

Readers' Letters 18 (Australia and South Africa)

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 1938 and 1974. This file was assembled with a geographical theme – it contains letters that are all from Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa.

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

L18.001

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Note by PB¹

The following letter is to be kept for possible use as a reference.

Extract: "To show landlords keep this Testimonial to my excellent care of rented flat"

L18.003

3 – 4

Letter from Leslie {Parkes}
41 Keane St. Wembley Western Australia
October 25 1963

Dear Mr Brunton,

¹ Note is referring to the following letter, L18.003.

I must sincerely apologize for the delay before answering your letter. However, I had friends here on a visit from Victoria and your letter was mislaid. I was very happy to find it eventually, as I had no other way of ascertaining your address.

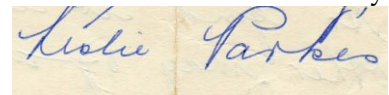
I'm so very sorry that I can't assist you about the parcel. I am sure I would have seen it immediately on my return as no one other than yourself had my home before my return and I'd know that it must belong to you. I would have put it aside to be kept until you wrote for it

The house was in perfect order, Mr Brunton. I'm quite sure that should I ever decide to let it again (which I doubt) I would never again be {ensured} enough to obtain a tenant like yourself. Mr Hammond shares my views. I assure you. I'm sorry that I² am not able to locate your parcel for you.

Should I be able to assist you in any other way, I would be only too glad to do so at any time.

Wish every best wish and hoping that you are enjoying your stay in New Zealand.

I remain
Yours sincerely



L18.005

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Letter George and Mazie {Kelliher}
January 17 1960³

Dear Paul,

We were delighted to meet your friends Sir Paul and Diana Dukes. They will be staying in Auckland for a few weeks and will be giving some lectures on Yoga and spiritual development.

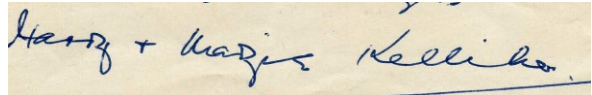
We find them most interesting and helpful couple. Needless to say, you have been much in our thoughts and discussions and we very sorry that your stay here was all too short.

However, we are reading and studying your wonderful book "The Secret Path" and hope eventually to achieve the ultimate - peace of mind and serenity.

Kindest regards
and may the peace and blessing of Allah
be with you always.

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³ PB inserted "Sent to J Cooks - Sidney" by hand.



L18.007

7 - 8

Letter from L T Symons

Institute of Para-Psychology, 20-22 Swanson Street Auckland, C.I.⁴

Undated

Mr Paul Brunton

Dear Sir,

I received your box number thru Mr Goodey of "The New Age" bookshop where my book "The Healer is Here" is on sale. Many years ago Lady Willoughby Carey if I remember correctly, spoke of you as well as having met you thru many of your books, for 30 years. I have been seeking and now have developed clairvoyance in time for the purpose of finding the basic cause of disease. I am also able to read Moori Tikis and artifacts which I have done for King {Koroki} and was the only white man to sleep in the palace up to five years ago at least. During a period of research I believe I recited many verses of the Upanishads and have a tape recording of such. Having freaked many thousands of Moori people in the past that I could furnish you with many authentic stories of the {Mahula} and many other objects of their inner lives and teachings that are becoming lost. I feel your pen could do greater justice than mine to much of the information I have gathered over the last 20 years New Zealand. Would you care to put me to the test as to the ability to diagnose disease and also to treat it. I feel that in return for your advice on two books I am now writing I could furnish you with material concerning the Moori people as no one else can to my knowledge. Apart from that I believe that one hour in the silence would refresh the memories of us both. I am in my rooms as above with the exception of Wednesday. Trusting you will find time to see me.

I am your sincerely

T S Symons



L18.009

9 - 10

⁴ "Natural Healer Heath Consultant" in letterhead.

