving all of my books to those who wanted them. And I sure cleared out a lot of books!

I have not heard from Mrs van Witzenburg of late. I believe I told you she visited with me at home here. I liked her much. We have exchanged a few letters and she last told me she would write when she felt the urge.

My dear friend, Charles, (California -- the one who helped me in my "younger years") was much the same person when I was in the San Fernando Valley last Fall, and he too is very happy now. I might go to California again this next July; at least I look forward to it as I would like to see my very dear friend, Grace Griffith, who has been so good to me these past months. Some day I should like you to meet her.

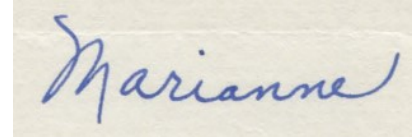
My sister is now secretary to Bill and his associate. She loves her job and all is well with her.

My mother is as dear as ever, learning more every day, and my father too is much better. Bill's father is in the Rio Grande Valley, living in McAllen, Texas (where it is always warm and dry.). He came up here last Autumn for a visit and claimed he would never leave the Rio Grande Valley because it was so good for his health. McAllen is eight miles from the Mexican border and quite a modern up-to-date town. I think you would like it.

Well, Paul, I believe this is all of my news for now, but it is all god news, isn't it? Please write to me when you can, but I do know I am in your thoughts as you always are in mine. Please do let me send the Neville books if you haven't read them.⁵¹

My best to Evangeline.

My love,



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Incomplete letter from Marianne

Undated

...⁵² It would be so delightful too see and talk with you once again, though I often sit in my easy chair, close my eyes and Presto! You are there. Indeed, you are never away from me for I am always with you!

1952 was a year of many occurrences - I had to really go to keep up with it. I must report that regardless of what others teach and believe about astrology - I have had to drop the subject.

Perhaps some people might say I haven't given it enough time and study - but in my opinion - I have. The main reason I have for concluding astrology cannot be used as a "safe" guide is this: Astrology has no way of determining the person or how evolved he or she is who is represented by a particular chart. In other words, we cannot look at a chart and say that this is a person of Super-Intelligence and Understanding - we simply do not know! And there is no way of knowing, if there is, I haven't found it yet, and believe me, I looked mighty hard!

Secondly, with the above information lacking - how can we possibly judge the natal aspects and those formed by transit and progression? Absolutely impossible! I saw (if it was correct) the⁵³ chart of a mongoloid idiot with three trines to Mercury!!

Thirdly, and perhaps most important of all - and as you have stated also, - it is possible to alter our karma, - the "grace" of God, another factor, - how can we safely conclude that certain aspects produce certain results. There is no way for any astrologer to determine with any accuracy just what I shall doo with my life - or what, at this point, I am capable of doing (though I'm not limiting the Infinite) or shall do!

Astrologers claim great things for astrology, and I heard much of this at the convention in Cleveland in June, '52; however, after due consideration I realized that many of them were living lives of subjugation - that because they were living by certain

⁵¹ Underlined by hand.

⁵² Previous lines are missing because the page is torn.

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astrological standards, they were not living a real life of growth. It is much like planting a tree and stunting its growth, before it has reached its maturity.

I so firmly believe, to put it into my own words, - that man is God Unlimited - that I found I could no longer stay with astrology. There is no way of limiting or affecting the Infinite - it is We who must change and live the Divine Perfection that Is, Was, and Always will be, and when we do the astrological aspects cannot possibly have any meaning.

I write this to tell you my thoughts - from the moment I met you I confided in you, and no doubt I always shall!

I⁵⁴ am awaiting your book - also, when you have time and the inclination some personal news of yourself.

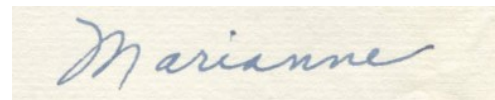
The other night on television I saw a March of Time film on India. It concerned in the main, the way of life of some Maharajah or another! He lived in the lap of luxury and the masses in quite another way. Man has yet to learn that he is Divine and then to express that knowledge, - and really, Paul, I don't mean to be telling you! - I'm just thinking out loud on paper!

