

## Readers' Letters 19 (Czech)

*Editor's Note: During the interwar years (1918-1938) there was a wide variety of "book clubs" formed throughout Europe, including some that chose to study PB's books. Many of these were very transient, lasting a year or less, but a few endured even through WWII. PB travelled a lot during this time, earning his living from lectures, meetings with such groups, and private meetings with individual spiritual seekers. One particularly strong group emerged in what was then Czechoslovakia, and PB met with them as frequently as he could before and after WWII, although this became increasingly difficult as the Communist party became more oppressive. In spite of this oppression, the Czech students of PB managed to translate and print all of his books by sneaking into a printing press at night and doing the binding in a family kitchen! The resultant books are cloth-bound with gilt-edged paper. We have a few letters from this group to PB, and we know that he visited it a few times up through the early 1950s.*

*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 stationery 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. Note that the depth of paragraph indentation was a style used to indicate the degree of familiarity or intimacy with the reader; no indentation used for business or cold ill-willed letters, while extreme indentation indicated informality or intimacy.*

*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*

### L19.001

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Letter to Czech Friends from PB  
Jasmine Villa,  
Hyderali Road,  
Mysore,  
South India  
30 July {1945}<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> We inserted "1945" per context.

Josef Hoznourek  
PRAHA XI  
Czecho-slovakia  
Zizkov cp 930, Ochranoska 23

TO ALL MY CZECH FRIENDS – It is with deep pleasure that I am able to break the silence of the six war years and address you once again. Up to this date July 30, I have received three telegrams and two short letters from the following: Hoznourek, Marik, Zelenkova, Blaha, Capek, Chladkova, Chladek. On July 24th I sent you my first reply, a telegram addressed to Hoznourek but intended for all of you, as is also the present letter, whether I have heard from you or not. My address for all future letters is: Jasmine Villa, Hyderali Road, Mysore City, South India.

I am grateful for your kind remembrances of me and assure you that you have never been forgotten during all this terrible ordeal of the Nazi attempt to destroy the religion and culture, the freedom and happiness of Europe. I have sent you my thoughts during meditations to uphold and strengthen you to support the sufferings into which you have been thrown. You may recall that I told you this war would not be escaped and that your country would fall an easy victim to the German barbarians. But I am thankful to God that so many of us have lived to see this day of victory over them. To understand the spiritual meaning of this war, it is needful for you to read the chapter upon it in my latest book, "The Wisdom of the Overself" which was published two years ago. I am writing today to my publishers in London and ordering a copy to be sent you, in the hope that book packet post has been opened to your country. (It is not opened yet from India.) It is the end of an old epoch of thought, the opening of a new one. Humanity is being brought back to God by various ways, but this result will not be apparent clearly until further tremendous events have taken place.

I am pleased that you have been able to keep your faith alive during the war and still wish to continue on the spiritual quest.

In answer to your questions: I have been in India all this time but since the past two years had serious tropical sicknesses. Twice I was on my deathbed. But now I am in good health again. Only, I have lost a lot of strength and am not permitted to do even half the work I formerly did. Consequently I have to make my letters shorter and rarer. Unfortunately too I cannot get out of this country owing to difficulties produced by the war. I am told that I must wait at least one more year and perhaps even two years before I can get out of India. I shall wait patiently.

I must also tell you that during all these years of my silence I have kept outwardly away from the Maharshi<sup>2</sup> and had not connection at all with his ashram. But inwardly, of course, I often meet him. Also I have kept away from all other Indian yogis and have followed an independent path of development, aided by divine grace. I am convinced

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<sup>2</sup> "Maharishree" in the original.

that the West will have to find its own<sup>3</sup> way of salvation and that the East can only contribute toward this, and then only from its ancient books not from its present-day people. When I return to the West it will be for the last time.

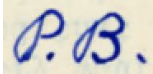
My friend, the Maharajah of Mysore died five years ago and my living here is quite private.... The war has meant for me much advance in knowledge and I see now that several errors are to be found in my teachings which I gave you. But the fundamental principles remain as true as ever and the quest must always continue through prayer, meditation, moral cultivation, unselfish service, deep thinking and constant aspiration. I regret that I did not realise before the importance of balancing all these different efforts – no single effort is enough.

We had such pleasant weeks together, studying and meditating every evening, in Prague and I hope you found the result helped you to endure the sorrowful years that came afterwards.

I await to hear from you all the news, that you think will interest me, about those whom I met in your country, also about its general spiritual condition and prospects. I shall then write to you a longer letter with personal messages.

But I have one request to make. Please do not address me as ‘guru.’ I have long ago asked all the other students to drop this name and they have done so. I wrote you in July 1939 that I would help only as a friend in future, not as a guru. I consider myself only a student. I am satisfied if you call me ‘PB’ as so many now do.

With this letter I send you all my peace and blessing [and affectionate regards.]<sup>4</sup>  
(from Dr Paul Brunton)



[PB]

**L19.003**

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Postcard to Josef Hoznourek from PB

Egypt

May 27, 1946

Josef Hoznourek  
PRAHA (XI)  
Zizkov cfp 230  
Havlickova ul.c.23  
CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

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<sup>3</sup> Page 2 (“page (2)”) was typed at the top of the page).

<sup>4</sup> PB himself inserted “and affectionate regards.” by hand.



Since<sup>5</sup> April 21, I have been in Egypt, as my ship was sunk in the sea but my life saved. My researches at the Pyramid and Sphinx were continued. Tomorrow I sail in another ship for New York, arriving there about middle of June. With my peace and good wishes for spiritual welfare to all friends.

PB

L19.005

5 - 6

Letter to Mrs Campbell from PhDr. Štefan Kočiš<sup>6</sup>

Cédrová 490/7

031 04 Liptovsky Mikuláš

Czechoslovakia

December 8, 1989

[Interesting, isn't this. I wanted to share this letter with you. We have sent him all of PB's writings by payment from Veikko Kanjaner in Chicago.]<sup>7</sup>

Dear Mrs. Campbell,<sup>8</sup>

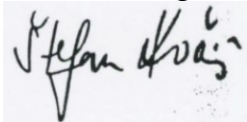
I was pleased very much by your letter of October 17. In fact I thought my poem got lost somewhere on its way or you got disgusted to such a degree that you will not write me any more. How surprised I was when I read your kind letter and I experienced a surge of joy and encouragement.

As you must know, the situation in Czechoslovakia makes a sharp turn and if all goes well we will soon return to the old spiritual values of Europe.

Due to political changes in my country I would like now to disclose a secrecy concerning my person and to present my real name and address.<sup>9</sup> I am a teacher of English and German at a military school /not as officer/ and I was not allowed to write to any western country. So I borrowed the name of my friend – a psychologist who is interested in spiritual literature and speaks English too. I hope you will forgive me this way of approaching you but I was forced into it by circumstances.

The situation in our country becomes favorable for readers of Paul Brunton and I will do my best for the propagation of his work. Thank you very much for the hope, for the possibility of expecting good news and new materials. I hope to be able to send you some little present in a short time.

With best regards



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<sup>6</sup> Dr Kocis deleted the following return address by hand:

"PhDr. Miloš Šlepecky

Pod Deilom 55

031 01 Liptovsky Mikulas

Czechoslovakia"

<sup>7</sup> This handwritten note by Paul Cash was inserted above the salutation.

<sup>8</sup> a.k.a. Susan Lee Meeders, then Mrs. Susan Campbell; she was Paul Cash's secretary at this time.

<sup>9</sup> An underline was inserted by hand.

**L19.007**

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Letter to Mr. Paul Cash from Unknown Czech  
Manesova 56, 120 00 Praha 2  
Czechoslovakia  
May 17, 1990

[1. KH to Tony {Murra}<sup>11</sup> or publishing<sup>12</sup> houses in {Prague}<sup>13</sup>  
2. Can he get {catalog}<sup>14</sup>  
Done 6/19]<sup>15</sup>

Mr. Paul Cash  
Director, Larson Publications  
c/o Paul Brunton Philosophic Foundation  
4936 Route 414  
Burdett, New York 14818 USA

Dear Mr. Cash:

I thank you for your letter dated April 26th and wish to explain to you why we asked for separate permissions from you. The reason is that after our nation was set free we were keen on publishing PB's books as quickly as possible to make people acquainted with his ideas and we tried to find some companies interested in publishing them. The Unitaria in Prague trying to help us willingly accepted the Perspectives to be published next year through the Církevní nakladatelství in Prague, who work for them, but only this one book. So we were looking for some other publisher to have other books by PB published as well. Such offer came through the Yoga Club<sup>16</sup> in Liberec whom we asked to publish the Essays.<sup>17</sup> Shortly after they made an offer saying that they are ready to publish all<sup>18</sup> the PB's books. It was only after we accepted this offer, subject to your

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<sup>10</sup> Štefan Kočiš inserted "Štefan Kočiš" by hand.

<sup>11</sup> The right margin is cut off. Only "Murra-" is visible, so this name could be "Murray" or something else.

<sup>12</sup> "pub" in the original.