Letter from F G Clarke
5 Blair Place St. Ives New South Wales 2075 Australia
December 5, 1974⁵

Dr Paul Brunton
Chemin de Ballallaz⁶
CH 1820
Montreux, Switzerland

To Dr Paul Brunton

Respectful greetings from a raw beginner on the Quest. I think often of the three days I spent with you in Montreux and the talks we had. Illumination continues to elude me, but hope springs eternal. I hope 1975 will be the year when fate ordains that the illumination will be granted to me. May 1975 also bring you whatever you wish for.

Frank Clarke



L18.011

11 - 12

Envelope from F.G. Clark

Sender and recipient addresses can be viewed on letter L18.009; it was sent from F.G. Clark in Australia to PB in Switzerland.

Extract: None

L18.013

13 - 14

Letter from {Clare Bates}⁷

Maryville Heights, 12 Belvedere St. Epsom, Auckland, {SE}3 New Zealand
Undated

P. Stands for pattern of Light {Revealing}
A. is Austere with Ascension pending
U. is the Universe {illegible} and {illegible}
L. is the Love {Ray}, Benevolent, mild

⁵ Date is from the envelope following this letter, ID L18.011, which is assumed to accompany card.

⁶ PB added "inform # omitted" following Ballallaz.

⁷ Author's name added by PB himself on page 14.

B. for the barriers bleak and bane
R. is the Reasoning with triumphs' {illegible}
U. is the Unity of Soul with God
N. is the {illegible} of the Physical forces overcome
T. is the turn to the Heavenland made
O. is the Oneness with Omnipotence Supreme
N. is {illegible} to He who is mastered life's dream.

The whole comprises a master mind of deepest Wisdom, with many incarnations of great significance behind it all. An adept from the past in a world weary and torn with disillusionment.

A Shining Ray gleaming forth in a {staggering height} bearing aloft a Banner of Hope -

Clare Bates⁸

L18.015

15 - 16

A poem and note from George and Clare
Contains a short letter dated 1962 included as the extract.

Extract: "A small token to wish you joy and lasting blessings in your new abode."

L18.017

17 - 18

Christmas card from Sr. Dolorosa OP
Welkom South Africa
14 - 12 - 74

Dear Dr P Brunton

From the sunny South I want to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

This greeting comes from the "Gold City Welkom" in the Orange Free State.

Please may I ask humbly for a memento through the silent language of the Spirit.

With sincere warm wishes I remain your grateful



L18.019

19 - 20

⁸ Writer's name added in PB himself.

Envelope from Sr M Dolorosa OP
Partial air mail envelope that does not show recipient address and is dated 1973.

Extract: "Sr M Dolorosa OP PO box 79 Kin William's Town South Africa CP"

L18.021

21 - 22

A postcard⁹ from Sr Dolorosa
South Africa
June, 15 - 1974

Loving Greetings from South Africa.

Yours gratefully,



L18.023

23 - 24

Blank postcard

Print on back of postcard indicates the front is of wildflowers and that the card is from
South Africa.

Extract: None

L18.025

25 - 28

Letter from Sr Dolores to Miss E R King
Undated¹⁰

Dear Miss E R. King,

With great joy I received your kind greetings containing the precious photo of Dr. Paul Brunton. I felt quite unworthy to touch it.

For many weeks I was waiting for this envelope to arrive. I do not know how to thank you for your kindness. I shall keep you in my prayers. Oh, I have so many questions to ask you, but how do dare I?

⁹ Shows a picture of a flower on the front.

¹⁰ Note "Everywhere God can be found, and God is good. -PB (The Inner Reality)" added by author.

Did you meet Dr. Paul Brunton in England? How is his health? He is a treasure to mankind. It must be an experience to stand¹¹ face to face with Dr P. Brunton. Thank you for mentioning his subline master's name. I so often wished to know it. For many a week I went through agonizing mental experiences. Dr Brunton's book - "The Inner Reality" was my sole help. However, all the time I was aware of my Higher Self in extra ordinary ways.