But I do think you'd be glad to know how truly joyously happy I am; I am no longer a seeker - I am the Sought! And that explains everything.

Once more I say thank you - to you - for the wonderful goodness you brought into my life. I shall never feel that I have quite thanked you enough, but I shall try in my attempt to pass on to those others who are seeking the wonderful knowledge you have helped make mine.

God bless you - and with every good wish to you and Evangeline, I am

as ever

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marianne". The script is cursive and elegant, with a long, flowing tail on the final letter.

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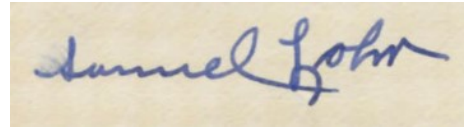
Card from Samuel Lohr

Dec. 26, 1951

My Dear PB:

May The Sweetness of Life
Be With You Through The
Days of Labor And
Nights of
Stillness.
With Best Wishes.

Peace Forevermore.
As Ever,



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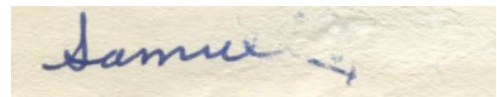
179 - 180
Message from {Unknown}⁵⁵
{December 20th}

This message came to me December 20, one half hour past midnight...
"OPEN NOT THE CONTENTS OF THE PACKAGE; LET MY SON BRUNTON
TASTE THE FIRST OF THE SWEETS. WITH MY LOVE FOR MY TWO SONS."
This message came to me December 24 at 12 midnight...
"SAMUEL, I DWELL WITHIN THY HEART; THEY WILL KNOW FROM FAR
AND NEAR. TELL MY SON BRUNTON TO CARRY ON AS HE PLANNED. MY
LOVE FOR MY TWO SONES."

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181 - 182
Letter from Samuel⁵⁶
April 3, 1952

Dear PB:
May I extend my appreciation towards your friendship.
May GOD be your traveling GUIDE. Go with love and return with peace.
With best wishes.



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Envelope
Undated

⁵⁵ "L" is handwritten in the top right corner of the page.

⁵⁶ "L" is handwritten at the top of the page.

Extract: "The John G. Schmid Family"

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Photograph
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Extract: None

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187 - 188
Letter from {PB}⁵⁷
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I am sorry that I cannot comply with your request. Since many years I have made it a rule not to give out photographs. However, if you refer to the frontspiece of A Search In Secret India there is a reproduction of an oil painted portrait. A better one - an etched drawing, is now in the possession of the publishers, who will probably use it in some of the other books or book covers.

The⁵⁸ reading of spiritual literature is beneficial to everyone whether they are Questers or not.

To read about Peace and Light helps to remind us of the true end of life.

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Letter from (Mrs) Charlotte Franco de Mello
Alameda Santos 1940, Sao Paulo, Brazil
December 26, 1967

Dr Paul Brunton
c/o National and Grindlays' Bank,
13 St. James Square,
London S.W.1, England

Dear Doctor Brunton:

After having read, re-read and studied your books for a number of years, I feel irresistibly moved to write to you to thank you for having written them. To me, they

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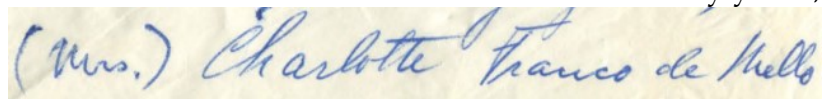
represent the most significant and inspiring literature of our times, especially "The Wisdom of the Overself," whose contents border on the sublime.

I have made a close study⁵⁹ of most of the world's religions, but the more I study the philosophy expounded in your books, the more I become convinced that it is the only logical way for those modern human beings who are able to think and who strive for something more than mere materialism

Could you please let me know if there is someone in Sao Paulo whom I could trust to enlighten one on paints which are still obscure? I have tried to obtain "The Spiritual Crisis of Man" but am told that it is out of print. Is there some way in which I can purchase it?