<sup>13</sup> The right margin is cut off. Only "Pra-" is visible.

<sup>14</sup> The right margin is cut off. Only "catal-" is visible.

<sup>15</sup> This handwritten note by Kenneth Hurst was inserted below the return address.

<sup>16</sup> "Yoga Club" was underlined by hand.

<sup>17</sup> "publish the Essays" was underlined by hand.

<sup>18</sup> "to publish all" was underlined by hand.

permission, that my daughter Mrs. Bardell<sup>19</sup> who lives in England rang me up informing me about the existence of Mr. Josek /Mr. Hodek living in USA being his friend/.

Mr. Josek has never read any of PB's books and asked for the Perspectives which I lent him together with the Secret Path. He is going to read them both in Czech and in English just to have an idea what it is all about because in case he would recommend them, he would have to give a correct information to the editor in chief who decided whether they are interested in this kind of literature or not. Mr. Josek believes the reading of the books will take him one month and only then would he be able to inform us. So the question is whether Odeon, a well known publishing Co., where Mr. Josek works, would be willing to accept the Notebooks at all and when would they be able to publish them. But Mr. Josek himself is of the opinion that having already negotiated with the Yoga Club /officially the Centre of Yoga Club/ in Liberec and the Ústřední církevní nakladatelství Praha it would not be fair from us to take the orders away from them. Besides, our personal opinion is that these books should be published by someone who is closely interested in this subject – as for example Mr. Larson is, as we learned from Mr. Kenneth T. Hurst's book "A Personal View." Odeon is just a publishing house that publishes anything that brings back money.

Nevertheless we are fully aware that you are responsible to whom you give the copyright and it is difficult for you to give it to people you know nothing about. For clarification I would like to outline a history our group and our connection with PB.

First<sup>20</sup> of all we pray you to ask Mr. Kenneth T. Hurst who knows me from a correspondence. I sent him a few of the letters which I inherited from the late Lída Zelenková's possession written by PB years ago to his Czech students who have all passed away by now. They were: Mr. Josef Hoznourek, Mr. Bláha, Mrs. And Mr. Arnošt Čapek /about the latter PB told me in Montreux that "he is the only one who understood the Short Path" which was given them – to Arnošt Čapek, Josef Hoznourek, Lída Zelenková and Bianca Lussi – in Austria in 1965 where PB invited them for one week's stay and which appeared in the Notebooks as the Tyrol Essay. We are, so to say, the "younger" generation of these students of PB I mentioned above. Both daughters of Mrs. And Mr. Čapek, Mrs. Michalová and Ing. Formánková participate in our translation team. One of the old still living generation is Marie Marešová, still fully cooperating with us, who translated the Hidden Teaching Beyond Yoga and the Wisdom of the Overself as well as the Spiritual Crisis of Man /not yet published/. She is the oldest of us – 87 – but still very active, with a clear mind and excellent memory. Olga Pálková has spent the whole war in England, where she studied at the Cambridge University until 1945 when she returned to Prague. She and myself worked for PB typing his dictations when he visited us in 1948. We all met with PB personally on several occasions in Prague, in Zurich and in Montreux, Olga Pálková spent a day with him in New York in 1977 when he was staying with his son Kenneth with whom she spoke twice on telephone.

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<sup>19</sup> Referring to Daniela Bardell

<sup>20</sup> Page 9 (page 8 is blank)



All this of course cannot by itself be a guarantee to you that our work is as correct as it should be and if there is anybody who can judge it we shall send you some copies for yourself if you wish.

Excuse me for this lengthy explanation but I believe you are entitled to know details about us. Should there exist some other groups – as you mention in your letter – about whose existence we have never, very unfortunately heard of, for we would have gladly cooperated with them – whose translations should be of better quality than ours, we should only be happy to know that these precious books are in best hands and we would, in such case, let our plans drop, although we have translated practically more than half of the Notebooks already.

Now we are leaving the whole matter to God and to your kind consideration because we all have one and the same goal – to serve the noble purpose to which PB dedicated his whole life.

It has been a pleasure for us to be in contact with you at least in this way as we very much appreciate the tremendous work you all have done with the Notebooks.

With our most sincere and best wishes to you all,

**L19.011**

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Letter to the Krejcova Family from Dr. Otmar Koch

Öffentlicher Notar<sup>21</sup>

A-6010 Innsbruck,

Leopoldstrasse 2/I

Austria

29 August 1985

Familie Krejcova  
Manesova 56  
120 00 Praha 2  
CSSR

Betreff: Verlassenschaft nach Bianca Maria Lussi

Sehr geehrte Familie Krejcova!

In der Verlassenschaft nach der zw. 1. und 6.1.1985 in Schönberg im Stubaital verstorbenen, zuletzt in 6020 Innsbruck, Roseggerstraße 41, wohnhaft gewesenen, italienischen Staatsbürgerin, Bianca Maria Lussi, bin ich, Dr. Bernhard Fritz, Notariatskandidat, 6010 Innsbruck, Leopoldstraße 2, zum Verlassenschaftskurator bestellt worden.

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<sup>21</sup> Notary public

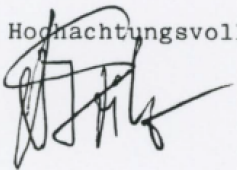


Es ist dem Gericht nicht bekannt, ob die Erblasserin eine letztwillige Verfügung hinterlassen hat, und wer die nächsten Angehörigen der Erblasserin sind. Meine Aufgabe ist es daher, die Namen und Adressen der gesetzlichen Erben ausfindig zu machen, ansonsten der Nachlaß nach Bianca Maria Lussi zugunsten des Staates eingezogen wird.

Als Verlassenschaftskurator ersuche ich Sie daher höflich um Mitteilung, ob Ihnen leibliche Angehörige der Erblasserin bekannt sind, wenn ja, um Angabe von Name, Adresse und Verwandtschaftsverhältnis. Hiebei sind ev. vorhandene Geschwister der Erblasserin bzw. deren Nachkommen zu berücksichtigen, wenn Geschwister keine vorhanden sind, sämtliche Nachkommen<sup>22</sup> der Großeltern der Erblasserin.

Um baldige Beantwortung dieses Schreibens wird höflich ersucht.

Hochachtungsvoll

Hochachtungsvoll  


## L19.015

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Letter to PB from Olga Palková<sup>23</sup>

Vrkoslavice

Jablonec

Czechoslovakia

14 March 1975

My dearest guru,

After receiving your letter I immediately applied for the permit to travel abroad. As the applications cannot be given in later than the end of January (31st of January is the stop date) I had to decide myself which month to visit you. I simply could not wait until autumn (having waited 27 years!) and as you kindly gave me the permission to visit in the spring too, I chose the month of May. Yesterday I received the permits. I intend to come to Switzerland<sup>24</sup> in the middle of May and I shall telephone you immediately on my arrive to Zurich to arrange the exact date of my visit to you.

I shall be able to stay two weeks and so I hope there will be a day within those two weeks that will suit you.

If this arrangement is suitable you need not answer by a letter. I shall take your silence as a consent.

My dearest guru!

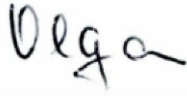
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<sup>22</sup> Page 13 ("2" was typed at the top of the page)

<sup>23</sup> This letter is handwritten.

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I bow before you in humblest love and reverence  
Yours for ever



Olga

My <sup>25</sup> husband who is accompanying me, intends us to travel a little over Switzerland. He would like to see some lovely places and maybe stay for a few days somewhere.

My address:  
Olga Palková  
Vrkoslavice  
Jablonec U/N  
ČSSR

**L19.021**

21 - 22  
Letter to PB from Olga Palková<sup>26</sup>  
Vrkoslavice  
Jablonec  
Czechoslovakia  
13 January 1974

My dearly beloved Master,<sup>27</sup>

It is a very long time since I wrote to you for the last time. I am taking this opportunity of sending you a message by my son who is leaving our country and who is going to post this letter abroad.

You still have probably forgotten who I am. I am Olga and I have acted as your secretary in 1948 when you visited Prague. I have been taking down the notes you dictated to me.

I shall be 50 this year and have lived through rough years, losing both my parents in a year ([you'll]<sup>28</sup> have seen my mother in 1948) divorcing my first husband and losing my son who married in the USA and lives there. Nevertheless I have seldom felt real sorrow, having your inner presence constantly.

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<sup>25</sup> Page 19 (page 18 is blank)

<sup>26</sup> This letter is handwritten.

<sup>27</sup> PB himself inserted "(PEND APPTS)" and "P" with a circle around it and "I offered April May or Sept" at the top of the page by hand.

<sup>28</sup> PB himself changed "you" to "you'll" by hand.

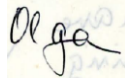
This year there seems to be an occasion for me and my husband to visit Switzerland. It has been my dream and my only real longing [since 25 years] to see you again. I therefore beg you very humbly to grant me this favour.

As we have to apply for this journey no later than the end of January (even if the visit is in the autumn) I beg you to let me know somehow if my wish to see you is granted.

You can write quite openly on my address and let me please know which month would suit you.