Fortunately, in our public library there are a few of Dr Brunton's books available.
e.g.

The Secret Path

A Hermit in the Himalayas

The Inner Reality

The Quest of the Overself - It seems the Rosicrucian title of the latter is "The Quest of the Super Ego."

Quite long ago I have written to England¹² for Dr Brunton's last book - "The Spiritual Crises of Man." So far there is no answer. Has he written another book since then?

Dear Miss King I do hope that these lines arrive at Verona before you leave for the U.S.A. I feel so indebted to you.

It would be lovely to hear from you again. I wish you a safe trip back to the U.S.A. and much joy and peace in the future.

In the search for the Higher Self I shall be united to you and with you.

Yours lovingly,

Sr. Dolorosa

L18.029

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Letter from Sr Dolorosa, O P

P. O. Box 79 King William's Town, South Africa

7th October, 1973

Dear Dr P Brunton,

After many months' hesitation I have decided to write to you and ask humbly for your longed-for signature.

From your wonderful books, without which I can scarcely live, I can imagine that you must be pressed from all sides and time is certainly not yours. For this reason, I shall value your personal response all the more.

In 1970 I was granted a sick leave to Germany, my birth country. At that time a very close friend of mine wrote to the "Rascher Verlag Zurich" and requested a photo

¹¹ Page 27

¹² Page 28

from Dr P Brunton with the signature if possible. To her great surprise the photo arrived and she had it photographed for me.

Since the age of fifteen I belonged to a circle of friends gathered around a leader with mediumistic powers. In this was we were closely united to 'Eastern friends', who were known to us as great yogis. In those far off days I heard the name of Dr P Brunton for the first time. The war raged on and I had little chance to experience a cession and to speak or rather listen to my 'Eastern friend' Yan.

In 1948 I entered a missionary congregation and in 1951 I arrived here in South Africa. After nineteen years I was once more fortunate as to have that blissful experience of "Unterhaltung" or cession as we called it, with my friend and master from the East. This contact established again a very close relationship and since then your books are my daily companions. Could I claim this Eastern yogi Yan as my master in my mental and spiritual endeavors?

In¹³ this letter I would also like to enquire about your present state of health.

Please will you be so kind and send the photo back to my addressed envelope. I shall consider it as one of my most treasured possessions.

God bless and reward you!

Yours sincerely,

Sr. Doloresa, O.P.

L18.033

33 - 36

Letter from Michael Sawtell to Mr Brunton

44 Castlereagh St. Sydney

23/10/57

Mr Brunton

Dear Friend,

It was my good Karma to day to meet our mutual friend Mr Harris of Brisbane, who kindly gave me your address. I have been thinking about you lately and advising people to read your books on Mentalism.

Well, we have sold out our Health Food Shop, but at 75, and every body tells me I look 45 and get younger every day, you are entitled to retire. My wife who is a good deal younger than I am, she has a good Chiropody and Homeopath business. I still do a couple of hours physical work in the early morning buying vegetables for another Health Food business. At my age, you still need some physical work and then the rest of the day, I Study, Meditate and give lectures. I am perhaps Sydney's best known Public Speaker, and as you can read on the enclosed card, I also teach Public Speaking or as I prefer to call it, Oratory.

My exoteric work is in talking about our mighty Inland and our Aborigines. I am the government representative on the Aborigines Welfare Board, an honorary position of course, but it brings me many advantages, for when I go about speaking, at all my lectures, I always drop a metaphysical hint, and there is always some body in the audience, who is ready for the Higher Wisdom and then I give them a leaflet etc, and thus spread the word, by making the physical serve the spiritual.

I also help UNITY here a great deal, you know them of course, for I believe that they are strong in America, but I am not Unity, for if I have to give myself a title, I am Vedanta, that is Vedanta for the West.