Please accept my best wishes and profound thanks.

Sincerely yours,



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Letter and envelope from Charlotte Franco de Mello
Alameda Santos 1940, 1418 Sao Paulo, Brazil
November 2, 1972

Dear Doctor Brunton,

Although I never receive a direct answer to my letters to you, I periodically feel impelled to write, as if through an inner necessity. I may say that there is no one to whom I would write as I do to you. For years your books have been an ever-increasing source of inspiration and, I may add, the teachings therein have completely altered my inner life.

I have also felt as if some kind of transmission of thoughts has occurred at times. This, of course, has⁶⁰ probably been pure imagination on my part induced by the inspiration I derive from your writings. Without doubt, hundreds write to you, and I can see that it is impossible for you to answer letters. But somehow, I have been helped over some rough spots in the past after I have written to you, especially when the inevitable tendency toward discouragement occurs.

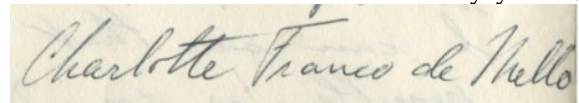
I am a very long way from achieving the ideal in meditation and it is very difficult to work alone without the direct contact of a teacher whom one can completely trust. But I shall certainly not give up, but shall continue to strive for⁶¹ that goal towards which I am so irresistibly drawn. Is there some way in which you can help me?

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Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charlotte Franco de Nello", on a piece of aged, slightly textured paper.

After writing the above, I finished re-reading your wonderful "A Hermit in the Himalayas." I too, often feel an urgent necessity to withdraw from the noise and restlessness of my surroundings. Fortunately, I am in a position to do this periodically, not into the mountains, but to the seaside, where the contemplation of the ocean gives me back the serenity which has been disturbed. But this serenity should not be disturbed in the first place, if I were on the right path in meditation. To me, the vital question is "How do I know whether I am following the right path in my quest for the Overself?"

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Letter from John G Schmid
RFD A97, Lompoc CA USA

27 Jan 75

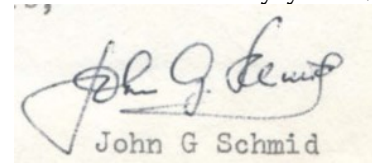
Dear Dr Brunton,

I (what a way to start this letter, with "I") am one of the thousands, hopefully millions, who has read your books and come away from them with practically all questions met and answered. "Come away" is not the correct expression, however, since "Hidden Teaching beyond Yoga" and "Wisdom of the Overself" especially will stay with me for years to come. How one man can faultlessly assemble such a fundamental work, so precisely and so definitively, is cause for admiration. And that he can start at the very beginning and follow through to the very end without once stumbling over an inconsistency is just plain beautiful. I can say this without any reserve because (1) I mean it, pure and simple, and (2) no flattery is intended as I'm fully aware of the fact that "public adulation" has no place at this level. If I express myself rather inelegantly, let my non-English background be a partial excuse.

In other words, I feel an urge to communicate to you my deepest gratitude that you have let yourself be a "relay" or messenger for the transmittal of the highest truths. This said, I can think of nothing else save making a respectful request for some kind of personal note that I will tape into the front part of my Hidden Teaching book; please be kind enough to respond. Incidentally, be assured that I harbor no intentions (desires, yes!) to invade your privacy except by this one letter.

Greetings from an emigrated Swiss (Amriswil TG) now living in Southern California, outside a small town, on a farm in the countryside where we rent an old farm house. You would like it here -- we have walnut trees all around us and the nearest neighbours are 300m away.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John G. Schmid", is written over a light-colored rectangular background. Below the signature, the name "John G Schmid" is printed in a small, sans-serif font.

John G Schmid

Postage-paid addressed envelope enclosed for your convenience.

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Letter from Gita Conrad

Undated

You are cordially invited to acquaint yourself with the techniques of the SCIENCE OF THE SELF.