Please accept, my dearly beloved Master, my humble and sincere devotion.

Yours now and forever



Olga

### L19.023

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Letter to PB from Olga Palková<sup>29</sup>

Vrkoslavice

Jablonec

Czechoslovakia

10 October 1974

Dear Sir and beloved Master,<sup>30</sup>

I have written to you in January asking the permission to visit you this autumn. At the same time we applied for exit permission to travel to a capitalist country. Having received it was almost a miracle as it is given very seldom and was given to us probably only because we have not left the country since the end of the war in 1945.

In the meantime though came your request to stop all visit to you until next year. With a heavy heart we returned our traveling permits to the authorities without being at all sure of receiving them next year again. I am leaving it to Fate.

When<sup>31</sup> I spent those memorable hours with you in 1948 you told me on one occasion that things one wishes for must be expressed loudly with words. I am saying therefore that my life's wish is to see you once more in this life. Oh! Sir, do permit me to visit you next year! I am going to apply for the permit of exit immediately in January and shall wait for your permission to come. As you said in your message you do not answer any letter directly. But I had an answer from you in January in the form of having received the strength to become strictly vegetarian for 10 years after your visit in 1948 but then little by little opposite influences drove me away from it and since then I could not

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<sup>29</sup> This letter is handwritten.

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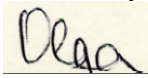
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find the strength to give up meat altogether. Since January I<sup>32</sup> have given up red meat altogether eating only poultry and fish. Since about four months I don't eat even that. I do hope to have enough strength to go on.

As I wrote to you in my letter in January I lost both my parents in one year, my mother having been confined to bed for almost two years. I had her with me and have been looking after her until her last breath. After her death I have been taking care for 1 ½ years of my grandson as my daughter was finishing her studies. Now at last I hope to have a little more freedom and time to spend as I please. I have a small invalid rent and need not therefore gain my living. I feel very grateful about it for few people are as lucky these days. The bustle and tumult of life arrives to my ears only faintly.

Dearest Master accept please my deepest love and devotion

For ever yours



Olga

## L19.027

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Letter to PB from George Palka<sup>33</sup>

Vrkoslavice

Jablonec

Czechoslovakia

10 October 1974

Dear Sir,

I have shown sense for divine things since my childhood and have tried to train raja-yoga since I was 19.

I have studied your books and all others I could take hold of in Czech and German and have met you students as Mr. Čapek, Mr. Blaha and others.

I am accompanying Olga to Switzerland and would be grateful for the permission to see you for a while.

Your truly

George Palka [husband of Olga Palkova C.S.S.R.]<sup>34</sup>

## L19.029

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<sup>32</sup> Page 26 (page 25 is blank)

<sup>33</sup> This letter is handwritten.

<sup>34</sup> PB himself inserted "husband of Olga Palkova C.S.S.R." by hand.

Letter to PB from Vlasta Chasakova<sup>35</sup>

Date unknown

Please<sup>36</sup> excuse us that we come to you asking you for this, but from all our heart we beg you for a short time to be spent in your presence.

With the deepest respect,

Vlasta Chasakova<sup>37</sup> and her daughter Marie

Vlasta's sister – Jarka Trpakova<sup>38</sup>



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[Paul<sup>40</sup> (20)]<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>35</sup> "Chasáková" in the original.

<sup>36</sup> This page is a translation of page 31, which is handwritten in Czech (and has not been transcribed).

<sup>37</sup> "Chasáková" in the original.

<sup>38</sup> "Trpáková" in the original.

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<sup>40</sup> Page 34

<sup>41</sup> "Paul (20)" is written on the back of the photo by hand. Referring to Paul Krejcová.



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[Daniela<sup>43</sup> (24)]<sup>44</sup>



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[Vlasta<sup>46</sup> Chasakova]<sup>47</sup>

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<sup>42</sup> Page 35

<sup>43</sup> Page 36

<sup>44</sup> "Daniela (24)" by hand. is written on the back of the photo by hand. Referring to Daniela Bardell (née Krejcová).

<sup>45</sup> Page 37

<sup>46</sup> Page 38

<sup>47</sup> Vlasta Chasáková inserted "Vlasta Chasáková" by hand.



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[Jarka<sup>49</sup> Trpakova]<sup>50</sup>

## L19.041

41 - 42

Letter to PB from Josef Bláha<sup>51</sup>

Bulharská 23,

10100, Prague<sup>52</sup> 10

3 August 1974

Dear Sir,

I bow with deep reverence and devotion before the Power and understanding you have vouchsafed me during my visit to you. I thank you, Sir, with humility in my heart, for all those gifts. And I thank you too for your kind hospitality in your silent privacy.

Your message and the exercise on the dreamlike character of life and the world is a great encouragement and reinforcement for all seekers in my country. With it they were given also much understanding in their search after Truth and I think that very much has been done for their benefit. Therefore I express you, Sir, also the deepest gratitude on their behalf.

Please, Sir, be kind enough and give to Sri Krishnamurti my deepest compliments and the best and sincerest regards from the Czech seekers. I hope that He still lives in your vicinity. I am sorry that I did not meet Him personally.

Those two little books you have lent me kindly for my journey, were very interesting, especially that science is really making serious researches in these matters. I

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<sup>48</sup> Page 39

<sup>49</sup> Page 40

<sup>50</sup> Vlasta Chasáková inserted "Jarka Trpáková" by hand.

<sup>51</sup> "Blaha" in the original.

<sup>52</sup> "Praha" in the original.

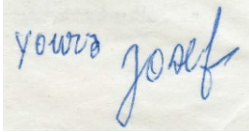


gave the to Miss – now perhaps Mrs. Jarmila, with the request to send them back to you after their perusal.

I express you, Sir, once more my deepest gratitude for all that I was given and also for what were given my friends.

Please to accept also the sincerest and devoted regards from my wife, and her warm thanks for all your Grace you have vouchsafed her.

With deep devotion



[yours Josef]<sup>53</sup>

### L19.043

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Letter to PB from Marie Naresora<sup>54</sup>

Prague

6 August 1974

Dear Sir,

Please to accept my deepest gratitude for all Your Grace and inner help, and also for your kind message – delivered to me by my friend Mrs. Milada – in which you recommended me to foster pure Beauty. This exercise – if it may be thus called – brings an immediate forgetfulness of everything personal, and elevates the mind towards the Higher Power. Besides this it restores to my mind the needed balance towards the Higher Power. Besides this it restores to my mind the needed balance because I used to spend much time in philosophical and psychological studies and reflections which is perhaps a one-sided and too intellectual tendency.

Mrs. Milada told me also that you were interested, Sir, in the fate of the portrait. I have kept it all the time in my studio because I was not quite satisfied with my work, owing also to a lack of better photographs that were at my disposal (there was, for instance, not a single one of a pure “en face”).<sup>55</sup> Nevertheless this work brought me much pleasure and great upliftment, and I very often perceived and felt the formless Beauty, – with the understanding that it was still a Form – although an abstract one – and that it was necessary to go even beyond It. All this was surely the working of your Grace, Sir. In the time the portrait was so far ready, many of my friends visited me quite often to see it. It helped them much, especially in reminding you to them, and uplifting their mind, as there was really something living radiating from it, which of course was due to your Grace too. So in that time this work was a spiritual help not only to me but also to others.

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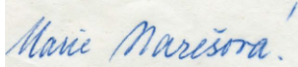
<sup>53</sup> Josef Bláha inserted “yours Josef” by hand.

<sup>54</sup> “Narešorá” in the original.

<sup>55</sup> We changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

I am very grateful for your last message too, which is so full of hope, and was accompanied with great inner help. The exercise upon the dreamlike character of everything brings not only new understanding but also new orientation in life, and new attitudes towards it.

Again and again I prostrate myself before you, Sir, in deepest reverence and devotion, and also with deep gratitude for everything you have done for us all.



[Marie Naresora]<sup>56</sup>

## L19.045

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Letter to Kenneth Hurst from Marie Folprecht<sup>57</sup>

Montreal

7 January 1984

Dear Mr. Hurst,

Just the little note to thank you for your letter with the information.

It came to me like "cheer up" note and it is nice to know that we are not alone. The Quest is very individual and lonely path, sometimes I have a hard time to deal with it, so I drew the support and inspiration from Dr. Paul Brunton's writings. I must mention also by studying and reading PB's books my English improve as well at least little bit, couple years ago I didn't know any.

Thank you very much again

Marie Folprecht

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<sup>56</sup> Marie Narešorá inserted "Marie Narešorá" by hand.

<sup>57</sup> This letter is handwritten.



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## L19.047

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Letter to Kenneth Hurst from Marie Folprecht<sup>59</sup>

61 Tanglewood Cr.

Montreal - Kirkland

Quebec

H9J - 2M7

8 December 1983

Dear Mr. Hurst,

I would like to ask you earnestly for some more information about the works of Dr. Paul Brunton. I am very interested in his writings and philosophy and trying to follow the methods which are described in his books. In summer 1981<sup>60</sup> we received a letter from you with a very sad announcement of Dr. Paul Brunton transition from all of us who love him so much. With a great thanks to all his writings I did make some progress on the path of spiritual self-realisation, but I still consider myself as a real beginner on this path and reading his books incredible inspire me to continue on further progress.