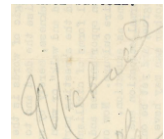
All this so called Christian Healing is not really Spiritual Healing, but Magical healing, or ceremonial White Magic. Quite all right for the babes in Christ, but not for those, who want to gain a self conscious experience of the Over Soul.

I also warn all our Yogi friends who come to Australia, that Eastern methods are no good in Australia. They all fall flat in Australia. The Theosophists and the Buddhist are very weak in Australia, and I have no wish to boost, but I am the only man in Sydney, who ever talks Mentalism publicly. Australia is spiritually dead and given almost entirely over to orthodoxy. The technique for Australia is small discussion groups.

Thank God, I had the good Karma to read Emerson many years ago, and still read his Over Soul now every day.

"Before the revaluations of the great soul, time space and nature, shrink away." I have no wish to weary you with a long letter, but just to let you know how we are in Australia, and to say how delighted my wife and I would be to hear from your again. With all best wishes.

Yours,
Michael Sawtell



See other side¹⁴

THE¹⁵ POWER OF WORD
BY
Michael Sawtell

Polonius: "What do you read, my lord"
Hamlet: "Word, Word, Words."
Shakespeare

¹⁴ Added by hand by author.

¹⁵ Page 35

A knowledge of the inner meaning of words and the magic of the spoken word are the chief glories of man. Therefore, let us make a deeper study of those wonderfully potent little things, words. Before any great work or life can be accomplished, there must be thought and thought must be issued in words. Words can be used destructively or constructively. Napoleon and Hitler used these words destructively. But Sir Winston Churchill aroused and Saved England when he used three simple, short, sharp Anglo Saxon words, "Blood, Sweat and Tears." And of course the supreme example of the magic of words is the power of Jesus to raise the dead and to heal all forms of sickness, merely by saying "Take up your bed and walk" or when he said "I AM HE", and the arresting party fell backwards. All forms of civilization exist to give all men opportunities and encouragement to acquire culture. Now culture is not quite the same as education. A man may have great leaflet and even a university degree, and yet be only a learned dunce. Another man may have only a primary school education and yet be cultured. Education is what we are taught at school. Culture is that knowledge that we acquire for ourselves by study and experience after we leave school. the chief difference between a cultured and uncultured man is that the man of culture has a greater knowledge of the power and proper use of words, or, as we fondly call it, his mother tongue, than the uncultured man. An uncultured man can get along with a few thousand words, and many to them he uses¹⁶¹⁷...

..."For¹⁸ in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." And is it not most significant that Jesus over 50 times exhorted his hearers to understand the spiritual power of words. Jesus said "My words are spirit, my word ore truth." And "Those who keep my words shall not know death." Then also hen also the words in the wonderful parables of Jesus, "The sower went forth to sow. Consider the lilies of the field. A certain man journeyed down to Jerusalem." There is nothing learned, academic or theological in those words, but all wonderfully simple, profound, and illuminating. We may interpret any of the parables and sayings of Jesus as we wish, but the deep spiritual significance and power of words is always there. Even poor old squatter Job in the midst of his afflictions said, "How forcible are right words." And Emerson thought "That there is no calamity that right words would not begin to redress." It is the prerogative of man to name things, fro the day when Adam gave the animals their names. You will remember also that Adam was given the Garden of Eden 'to dress and to keep'. What delightful and powerful words! When you hear them spoken you can almost see the farmer in his orchard pruning his trees or in the field behind the plough. But what confusion, what piles of regulations and bundles of red tape, those high-sounding words, "post war rehabilitation" suggest!

I just wonder how far our Democracy realizes the wonderful heritage we have in our glorious flexible and expressive English language. A language that is ever ready to be enriched from any other language and yet still keeps its original framework of

¹⁶ Previous lines may be missing.

¹⁷ Subsequent words may be missing.

¹⁸ Page 36, noted "5." at bottom.

Anglo-Saxon. So virile is the Anglo-Saxon language that nothing has ever been able to conquer or blot out our Mother tongue.