No books, no classes, no lectures, no long hours of study. Inviting you to engage in the greatest adventure in life YOURSELF.

If you're not getting the best out of life it's reasonably sure you're not using your full potentialities, and if so, WHY?

There is a blocking some place. Do you know where and what it is? Does it pertain to your social relations, work, religion, etc. It could be any one of the above or a combination of them. Everyone wants to be HAPPY and you can be. It's worth doing something about it.

If you had need of anything, for instance, a car, a new coat, or a place to live you'd see about getting one. Well, your Personal Self has a NEED, too. What are YOU doing about THAT!

Will you permit me to suggest the following: Please sit down and ask yourself, What about my personality? Am I satisfied with it? Am I truly happy? Have I everything I want? Do I love my work? Enjoy play? Am I contented with my marriage? Have I a sound philosophy of Life?

If you say yes (honestly) to the above, you're a most fortunate human being. If your answer is no, let me help you. I know I can.

I'm sure at some time or other you've said to yourself, If only someone could UNDERSTAND me, BELIEVE in me, someone I could really TALK to, I'm sure there is a way out of this difficulty.

YES THERE IS. The technique of the SCIENCE OF THE SELF the most brief therapy on record in personal adjustment and reorientation. It is a private and strictly confidential service.

Call for an appointment and let's work it out TOGETHER. With best wishes for your future SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS, I am,

Your friend and counselor

Gita Conrad
SCIENCE OF THE SELF
Gita Conrad, Founder
319 S. Robertson Blvd.
Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Photograph of Meitre Philippe
Undated

Extract: None

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201 - 202
Photograph of le Maitre Philippe⁶²
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*Extract: "{F. 3S} - O ROSTO DOLOROSO E AS MAOS LIMPAS!"*⁶³

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Photograph of Swami Sevanada⁶⁴
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Extract: None

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Photograph of {Sarvananda} (Georg Kritikos)
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Extract: None

⁶² {le Meitre Philippe, {M} Lyon." is handwritten on the back of the photograph.

⁶³ Typed on the front of the photograph.

⁶⁴ There are some Illegible words on the back of the photograph.

Letter from Sarvananda (Georg Kritikos)

Belo Horizonte

3th, January, 1974

Mr Paul Brunton

App. 11, Bloc A

Chemin de Ballalaz 14

CH 1820-Montreux (Vaud) Swiss

Dear Mr Brunton,

Not long ago, my friend Carlos Alberto Pinto Fonseca visited you and came back with "a new wind" to Brazil, bringing something palpable clear from the few hours he was allowed too be with you. To me, myself, that contact and my friend's posterior report were reinforcement and balsam. What happens is that you don't know me, but I've known you for many years. To put you closer to the fact, I've got to tell you that it was your book "Secret Egypt," the first spiritual type I've read, and it was also, a sudden gap to the past, my past and tie with Egypt, and then with India. It was in Uruguay, 1948 or 1949, when I lost the protection of my family that wanted me to be in a golden cage, after having spent the last months of the war in front of the North Sea, I fell in a deep depression, because of the emptiness I felt under my feet. Despaired, seeking help, your book cheered me up, but I came down again for finding out that I had a mirror in front of me, the experience of somebody else. In 1950, I was put in the way of my Master, Swami Sevananda (Viscount Leo A. de Mascheville) who started me later in his trailer. Reading your book I experienced a strong impression with the Egyptian Adept, and one night I woke up suddenly, in other words I was awoken to see a really fireworks pouring from my Ajna-Chakra with a very intense silver light that had a quick crackly, among an intense and extraordinary vibration or presence dominating all the environment (surrounding.) After this my third eye began to work.

Later I was informed that it was the Adept himself who had made all this, and also that it was him who saved me in a day-break when I was in a sea-battle during the war in 1945. However I never took a fire-arm except for shooting at a target.