Would you be so kind and send me information whether some more books has been published since the summer 1981 and where I could purchase them.

I hope this letter will reach you and I'll be able to hear from you soon.

Thank you for your attention

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<sup>59</sup> This letter is handwritten.

<sup>60</sup> "81" in the original, throughout this letter.



Marie Folprecht

My<sup>61</sup> address is:  
Marie Folprecht  
61 Tanglewood Cr.  
Montreal – Kirkland  
Quebec  
H9J – 2M7  
Tel: 514-697-7800

## L19.049

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Letter to PB from Daniela Bardell  
8 Wyvern Avenue  
Calne, Wiltshire<sup>62</sup>  
England  
30 March 1976

Dear Dr Brunton

I am writing to you following your meeting my mother, Antonia Krejcova from Czechoslovakia, in Montreux,<sup>63</sup> Switzerland at the end of last year.

I have written to you on several occasions before, but it seems that any of those letter never reached you. I wrote partly on behalf of my mother, partly from my own initiative. Since I got married and moved to England it became possible for me to move freely to and from Czechoslovakia. I also keep in touch with my family and friends regularly. On these basis I would sincerely like to offer any help you may need from me at any time. Should you ever come to visit England I would be only too honoured to welcome you in our house at any time.

My mother did mention your surprise that Paul, my brother, and myself are not your dedicated followers, but this is not strictly so. Both of us have been brought up in the spirit of your philosophy and we greatly admire it and have deep respect for you. I am sure that it won't be long before we sit down to seriously study your books, accept this fascinating philosophy one hundred percent and join hundreds and thousands of your devoted pupils.

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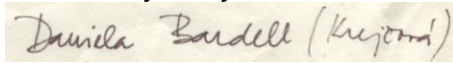
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<sup>62</sup> "Wilts" in the original.

<sup>63</sup> "Montreaux" in the original.

Before I close my letter I dare to beg you for your blessing for my wonderful mother and father, my brother Paul who keeps refusing to accept the seriousness of his illness, and my grandmother whom I also love very, very much. I miss them so badly.

Yours very truly



Daniela Bardell (Krejcová)<sup>64</sup>

P.S. I hope the enclosed is the right thing. And please excuse any mistakes.

## L19.051

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Letter to PB from Alexej Pludek<sup>65</sup>

Na Vrcholu 26

130 00 Prague<sup>66</sup> 3

Czechoslovakia

Undated

than<sup>67</sup> a dream – that you have been coming to me and saying: At the first view [I]<sup>68</sup> know you (are) were my disciple. “The first view” was meant the accepting of my letter from Bruxelles.

I cannot judge if it was my “autosuggestion” derivated from my wish only, but it was really a very impressive dream. A little later – at about the years 1960-1965 my wife and I have had a number of very interesting “occult” experience of seeing or hearing various “reports” or of getting them by a simple “occult” praxis described by ancient writers like Iamblichus<sup>69</sup> and so on. On the basis of this experience I have written and published two novels (both around 500 pages in manuscript) in the Czech language. One of the 18th dynasty of the ancient Egypt from the time of the pharaoh Akhenaten<sup>70</sup> and his wife Nefertiti describing the rejection of the old gods and establishing a new religion of the Sun-god Aton – and the end of this reformation by the uprising of the priests of Amon-Ra in Waset<sup>71</sup> (Luxor today – you know). I was told some really existed names by our “occult” experience and I used them in my book – these names were confirmed by a very good Egyptologist as rightly Egyptian. By this experience you have been a “great priest” shortly before these events and some of your friends of today would be there as

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<sup>64</sup> Daniela Bardell inserted “Daniela Bardell (Krejcová)” by hand.

<sup>65</sup> This letter is handwritten.

<sup>66</sup> “Praha” in the original.

<sup>67</sup> Alexej Pludek inserted “2” at the top of the page by hand. The first page of this letter is missing.

<sup>68</sup> We changed “a” to “I” for clarity.

<sup>69</sup> Tamblichos in the original;

<sup>70</sup> “Achnatou” in the original.

<sup>71</sup> “Weset” in the original.

well. (In another role.) The second book I have published in the latest days is a novel of the ancient India from the 4-3 century AC shortly after the invasion of Alexander the Great and about the events connected with the rule of the great kings Chandragupta and particularly Ashoka. I was told (in my "occult" experience) the same person from Egypt of the time of Akchaton were reborn in India in the time I have mentioned. So I used their names from my occult experience too<sup>72</sup> – and I was consulted by an Indologist they are really Indians belonging to that time.

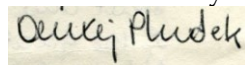
(My wife is much more sensible in these "experiences" – of course I must tell we make them not now because of being aware of its narrow usefulness.)

The third book I prepare now is a book of the last year of Atlantis – also of this time and events I have at about 50 names told me and my wife by the same way. It will be published – I hope – in two or three years.

So I must excuse me for such a long letter – I was advised by Mr. and Mrs. CAPEK to have the courage to do it. And I was advised too of praying you to accept me for a short talk if I should have an opportunity to visit Switzerland in the next 1-2 years. So I do it and I very hope you would be so kindly and not deny my appeal if I really have the possibility to visit the country where you live now.

Thank you very much dear Sir and accept very cordial greetings from me and from the family Capek I had visited a day before my departure from Prague to Baghdad (and giving them one of the first copies of my novel of India's events called "The Counsellor of the Great Radjas"). I wish you from all my heart many successes (which are already done in the plane of the Supreme ONE) in Your great work.

Yours sincerely



Alexej Pludek

**L19.053**

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Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague – Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
28 March 1938

My dear Teacher!

Thousand thanks for your letter and spiritual help, which we received and which is now almost tangible!

We, my wife and me, will never forget this deed of yours, which means a release of the threatening evil! We are now again in rest and peace and we both are sure that at

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the end the Higher Power stretched its hand to give us the ability to concentrate and work on. –

God may reward you for that!

The other party had withdrawn their lawsuits. We had letters in that sense from their barristers. But I waited some days not being sure that the whole campaign is stopped – therefore I did not write at once.

We hope also that now the other party will no more trail us into the mud of truly inhuman calumniations when we were attacked<sup>73</sup> from behind and secretly.

But we are very distressed and sorrowful about your state of health! You must spare yourself at the utmost! It is not possible to you to go for a time to a healthier country? Be sure that my wife and me pray to God He may give you full health so that you can fulfil your mission!

Our only hope is, that we know that you are under the greatest protection of the Adepts. – Please write a few words at your convenience about the X ray examination! Please!

I<sup>74</sup> hope that the “Secret Path”<sup>75</sup> will be published soon in April. –

I thank you very much for your information about Swami Siddheswarananda. Perhaps we could {ask him}<sup>76</sup> in the future to come to Prague – until the waves of disturbance will subside.

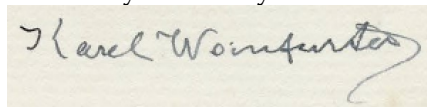
Be sure, that we and also our members of the Society, to whom I gave the rigorous command in this sense, will try to follow strictly all your hints about the other party and we are convinced that the fruit will soon appear.

With best wishes to you especially concerning your health, from me and my wife and also from Dr. Kratochvil,<sup>77</sup>

I remain

Yours

ever very sincerely

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

[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>78</sup>

**L19.057**

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Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague – Vinohrady

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<sup>73</sup> “attaqued” in the original.

<sup>74</sup> Page 55

<sup>75</sup> We inserted close quotation marks for clarity.

<sup>76</sup> We changed “him ask” to “ask him” for clarity.

<sup>77</sup> “Kratochvíl” in the original.

<sup>78</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted “Karel Weinfurter” by hand.



Czechoslovakia  
10 January 1938

My dear Teacher,

I believe you have got my last letter of the December 17th 1937. It was very disagreeable to write and to read but I must send it because you had to know the situation. If you have answered it so the letter must went astray, for I had none.

Today I am about to write other matters. First I have to inform you that the state of health of Madam Zelenkova<sup>79</sup> is again very bad. I have sent Miss Havranek<sup>80</sup> to call and see her yesterday and she returned with the bad news that Mrs. Zelenka was conveyed to a Sanatory. But Mrs. Blaha<sup>81</sup> could not tell to what sanatory. I think that this arranged Dr. Kratochvil.<sup>82</sup> Madam Zelenka has according to all a recidivous attack of an old tuberculosis. So I hurry to inform you!

We paid now the authorisations fee to Rider and I await the contrasigned agreement to the "Secret Path." I shall translate the work with utmost care and very slow because it is so important. Mr. Marik,<sup>83</sup> who called to see us the other day said, that my former friends, being under false notion about me are afraid that I could certain passages of the work purposely change or let out, to rescue my theories or mystic hints in my books. First I am holding every word of yours as sacred<sup>84</sup> and secondly I am wont to translate even a novel correct. Then I am well aware, that the teachings in my books are only superficial because I am not an initiate although they were sufficient to give to many the first leading thread to the Path. -

What I did I must do - although I suffered by it. The dark forces attacked me and my wife many times before and we would often abandon the work - but we could not. The reason why and the causes you know better than myself. I am also absolutely without any pride on my work or on my position as president of the Society, as some believe. I<sup>85</sup> have many personal faults, but not this!