After¹⁹ 1066, the Normans tried their utmost to stifle our Anglo-Saxon, and yet after nearly a thousand years, our everyday speech is mainly English. That is words, that can be traced back to the days of Beowulf, Caedmon and King Alfred. In these days of Democracy, when the names of pseudo sciences and High-sounding Jargon strike the ear, when nobody is poor but "under-privileged" when nobody is interested but "intrigued", a quotation from the Authorized version of the Bible can still arouse an audience and drive home a point. I once heard William Morris Hughes say with great effect: "The economic question is like Aaron's rod, it swallows up all other questions."

The word that we take into our consciousness and either think or speak, will make and mould our lives. Therefore take great word into your consciousness and do not be afraid to speak them aloud, for the sons of God SHOUT for joy. So powerful is the proper use of words that Jesus said: "By thy word thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

.....
Attend the Emerson Oratory Class and learn to speak in public with dignity and ease, with a knowledge of the power of words. Even if you never aspire to be an orator, if you attend the class, you will learn much, and gain more confidence in your own hidden culture. Learn the great power of personality in cultured private speaking.

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Michael Sawtell
44 Castlereagh Street
Sydney

L18.037

37 - 38

Incomplete letter from {I. E. Sutherland}²⁰

Undated

...²¹ I have {never} seen anyone with such a tight thin-lipped mouth, his eyes are {penetrating} pupils too small. does he {sing}! Bless him, because I like him - speaking about my good friend {D.} Axel {illegible}, nothing would make me believe what your friend R.H. said of him! I'd rather believe the stories I've heard of R.H. that I would hear anything against Axel {illegible} - besides what {use} to humanity - are R.H.'s books? - Neurotic very, {illegible} {illegible} {illegible}, a lively and rather {loosely}

¹⁹ Page 35

²⁰ Author determined by handwriting.

²¹ "2" is written at the top of the page; previous page is missing.

imagination, his love scenes give one a thrill! That's All! {Whereas} "{San Michele}" touches the soul, on every page there is a message of some sort - I owe Axel {illegible} a deep debt of gratitude for his "{San Michele}", it helped me to be courageous and strong at a very critical turning point of my life. Well, I must appeal to this guardian Angel to {save} him....²²

L18.039

39 - 40

Incomplete letter from {I. E. Sutherland}²³

Undated

...²⁴ Also the paper and printing was very nice in this book! I enclose the {offending} paper which I cut out of the {adverts}, at the back of the "Quest of the Overself" - Since these last few weeks, I cannot concentrate on anything except yourself, my mind {shifts} (except {with} my meditation but you do certainly lift my {Surya Namaskar} exercises, which I {love} and no intention of giving up as they have improved my health and body immensely - Don't ask me to be drab and {illegible} looking in appearance please dear master, as I like Nice things. I don't make - up or dye my hair - powder slightly yes - otherwise quite natural-) these last dozen lines or so, were just an after thought, I was writing about the reason I couldn't concentrate on reading! I have such alot of interesting books to read, one by Sir {Ronald} Storrs "Orientations" therein you'll see a lovely speaking likeness of Col. T.E. Lawrence - I like Storrs. Very human and understanding man. Also I've got a strange ...²⁵

L18.041

41 - 44

Incomplete letter from {I. E. Sutherland}²⁶

Box 200 Rotorua, New Zealand

11th February 1938²⁷

Dear Master,

Thank you for your blessing for my birthday. I know positively that you did bless me on that day because I felt your presence so strongly all day and even at night when I lay awake your image floats before me, your strong magnetic eyes drew me into their spiritual depths until I became absorbed in your goodness and your love (for

²² Following pages may be missing.

²³ Author determined by handwriting.

²⁴ "12" is written at the top of the page; previous pages are missing.

²⁵ The following pages are missing.

²⁶ Author determined by handwriting.