Even the initiation that occurred in March, 1951, about what I've said you before was made in fact, by the Egypt Adept himself. I was then a disciple of Master Sevananda, who oughtn't be unknown to you, since I know he was in contact with you through the mail. It was a full moon in beginning of 1952, I was visiting him in his trailer, on the Park del Plata, near Montevideo, as I did every weekend. We were chattering, sitting down surrounded by a pleasant Indian incense, when suddenly appeared the powerful presence of the Adept. I had asked someone to make copies of the photograph of his eyes and given them to the Master. The atmosphere became so intensely impressioned by the presence of the Adept that the tears began⁶⁵ to drip down

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from my eyes, while the Adept, superposed on Master Sevananda, was writing a dedication to me in one of the portraits I had brought. But when he was writing, from the fallen eye-lids of the Master arose like powerful holophotes of white shining lights, seeing-me, the eyes of the Adept: "Para el querido Jorge, a quem el carinho de Ra Mak Hotep ha conduzido hasta la AMO para que reanudes sus antiguos lazos con el Rito Egipcio de Osiris. Amenhorat." And he drew the symbol of Venus beside his signature, inside a triangle with its point to the top. To your acquaintance, "AMO" was the name of our school: Occidental Mystic Association.

Since this time, the occurrences of my life began to intensify, conducting me to a way of life that has become my intimate life, what is over all things the world can give me. Always going along with the Master and trying to follow him the best I could, until he left his carnal cover in November, 6th, 1970, when he gave me his last bless. Before this he had already passed me the knowledgements I was able to assimilate and also the succession of this same line: Sarva Yoga, that he had founded. But also the more possible about the occidental line, as Martinism and Esoteric Christianity of the like of Master Philippe of Lyon, so much so I don't conceive these two lines separately, except as form.

I have understood and felt deeply when you said to my friend Carlos Alberto, that we must join East and West. I have worked in this sense trying to make understand whom wants to know it.

Forgive me, Mr Brunton, my chatter and my talking about myself. In fact I feel honored and happy by telling you these things, because I don't say too much when I affirm that you are a symbol for me, a focus of light, the person who saw and talked face to face with the Egyptian Adept, whom I feel like a father and a great protector, and whose face and eyes he shows principally to my wife, so much so wishing to be allowed too see him physically some day I felt a little disappointed in my ignorance when I knew, by Carlos Alberto, that he had died. His presence is frequent and strong in the meditation nights, of our mystic group on every Wednesday.

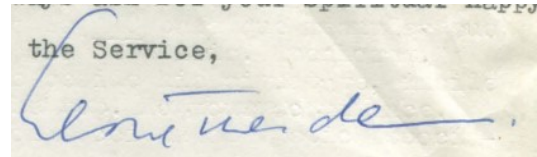
By the other had I write you because Carlos Alberto told me that you wanted to have three portraits: One of Maitre Philippe, other of Master Sevananda and another of mine: So I send you them.

My English isn't good and I write to you with the help of a friend I intend to improve my English in order to have not difficulties of communication in India, where I intend to be between January 10th, and March of this year, to improve my Method of Yoga therapy, and also try to find saint persons, to open a little more my internal way. I beg your pardon if this kind of expression seems to you a little ingenuous but I believe you will understand me if I say you that my thirst is great. For this reason I believe also that I will be guided. If it won't be so much I ask you please to give me some advice and indications from your experience. Without pretensions I want to use all that would be possible, taking into account my imperfection to serve inside the way received from

my Master, since the phisic-moral till the psychic-spiritual⁶⁶ Could you let me, when I come back from India, to go till Montreux and greet you?

I ask you, if you remember to include my name in your prayers. My heart, grateful by the help you gave me through your writings, will always ask for your spiritual happy.

Yours, inside the Service,



Sarvananda (Georg Kritikos)

My address:

r. Goitacazes 43/604

30000-Belo Horizonte M.G.

Brazil

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Theosophical Society Flyer⁶⁷

Theosophical Society Film and Lecture descriptions

Extract: None

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List of PB's books

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Extract: None

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⁶⁷ "Keep" is handwritten at the top of the page.