After all you have watched my soul and so you know it all.

The Riders asked me if I had paid some % to Curtis or to our agency here as "commission." This is a misunderstanding perhaps from my side. I have paid nothing - only to the agency here 1%, which is of course nothing. In that sense I am informing also Rider.

I am sending you 2 copies of "A Search in Secret Egypt" in Czech. It was published accurately before Christmas and the work sells very well as is indeed always at the beginning. But your work "India" is at a stillstand. We cannot make a great propagation for it costs great sums and the result is uncertain.

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<sup>79</sup> "Zelenková" in the original.

<sup>80</sup> "Havránek" in the original.

<sup>81</sup> "Bláha" in the original.

<sup>82</sup> "Kratochvíl" in the original.

<sup>83</sup> "Marík" in the original.

<sup>84</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted underline by hand.

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Concerning the "Secret Path" I have a question. There is on page 57 mentioned the name of King Canute. Please tell me in a few words who it was – it is for information for our readers.

I have written about some difficulties and embarrassments concerning our members in view to the new teaching. But I have now solved it most satisfactory. Now, when your "Secret Path"<sup>86</sup> will be published I took this as opportunity and wrote an article in Psyche (for January)<sup>87</sup> that the pupils may wait for farther instructions till they will have your new book in hand.

Last not least I had a new experience. To my knowledge had it nobody whom I know. I have during the holy days very intensely asked you for spiritual help. I was a little uneasy because no answer came to my last letter. I asked also Maharshi<sup>88</sup> and my Overself. There came the day of the new moon,<sup>89</sup> but I forgot<sup>90</sup> that this time and sat to concentrate as usual. Instantly I was suffused with a great power from above. My head and trunk swam and I felt as if I should be lifted from life and space. It was like a psychic fog which enveloped me. It seemed as if I were on the threshold to lose my consciousness and at once a great fear of death overwhelmed me. So I opened my eyes. It diminished very soon and then I have concentrated very deep so well, as never before  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour. The next day this experience returned but not with that power.

I<sup>91</sup> vainly speculated what it means but yesterday I read in your "Quest of the Overself" on page 241, "that one must willingly die."

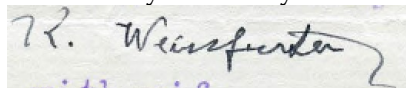
Since that day at each concentration returns this feeling but in a lesser degree. It is as if one was "stunned" by something.

Please tell me if my experience is right. –

My wife saw the other day during her practice a small point in yellow colour in her Heart, a little to the right side.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kind answer I am with the most cordial regards

Yours very sincerely

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[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>92</sup>

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<sup>86</sup> We inserted close quotation marks for clarity.

<sup>87</sup> We changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>88</sup> "Maharishree" in the original.

<sup>89</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted underline by hand.

<sup>90</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted underline by hand.

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<sup>92</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "K. Weinfurter" by hand.

Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague – Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
14 March 1938

My dear Mr Brunton!

This letter being very pressing I am sending with the airmail. – I have read your both letters in the Society (my letter only in extract),<sup>93</sup> and I thank you warmly for them. – The members accepted your words with greatest satisfaction. And I am authorised to say to you their thanks also. I was glad that your letter to Hoznourek will bring to us peace and rest to work on, but,<sup>94</sup> alas, the contrary appeared! Hoznourek and Co selected now for their further disturbances the engineer Marik, who came into the Society (he is since 4 years {now}<sup>95</sup> a member)<sup>96</sup> and has long controversies with three members, pressing on them that they all should be permitted to rejoin the Society. This was a fortnight ago. He told so absurd lies, that the hearers were beside themselves. For instance: “My wife was never ill during your sojourn in Prague, he (Marik)<sup>97</sup> called to see her and asked her and she said so!<sup>98</sup>

The group Hoznourek<sup>99</sup> and Co. not only did not stop their attacks, according to your letter to them, but they increased them and said they will against my wife and me and against certain members of the Society go into court. Three days ago Blaha said so to a member and today I had a letter from their barrister, saying I should publish in my review “Psyche” a so called “press correction.” I have printed an article where I said that “among us (i.e. in the Society)<sup>100</sup> I am the only interpreter of your teachings” because they are no more members as I have written. They insist that “only they have been invited<sup>101</sup> to meet you and received your teachings, whereas I have only the written informations etc.”

It<sup>102</sup> is quite plain that they only laugh at your admonitions, that you are for them an authority only before their people but not in their behavior.

When they do not stop these attacks we must do in defence the same,<sup>103</sup> for we have many witnesses of their offences of our honour and also things more serious, so that

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<sup>93</sup> We changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>94</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted a comma by hand.

<sup>95</sup> We changed “not” to “now” for clarity.

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<sup>97</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>98</sup> A line break was inserted by typing a row of hyphens.

<sup>99</sup> “Hoz.” in the original.

<sup>100</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>101</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted underline by hand.

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<sup>103</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted a comma by hand.

our action would be especially for Hoznourek (as lieutenant)<sup>104</sup> and Blaha direct dangerous.

Now I ask you,<sup>105</sup> dear Mr. Brunton, most earnestly to tell them your warning. As we cannot lose time (for the terms to lodge complaint against anyone are limited)<sup>106</sup> I must have from Hoznourek<sup>107</sup> and Co in hand their statement signed by them all four, that they retire from all suits against us, in eight days from the morning on. If you could not or do not wish to do that or if it were without effect, then we will be forced to go ourselves to the court. I beg you by God to do what you can,<sup>108</sup> because the results then could be more than very disagreeable. It seems that all the men are without their wits, to do that, when the war is so imminent and when in that case they all must go!

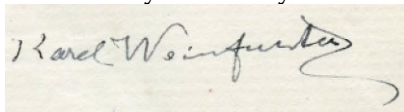
But I should very dislike to trail your name into the courts, which I am afraid should be in that case inevitable. You must also know that Blaha in the face of the witness said that when I should not allow them to join the Society, they will deprive us (my wife and me)<sup>109</sup> of all and that I would be a beggar. And this is a statement belonging to penal laws. -

Concerning your "A Hermit in the Himalayas" I should accept your terms gladly, but now I cannot decide nothing, for I do not know how the affairs will develop. Our people (more than 2,000)<sup>110</sup> are now very disgusted of the further attacks on me and do not buy your books, for they think, that it is in your power such behavior of Hoznourek and Co - to stop. I rejoiced so that I could work with you hand in hand - and now it is looking so sad!

The<sup>111</sup> "Secret Path" is being translated. I have the first half ready, but now I am so disturbed in mind that I am not able to continue. After the late Dr Barth the vice presidency took Dr. Kratochvil, who sends to you his best regards.

With my and my wife's best regards

Yours very sincerely

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[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>112</sup>

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<sup>104</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>105</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted a comma by hand.

<sup>106</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>107</sup> "H." in the original.

<sup>108</sup> All the underlines on this page are in red by hand, probably by PB himself. — TJS, 2020

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<sup>112</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "Karel Weinfurter" by hand.

Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague – Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
6 April 1938

My dear Teacher,

Your last letter of the 31 March raised in our souls heterogeneous emotions! First a great deal of satisfaction that you will have the best prospect of healing – I for myself have the greatest trust in your proposed yoga exercise – and at the same time an exceedingly sad emotion that we will not see you a whole year!

But all is in God's hands and we must bend before the irrevocable decrees of the Almighty. –

I pray you,<sup>113</sup> be very careful to your health and I am sure that the Higher Powers will protect you and that you will soon regain your bodily strength and freshness to fulfil your Mission. –

I am very obliged for the address of Swami Siddheswarananda, because we will perhaps ask him to come this autumn to Prague.

We hope that The Secret Path will have a great success. It was a very difficult work to translate! But it is the finest book I ever read. The inner value of it was only revealed when the whole was in our mother tongue. Only then the power of the book is going to the heart! I have also translated all the verses from the original in rhythm and rhymed precisely according to the book. This was a delightful work and not a new for me, because years ago I have had translated into Czech from several great English Poets as Tennyson,<sup>114</sup> Kipling<sup>115</sup> and others and published it in several Czech periodicals.

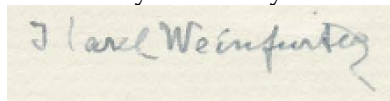
This<sup>116</sup> I was able to do, because I have written verses from my boyhood and after years of this practice I have many my poems published.

You mentioned kindly also your wish to send us some lessons on spiritual teaching. This would be of course a great help for all. Please tell us then your terms concerning this work of yours.

Thanks God there is now peace and hope that it will be kept. We concentrate with a group of advanced pupils and the group, I hope, will slowly increase although I am very careful selecting new members for the inner circle.