²⁷ "Aquarius" and the astrological symbol for the sign Aquarius is written by author below date.

humanity) and for weak chelas like myself. Today was quiet for me, it rains most of the day, appropriate, as I was under the Zodiac sign of Aquarius, I should be lucky. I know I am fortunate because I had found you and am I not the most unworthy chela? Will you send please a telepathic message to your holy Master of Arunachala and ask him to bless me again, so that I shall be more worthy of that title, your chela.

A good Moori woman the other day told me my fortune. She is psychic and very clairvoyant. She told me of past events and present events accurately, of the future she said this. She said this about your Chela "From²⁸ now on until you die your life will be blessed, you are under a strong spiritual influence, this good man works with tender spiritual {eyes} of "our Lord will help you always. You are united by a spiritual link which will never be broken." Also she said "that I should travel in many countries, long journeys by air and that I should visit India soon and that whilst in India I should be blessed by a very holy man."

She asked me to wish for something and I did and I wished that I should soon be with you, my master, (silently of course.) She then told me "Yes, you get your wish sooner than you realize." Was not that very encouraging? At least it is for your Chela. In your books I have noted that you dislike {limpets} and leech like people that fasten on to their friends and helpers, believe me, I am not a limpet. I am by nature extremely independent, too much so at times, that is why I said in my last letter it is strange for me to call you Master. You make me...²⁹

L18.045

45 - 48

Incomplete letter from {I. E. Sutherland}³⁰

Undated

...³¹ you, Dear Master! you have shown me the way, and "that we must need love the Absolute Good when we perceive it" - You are the only ideal left in my empty life, I pray that you will never turn me down if I write too profusely of my feelings, I am a creature of great heights and depths, my family used to dread my deep dark moods, often I would shut myself away with a book and refuse to speak at all - So I was at the convent. Now may be I am the same, but I have learnt to hide my feelings {under} a shining mask of patience - When I feel lonely and sad I often hide under a luxuriant {illegible} of bamboos {nearby}, there I find peace and quiet, it is a pretty spot, these dancing agitated bamboo leaves rustle overhead as I sit on a rustic seat near the banks of a blue lake, these mineral waters of Rotoma³² are Turquoise-tinted and on their azure

²⁸ Page 43, "2" is written at the top of the page.

²⁹ The following pages are missing.

³⁰ Author determined by handwriting.

³¹ "5" is written at the top of the page; previous pages are missing.

³² "of Rotoma" is inserted in the left margin in a different hand.

surface Lotus blossoms float, these water lilies are my birthday flowers, they belong as³³ I do to the Zodiac sign of Aquarius - Today, my birthday, my Lotus flowers greet me with shining faces, gazing into their golden glowing hearts, I find contentment. Their pearled-petals sun-kissed fragrant set on a slender stem of emerald leaf, make for your chela, a rare and precious Jewel! A gift from the gods. - golden carp flash in and out of the {lava} rocks and weeds, they are very tame, we often feed them with crumbs which they take with a sucking sound from one's fingers, like the {pet}-trout at the "Fairy Springs" fire{illegible} distant from {Rotoma}. The birds of Rotoma are all so tame and friendly, we have many feathered friends, even the shy black-bird comes to our window - the Thrush here is exceedingly tame. I miss the Swallow and the {Swift}! such happy harbingers of Spring! Fancy they do not migrate to {N.L.}! I must go indoors, the gentle misty mountain rain is falling and all my flowers are {diamond}-sprayed.