I send you my best wishes and love and God's benediction. The same from my wife.

I remain yours very sincerely



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<sup>113</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted a comma by hand.

<sup>114</sup> Referring to Alfred Tennyson.

<sup>115</sup> Referring to Rudyard Kipling.

<sup>116</sup> Page 67

[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>117</sup>

P.S. As soon as The Secret Path will be from the press we will write when we decide to take in hand "A Hermit in the Himalayas."

## L19.069

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Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague - Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
10 July 1938

My dear Mr Brunton and Teacher,

I thank you very much for your kind appreciation of the outfit of the Czech "Secret Path."

The book sells well seeing to the circumstances prevailing now in our country because of the forthgoing imminence of the war with Germany. On the surface there seems the life flow smooth but one feels an inward pressure of some great events which seem to hang over land and people. But we are trying to lean with all possible faith against the Divine Protection. -

I had in mind your words from a past letter of yours that you wish to restrict your correspondence and for that I did not write for so long.

I am very distressed that your health had underwent again a relapse but I am convinced that your own spiritual Power must at the end conquer. This I wish you from all my heart!<sup>118</sup>

I thank you also for your most kind spiritual help and I assure you that two times I felt quite distinctly your presence in my room. I am here now alone my wife being in the country on her farm and I am going there only sometimes for a few days.

I<sup>119</sup> should be glad to receive your promised spiritual journal and to read again some of your words which were so uplifting the soul!

Concerning my work I go on as usual with our students. In June we made with my wife a trip to Brno (the capital of Moravia).<sup>120</sup> I delivered there two lectures to the members of our Society in that city. There are more than 50 students, all very good and among them is a group of very advanced of 25 members. Some of them have had visions of Maharshi<sup>121</sup> and to two or three of them had the Master given short messages.

Here also some students had similar experiences.

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<sup>117</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "Karel Weinfurter" by hand.

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<sup>120</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>121</sup> "Maharishree" in the original.

In deep concentration but always on the beginning I had sometimes the same experience as I have written – connected with an intense fear of death. I had a feeling as if some power enveloped me, [trying]<sup>122</sup> to draw me out of the body. –

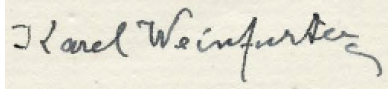
I am enclosing a photo of the late MU Dr. Jaroslav Barth our vice president. When you can be so kind and help him!

With my best wishes for your health and welfare

I remain with kindest regards

Yours

very truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karel Weinfurter", on a piece of aged, slightly textured paper.

[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>123</sup>

NB. Of the other side I hear very little. Only they have ordered their members not to read my books. –



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{Photo of Jaroslav Barth, vice president of the Czech mystical school Universal Mystical Brotherhood}<sup>125</sup>

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Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter

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<sup>122</sup> Karel Weinfurter changed “tried” to “trying” by hand.

<sup>123</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted “Karel Weinfurter” by hand.

<sup>124</sup> Page 73

<sup>125</sup> We inserted “Photo of Jaroslav Barth, vice president of the Czech mystical school Universal Mystical Brotherhood” for identification purposes (from page 71).



Prague – Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
12 November 1937

My dear Mr. Brunton,

many many thanks for your kind letter – also from my wife!

You have lifted a big boulder from our hearts and the whole aspect of the world and life is again joyful and full of hope. Yesterday called on us engineer Capek and by the dint of your letters to my friends said, that they are ready to give me all the needed satisfaction. I do not need it for myself, but because of the Society it shall be very good.

As you have two or three times said to me telepathic, that you are very occupied with “world’s affairs”<sup>126</sup> I waited on your kind answer patiently.

It would be a mistake that any misunderstanding arose about your teachings between me and my friends, for I never spoke with my friends about Jnana.<sup>127</sup>

My mind has been during the last time so disturbed, that I could not study your teachings but now I take it most seriously and should there be any difficulty in my understanding I shall meet with my friends to clear it up – according [to]<sup>128</sup> your advice. I thank you so much for it!

I knew that you never said about my books they are incorrect but my friends came themselves (I do not know why)<sup>129</sup> to this conclusion. But all this I will forget and other things too!

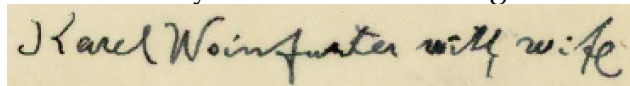
I am very glad that there is already the best prospect to the cooperations with all us. Even now was here Blaha and we parted very friendly and established a new peace.

I must clear you also about my offer concerning The Secret Path. As I told you we have had now very bad business with the books and we are now short of cash. But the book of Egypt will be published very soon and I hope that our difficulties shall be removed.

We thank you once more for all the help and we remain,<sup>130</sup> my wife and me,<sup>131</sup>

Yours

most sincerely and with utmost regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script on a light-colored rectangular piece of paper. The signature reads "Karel Weinfurter with wife".

[Karel Weinfurter with wife]<sup>132</sup>

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<sup>126</sup> We inserted close quotation marks for clarity.

<sup>127</sup> “Gnana” in the original.

<sup>128</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted “to” by hand.

<sup>129</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>130</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted a comma by hand.

<sup>131</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted a comma by hand.

<sup>132</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted “Karel Weinfurter with wife” by hand.

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Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter<sup>133</sup>  
Prague – Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
29 October 1937

My dear Mr. Brunton,

I thank you for the last letter and I was full of joy that you were as content with us in all the directions. With this my letter I hesitated almost 4 weeks. I would not molest you with affairs which are here happening, but now I am compelled to turn to you as to my refuge, as to our Teacher. Perhaps you may look on it all as “too much ado about nothing” considering your spiritual height, but I know also that you are at the same time very human – and that you will understand! And – you are the embodied goodness too!

So your word shall be deciding.

It is a sad letter but [I]<sup>134</sup> cannot help it otherwise, particularly when I know, that [your]<sup>135</sup> eternal peace nothing can ruffle. I also would not write it in order to avoid a notion perhaps of some slander, but I feel at the same time, that such a notion will be far from you. Finally I write only the purest truth.

We, i.e. my wife and I are from the day of your depart most agitated and unhappy – because of certain happenings, which are from day to day sharper and which begin to threaten and to frustrate the fruit of your valuable work in Prague, seeing that they threaten already our Society Psyche – if there should not come very soon a stopping of it. Because there can come a disharmony, distrust and so on. And the means to stop it are only in your hands Mr Brunton! Therefore I ask you most earnestly for advice and help. You are my only refuge!

Already during your sojourn in Prague there appeared certain changes in the behaviour of my most intimate friends: Mr Hoznourek, Blaha, engineer Capek – and later Mr engineer Marik and engineer Havelka, albeit to my knowledge I never gave them any cause for it.

First I have seen at Mr Hoznourek certain reserved manner. I have not reacted to it. There was some strain and I did not know the cause. It was on the day when my wife fell ill. Then you said that I should remain at home and to pursue my meditation in my room. This I did. But that was the first stumbling stone! The three friends took it otherwise and I heard then that I have no interest in your teaching.

I am what one calls a “housebird” and I do not like to be out in the night (I have been accustomed to it for this 20 years).<sup>136</sup> But what is more, I knew that I shall get your

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<sup>133</sup> PB himself inserted a check mark and “but send photo for “Sec Egypt” asked for on last page” at the top of the page by hand.

<sup>134</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted “I” by hand.

<sup>135</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted “your” by hand.

<sup>136</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

teachings written and last not least I felt some light antagonism or awakening distrust in my friends. That repulsed me strongly being very sensitive, as you know, for I knew already that they look over my teaching and my little knowledge. It was a lack of humbleness of me and I should have bear it with meekness, albeit it was very painful. So I remained at home. This was of course a fault. I wish to be always perfectly sincere to you, my dear Mr Brunton,<sup>137</sup> and I know that you see it yourself.

Mr. Hoznourek and the other said that once you have invited me to call and see you at your hotel and [I]<sup>138</sup> did not come. It should be on one morning at 8 or 10 o'clock. I did not know it! Either I have not caught your words or I did not understand your English especially when it was in the street full of noise or during the drive in the auto. I believe that I have said to you once that my hearing is somewhat bad. Otherwise I should have run to you ten miles! This incident has been also taken as a bad behaviour against you. The characteristic of it is, that my friends never asked me for explanation, but they made among themselves their final decision.

And so developed with my friends a slow but sure a false notion about my person.

My friends forgot my 40 years working, they forgot that they have<sup>139</sup> got the first teachings of the mystic and yoga from me – and now when I at last have found through your kindness a Guru [and]<sup>140</sup> when I met with you, to get a real guidance I should have no interest? It is plain, that such a notion is more than a mistake. Then came blow after blow. Once there came Mr Hoznourek and Capek to my wife, laying ill, and said that all what I have written is now put upside down. I remember well what you have written to me about my book: “Man’s Highest Purpose” and I can assure you, that all my other books are written in the same spirit. I know, that I made many mistakes for instance<sup>141</sup> I did not know of the presence of Atma in the astral body of the departed and many other things. So bad are my books not to say such a definite judgement. Previously, as we read your books my friends said contrary, that all is in conformity with that what I taught about mystic. Whereof came this change? I will try later on to solve this riddle.