I have just remembered that you wrote of the sacred Lotus Flower in your book of Perfect Peace and sweet solace, on page 268....³⁴

L18.049

49 - 50

Incomplete letter from {I. E. Sutherland}³⁵

Undated

...³⁶ apparition appeared a tall slim Indian (or Egyptian) of good outward appearance in long Egyptian like robe - with prominent dark eyes, sallow - skin suddenly³⁷ and stealthily opened our bedroom door, this door was locked and was not unlocked until this morning at 6.a.m. - in his hand carried a small black leather bag (of modern make) like {illegible}: bags, but flat on top- I did not like his appearance in fact I feared it, his eyes were dull and sly, and I felt he was evil, he looked round the room, but never let go of the door knob, he opened the door (half-open) because I saw the light in the passage - May be he felt your presence! because³⁸ I have your books on my table by my bedside and your photo under my pillow, which I promptly pulled out and looked at to calm my nerves! as it so happens in this room my single bed lies with my head towards the East, and my bed faces the door. Who could this person be? he might have massed over. If he had been a good soul, his eyes would have been clear and

³³ Page 47, "6" is written at the top of the page.

³⁴ Following pages may be missing.

³⁵ Author determined by handwriting.

³⁶ "9" is written at the top of the page; previous pages are missing.

³⁷ "{clean} {illegible} age about 45" is handwritten by the author in the left margin.

³⁸ "as he dissolved into thin air and suddenly and noiselessly shut my door!" is handwritten by the author in the left margin.

bright! but why the black {illegible} bag! I can swear that my bedroom door was never unlocked! (I hope he wasn't after my {scarab}!)...³⁹

L18.051

51 - 54

Incomplete letter from {I. E. Sutherland}⁴⁰

1.IV.38⁴¹

...⁴² I Enclose manly hotel brochure. this hotel Pacific is right on the surf by those Norfolk Pines which form a {illegible} long avenue about the sea front. you practically step from your Hotel into the Sea. Too cold {illegible} for me to sea bathe, but in {illegible} the sun is warm and penetrating during the winter months. I shall therefore sunbathe in the mornings. My skin has got too white here in the Rotoma, I prefer to be brown tinted, or bronzed by the Sun, I feel healthier {illegible} white, skins, {seem} peculiar these days! We {have} {illegible} {illegible} {illegible} those quotes on the beach of {their} {Tariff} {card}. As far as I know we shall be in {Manly} until 31 of October and if nothing happens! we shall return here to Rottoma for the Season - so 6 months in {Manly} and 6 months in Rotoma N.Z.I. If⁴³ only I can get up sufficient {driving} - force, so it were, or person to make my dream come true, Then you may expect your chela anyday in London! dont be alarmed I will not do anything rash or wrong but now I have a clear crystal outlook I know {what} I do want and have always {illegible} desire and at present - I am living a strange detached life,⁴⁴ I am no longer "Ida Evelyn" I am someone else living on another plane, Always with my master, although unworthy your chela knows that one day that she will be with you, even if I were told nay, I should not believe it because inwardly I belong to you dear Master - Everything about me cries out for you, I simply cannot understand it myself! I express myself somewhat {illegible} but there it is, the Truth and nothing but the Truth. So forgive your chela if she has written more than she should - you have given me an...⁴⁵

L18.055

55 - 56

Incomplete letter from {I. E. Sutherland}⁴⁶

³⁹ Following pages may be misisng.

⁴⁰ Author determined by handwriting.

⁴¹ "Deodara" and some letters are handwritten in the top left corner of the page.

⁴² "2" is written at the top of the page; previous page is missing.

⁴³ Page 53, "3" is written at the top of the page.

⁴⁴ Underlined in a different hand.

⁴⁵ The following pages are missing.

⁴⁶ Author determined by handwriting. "S" and "enc was found {illegible} PB" are handwritten in the top left corner of the page.

Box 46, Post office, manly N.S.W. Australia
21st May 1938

Dear Master - I shall make this letter very impersonal! Your letter of 17th April is still in my mind, I feel squashed and {illegible}, as for disciplining my mind, I am afraid I am not advanced enough to do that yet! I wrote you a somewhat {illegible} letter to c/o Cook's Larson on receipt of this letter of yours, but don't take it too seriously as I wrote it with a smile, however I am quite unable to {illegible}⁴⁷ up any of your telepathic messages, if I do receive one it is so indistinct or faint that I immediately doubt it is being the product of my own desires or imagination. One I did get very distinctly, was when you received {illegible} {Baba's} story ({Budapest}). I see you often! but I am more {clairvoyant} I think than⁴⁸ ...