All my explanations were fruitless. We talked of these and other matters quite friendly but only in rare occasions and never in the presence of engineer Capek. Mostly only Mr Hoznourek and me. I am convinced, that this prejudice of Mr Hoznourek was so strong, that he never reported my words to the others. I remember also that I perceived at Mr Hoznourek a great change in his whole bearing, then for me quite unexplicable. He was as in a fever. I know him many years and therefore I was well aware of it.

But there came worse things!

Mr H. attempted several times to interrupt me when I had the rare luck to speak between you and me. It was so striking that you yourself must have perceived it surely. At last it happened on the station when we were all standing at the train. It should depart

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<sup>137</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted a comma by hand.

<sup>138</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted “I” by hand.

<sup>139</sup> Page 81 (“2” was typed at the top of the page).

<sup>140</sup> Karel Weinfurter changed “a” to “and” by hand.

<sup>141</sup> “f. ins.” in the original.

in ten minutes. You [have]<sup>142</sup> given me some last instructions. And then came Mr. H. to my side and regardless admonished me that also the others will part with you. You have seen it and after the parting with the others you have ostentatiously called me to your side and we continued our talk. At another occasion when we went to the auto to ride to Mr. Blaha's, Mr H. said to me: "Do not speak with Mr. Brunton! He wants rest! No more." But you started to speak with me yourself to my astonishment and continued so during the whole ride. This was for me too much. And so two days later I asked Mr H. why he did it. And only then he explained that once during a ride in auto you have been in ecstasy and have lost your outer consciousness for perhaps 10 minutes. It was certainly a rare incident. So I came to the notion that Mr H. is jealously with me on each word spoken alone with you. My friends in short took the advantage of their not being occupied with work and have made for themselves the privilege on your presence. This is not only my conviction but also of many others.

All these occurrences did not remain secret and because then appeared some new and unjust, direct and secret attacks, it culminated so, that the peace in our Society is threatened. My friend always truly and sincere to me turned now my sayings upside down into my face<sup>143</sup> and their own words were absolutely denied.<sup>144</sup> I could not trust to my ears and my wife too. There happened the most impossible things! I am very very sorry to write this, knowing that it concerns your friends [and]<sup>145</sup> men, who were my most intimate friends also. But the truth must be said at last and you,<sup>146</sup> dear Mr Brunton,<sup>147</sup> must be informed correct.

I turned to you and to Maharshi<sup>148</sup> many times for advice and help and Maharshi knows it all and I believe you also. If not then Maharshi will it verify. This contortion of the plain facts was for me a source of enormous astonishment and pain, for I have a correct memory and even as an author I am accustomed to watch and record events and words correct.

Now to the culmination.

I am working already 3 weeks in the Society according to your advice and hints and orders. I divide the members into two groups. A responsible and delicate task. Everyone is examined apart and so I can in one hour hear perhaps 12 persons. Meanwhile there appeared a new issue of Psyche, where I have written a report of your work in Prague. I had also to touch the fact that some very advanced members could not be introduced to you for lack of time and because this whole action has been partly<sup>149</sup> taken from my hands. This I wrote for the sake of students to console them and to give them

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<sup>142</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "have" by hand.

<sup>143</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted underline by hand.

<sup>144</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted underline by hand.

<sup>145</sup> Karel Weinfurter deleted "also" from after "and" by hand.

<sup>146</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted a comma by hand.

<sup>147</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted a comma by hand.

<sup>148</sup> "Maharishree" in the original throughout this letter.

<sup>149</sup> Page 83 ("3" was typed at the top of the page)

at least a glimpse what happened behind the curtain. This article (nobody was named)<sup>150</sup> called forth a great displeasure with my three friends. Incidentally I met Mr Hoznourek in the park and he spoke with me like a teacher with a schoolboy, saying that I will them perhaps “throw<sup>151</sup> off the window!” His very words. I said that I had to say at least something to the members (it is among them a great unrest and displeasure).<sup>152</sup> He remarked also that I have perhaps no faith in you. Two days before that, because I showed a most reconciling behaviour, it seemed that all is in order. I felt that such an affair must be put aside at all costs. But it should not be! You see that my meek demeanour has been explained false and that my friends came to the delusion, I am a weak man and guilty!

We talked also over the initiation of which you have written and that I mentioned also to you on the way from your hotel. You said that it should be later when you will come to Prague again. Mr. Hoznourek did not say anything positive but in some hazy manner he hinted something so that I had the impression, that it happened yet – without my presence. Then we parted quite friendly. It is possible that you have invited me to it by one {of}<sup>153</sup> my friends, but nobody delivered me your message. This initiation had perhaps another form.

In the meeting of Psyche, 14 days ago, I have examined an engineer who is a colonel in our army. He said he tries two years to concentrate, that he concentrates on nothing special and without any result. I felt intuitively that he is rather a dull character. I was with my wit’s end. In that instant I heard inwardly – doubtless from Maharshi – that he should practise half a year the letters. With that I dismissed him. But the man said it immediately to Mr Hoznourek and Mr Hoznourek advised him to practise the self-analysis. At our meeting with Mr H as I said above, he (Mr H.)<sup>154</sup> reproached me, that one should not indeed prescribe the letters to a man so intelligent!

In the evening I took your famous “Secret Path” opened the book and read at the page 129-130 how you yourself lay no stress on great intelligence or study by self-inquiring, i.e. self-analysis. But in the written teachings which I have got from my friends are, as meseems many faults. I read there about the dividing of our Society into two groups: The first group has to practise as previously (the beginners). The second group more advanced and with higher intellect shall practise half an hour. 20 minutes self-analysis according to Secret Path and 10 minutes concentration on Maharshi.

I have carefully studied anew The Secret Path and know that there are two degrees of self-analysis. The first is only for the very beginners, to wit for those who do not know of the delusion that the body, the senses, the feelings, the mind are not real I – i.e. Self. These false notions one cannot expect in 90 percent of our members. Of course in the daily life one falls again and again in this delusion as long as to the moment of the real

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<sup>150</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>151</sup> We inserted open quotation marks for clarity.

<sup>152</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>153</sup> We inserted “of” for clarity.

<sup>154</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

inner Illumination. The second degree is only for the advanced purposely to practise the self-analysis proper, that is to ask during the truly concentration: "Who am I? Who does this or that?"<sup>155</sup> This degree is only for those who are able to concentrate at least for moments and can already touch the realm of Overself. Is that right? If so, there is the question of what advice gave Mr H. to the colonel. The first is good, whereas the second is for him impossible, because his is not able to concentrate properly.

I beg you, as it is most important to give me kindly counsel. Till to that I shall stop the farther attempts to divide our Society into two parts. Our Society and its welfare is my first interest and I know well, my duty and responsibility. I know also that even you gave me this task to do – and to nobody else.

This "changing of the saddle" is a very difficult affair, more as I imagined, and I should like to do it with greatest care. There are people most religiously to the bottom. They mostly concentrate on an image of God. To them I leave their mode of practice and give them the [advice to use the nearest degree of self-analysis with the concentration]<sup>156</sup>

To<sup>157</sup> return to the last discourse with Mr H. I told him, that concerning the colonel I received a hint from Maharshi or from the Overself. And he answered: "That could be a mistake!" This illustrates his change of meaning, because previously he came ever for advice to me and he knew that I am really in touch with Maharshi.

But the second case of intervention of my work was worse. And that was also the last impulse to this letter.

A member is a bank director. I have examined him and he left me without a word. After the meeting we went, as we are wont into the coffeehouse (There are about 15-20 members who meet there).<sup>158</sup> Instantly came to my side Mr Blaha and said quite open and in the presence of some others with whom you did not come in touch: "The practice of concentration and the concentration on Maharshi are for the bank director nullified, because I had given him the practice of Jnana yoga!"

After my inquire he said: "We three (i.e. Haznourek, Blaha and engineer Capek)<sup>159</sup> were initiated by Mr Brunton into Jnana and we have also the right to take pupils when they ask for it!"

How I felt in the face of the others you can hardly imagine. Mr Blaha tells now the same story to other members for instance he called to see Miss Wagner, who is our treasurer in her bureau and [said]<sup>160</sup> also that every one of the three has now two or three pupils in Jnana and other things. It is obvious that this undermines my authority as to the president and one, who received from you the only right to do this work. It would be also a cause of disharmony and distrust to me. And lastly if there came to the said

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<sup>155</sup> We inserted close quotation marks by hand.

<sup>156</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "advice to use the nearest degree of self-analysis with the concentration" at the bottom of the page by hand; more seems to have been cut off at the bottom of the page.

<sup>157</sup> Page 85 ("4" was typed at the top of the page)

<sup>158</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>159</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>160</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "that" by hand.

initiation so there should be such a high ritual kept in secret! As Mr Blaha also said that one must ask for all, so I ask you solemnly to give me also this initiation till an occasion to it may arrive.