L18.059

59 - 60
Incomplete letter from {I. E. Sutherland}⁴⁹
18/5/38

Dear PB

These articles may interest you as they were written by your chela 1924-25. I don't want them - {Enclose} find Newscutting re - late Sir {Will}: Brunton and Self.

{Aloha}

I cabled you at Los Angeles c/o Cooks also wrote a {"snuffy"} letter to London I didn't mean a word I wrote! {illegible}⁵⁰

L18.061

61 - 64
Incomplete letter from Deodara
Undated

...⁵¹ in Tahiti the most beautiful spot of earth and {illegible} opposite Tahiti, I was one whole year and more in Tahiti quite by accident. My first husband and I were off to Australia via {N.}S.H and the {Island} we saw {white} and that was the end of our plans - My younger daughter was born in {St. Ives Cornwall}, both should have been born in Edinburgh, but then I never did anything to time table yet! I was once engaged to an

⁴⁷ Page 57

⁴⁸ The following lines are missing because another paper has been glued on top.

⁴⁹ Author determined from context.

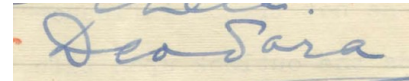
⁵⁰ This letter has been glued on top of a letter fragment from Sadanand B. Nagarktti.

⁵¹ "4" is written at the top of the page; previous pages are missing.

American, as I like the gentle and chivalrous way they spoil their women, but somehow I love my England better, than selling my birthright for an American citizenship - But all this is boring to you very. So please forgive me dear Master. I wish I could receive a word or two from you, just to know certain things which I find difficult to explain in writing. I can tell you this, that I feel your presence⁵² so strongly at times that I could fancy you were actually with me. are you? and Believe it or not. Whatever I've done in the past, nothing matters, nothing exists except what is now, all has been obliterated in the intensity of the present moments. - My one wish is to be a worthy chela your most worthy chela! How can I be? Tell me! I am faithful to my meditation. Please Beloved Master send me a duplicate photo of the one I have now, the present one is looking the worse for wear as I take it about everywhere with me for guidance and protection and also for comfort, when I am sad and lonely - which is very often! This letter is not as it should be, be merciful and forgive your wayward chela, she needs your blessings day by day.

With all good wishes

Your chela

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored, textured paper. The signature appears to be 'Deo Sara' written in a cursive, flowing style.

L18.065

65 - 66

Letter from {I. E. Sutherland}⁵³

Undated

Dear Master,

Please as a special favor, I beg of you to let me do my Surya-Namaskar exercise without interruption or interference. Today at 8 a.m. I was delayed considerably owing to invisible pressure being put on my right arm which is apt to strain my back if the proper rhythm is not maintained throughout these exercises. You {illegible} {no.} See how these exercises have improved my health and general well-being! Please dear Master, help me with them instead of upsetting your poor chela! I was late for breakfast also through {"P.de B."}

N.B.⁵⁴ on arrival in Manly I shall cable you my {box} number at Post office!

L18.067

67 - 68

⁵² Page 63

⁵³ Author determined by handwriting.

⁵⁴ This paragraph is written in the left margin of the page.

Incomplete letter from {I. E. Sutherland}⁵⁵
Undated⁵⁶

...⁵⁷ As I am not allowed to be natural I must close this letter as my mind is thus blank. I can't write impersonally! I don't think as you do, that I have advanced! I see no improvement in my meditations! may be, those first minutes of your company which you promised me in the far distant future! may change my whole life and bring me Joy and serenity! at present I am {far}...⁵⁸

⁵⁵ Author determined by handwriting.

⁵⁶ This letter is glued onto fragments of a few other letters.

⁵⁷ "3" is written at the top of the page; previous pages are missing.

⁵⁸ The following lines are missing because the page is torn.