Here I must mention, that I never spoke about this initiation either with Mr Hoznourek nor with engineer Capek. Mr H. only once remarked, that the Initiator looks into the eyes of the pupil. Mrs Zelenkova told me, that you did it to her in the hotel and so I believe there is some truth in the words of Mr Blaha.

Now comes the most interesting statement.

Next came to our side Dr Kratochil (the very tall man)<sup>161</sup> who was a member of our circle at my house. In his presence and in face of others Mr Blaha rebuked me that I published in my article in Psyche an untruth. In that article I wrote also of your sense for humour, to complete the picture of your exceptional personality and also to show that an high Initiate can laugh too. I mentioned the little humorous scene, how you at {Blaha's}<sup>162</sup> before the practice took the puppet laying at your side and how you tried to give to it a seemingly yogic posture and how we all smiled including you. I remember that this was the last practice at Mr Blaha's, because then there was a dividing into two circles.

Mr Blaha asserted again and again that it was no joke, but that you repeated it the other evenings also with the puppet and that you said<sup>163</sup> that the puppet truly concentrates also.<sup>164</sup>

This was repeated to us several times and Mr Blaha added that the puppet can become in the next incarnation a man! Dr Kratochil and me were dumbfounded. Later on it was obvious that Mr Blaha does not understand a bit of the Jnana. Dr K. started with him a conversation and then we heard impossible things, for instance: The Overself is an illusion! Can you explain this? We asked how it were possible and heard the same answer. Our astonishment was endless. But I did not attempt to interrupt Mr. Blaha. When Dr K. tried any question so Mr B's answer was always imperturbably: "When you shall understand Jnana you will know it!" But always he avoided quite smooth the answer, which was indeed very easy. I must remark that the story with the puppet was repeated by Mr Blaha to Miss Wagner, who he visited on the 23rd October in her bureau.

Mr Hoznourek has also obviously the wish to proclaim the Jnana to all. And not in general as says it Vivekananda, but in particular! He seems to be in a hurry with that, whereas I am against it, because I see, that it should be for many harmful. For what can we give to those who<sup>165</sup> cling to their Deity in form, when we take it them away? I know well how you have written that the Jnana is only for very few with a most sharp intelligence. But your words are now forgotten and my friends are – it seems like under some spell. Mr Blaha said himself that when I should in the Society tell the whole truth there remained only 15 members. It is not so bad, but many were confused. So I am

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<sup>161</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>162</sup> We changed "Hala's" to "Blaha's" for clarity.

<sup>163</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted underline by hand.

<sup>164</sup> A section break was inserted by typing a row of dashes.

<sup>165</sup> Page 87 ("5" was typed at the top of the page)



strongly against it and I rely on your words, that only a few are fit for it. I should only like to know the reason why this all is being promulgated from the said three friends.

I have also pondered upon the affair with the puppet and came to the result that it may be quite possible when a man like you, had known Brahman,<sup>166</sup> concentrate or is in an ecstasy all his surroundings can vibrate in a spiritual manner, but that a puppet having no mind could concentrate is impossible.

I am now in a false light before the other members. Imperturbably I have relied and do it now on your words in your letters and on the messages from Maharshi, so I thought that I am at least on the same point as the three friends. Also my wife was included to the first circle of Jnana teaching. When there has been really any initiation into Jnana so I do not know what has happened. It is the greatest trial I had in my life and I had experienced some things, I assure you! So it is also with my wife, who through this all is near to a breakdown with her nerves.

I know, that my friends (Mr Blaha said it to Miss Wagner)<sup>167</sup> think me now to be an old man, with bad memory who has all the teaching in his head confused and perhaps they said so also to you. But you know me sure better. This said Mr Blaha, the same man, who thinks that the Overself is an illusion. But all this must have occurred to me (this bad memory and confusion)<sup>168</sup> during your sojourn in Prague!

You will perhaps think, dear Mr Brunton, that I had to say you something of this when you were here. Yes, but I would not bring about a disharmony and would not molest you with things which I then considered too trifling. I did not know to what consequences this will lead.

I sought the cause and [it]<sup>169</sup> seems that it has been evoked by a kind of intoxication or reaction, because your presence was for my friends a too powerful medicine. Further there is in play the forgetting of the most humble attitude and finally some evil forces. You were right having written in your last letter of a most critical times now! I have been shown in concentration a part of the devils who are in action. I did not understand it, but it was revealed me later on.

And now I am here deserted with my wife and only God and Maharshi and you are with us! For my fellow brothers are under a spell of glamour or fanaticism. Yes, the fanaticism would explain it all. So I ask you, nay pray you for help which can come only by a miracle! But there are also other causes of which I will not write. That I shall you tell personally when God gives.

Now<sup>170</sup> I must also ask you to be so kind and lend me, if you have them (when you return to England)<sup>171</sup> the negatives to the work: "A Search in Secret Egypt." A part of it is already in press. I should with the following photos, which I shall return you save:

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<sup>166</sup> "Brahm" in the original.

<sup>167</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>168</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>169</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "it" by hand.

<sup>170</sup> PB himself inserted "prints only sent 23 Nov 1937" in the right margin and check marks after each item by hand.

<sup>171</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

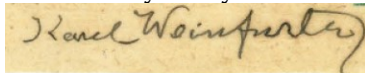
The Pyramids to page 33. The Sphinx to p. 120. A temple figure. A temple of the secret Rites, God Horus upon his throne p. 185. The Temple of Denderah, the Dendrah Zodiac p. 200. Queen Hatshepsu, Pillars of the Temple of Amen, Obelisk of Queen Hatshepsu p. 201. Doorway Karnak, King Seti L. p. 216. Sheik Moussa capturing a snake. Only the photo on the right side, p. 240. A Scorpion, Sheik Moussa holding a scorpion p. 241. The Author facing a cobra, Snake asleep, A snake hissing p. 257. Tomb wall paintings, A Pharaoh's sarcophagus, A priest's coffin p. 267. Snakes on tomb wall paintings p. 272. Ra Mak Hotep, his eyes, Rock cut entrance to a tomb, The valley of the Kings p. 280.

Next I shall send you the photos I made, they are very good.

I look forward for your kind answer, thanking in anticipation and remain with my wife with fraternally

regards always

Yours very truly



[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>172</sup>

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Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague – Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
9 November 1937

My dear Mr. Brunton,

first I must write about the translations of your works. I had a letter from our literary agency and I called to see them and they said, that Curtis and Co. heard how a great success had your book of India here and that they think there will be a second bohemian (Czech)<sup>173</sup> impression. This is a mistake. It is true that we have sold about 1,000 copies but two months ago, precisely at your arrival, the selling stopped so that we have sold in two months only three copies! According to our experience the result will be that the remaining 1,000 copies we shall sell ten years!

I have also to say that the partial success of "India" was due to the great advertising and articles in my Review Psyche, my recommendation to bring the book forward in the Society Psyche and so on. I also tried to bring articles in our newspapers

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but I succeeded only the “Narodni<sup>174</sup> Politika” (the greatest Czech journal)<sup>175</sup> but I had to pay to [the]<sup>176</sup> editor of literature a considerable sum.

So we decided should we further publish any books to print only 1,200 copies and as the case may be to pay rather a second edition.

I understand that Rider wants us to pay for 2,000 copies of your “Secret Path” £<sup>177</sup> 15 and a percentage of 10% from each sold copy. We have answered that we cannot print more than 1,200 copies and are prepared to pay utmost £<sup>178</sup> 10 (ten pounds),<sup>179</sup> without any percentage because our book business moves on other lines as elsewhere. Also there is not one great firm here which would sign an agreement connected with percentage.

I hear also from England that someone else wish also to translate and publish “The Secret Path” and I am sure that this move to squabble with any one about the publication and translation of that book, but I can tell you, that my name only as translator suffice to get success not to speak of the support of my Review and of our Society. And last not least your wish was also that the work of translation should be done by me. The right translation is not an easy thing. For instance I have found at random that the German translation of the Secret Path is not quite correct that is in my sense. There are in certain sentences put in unnecessary words, which are not in the original diminishing the power of your arguments. I can prove it.

Concerning your two works: “A Hermit in the Himalayas” and “The Quest of the Overself” we are prepared to pay also £<sup>180</sup> 10 for 1,200 copies in each case. We have paid for the “Search in Secret India” and for the “A Search in Secret Egypt” for each book £<sup>181</sup> 11 and for 2,000 copies. But this are great books with illustrations<sup>182</sup> and so the price can be set higher, which by the other works is not the case.

I am sure that you have got my long registered letter, Dear Mr. Brunton, and I ask you once more for a kind answer for now the situation in the Society Psyche is more tense and only you can give us any consolation. Of course I do not wish that my formerly friends should be somewhat exposed, for they did it themselves already and that before the whole Society. They deserted the Society (Mr Hoznourek was not a member, being an officer in the army)<sup>183</sup> and with that they deserted also the cause and the cowork with me and my wife. The best thing is, that they never said the reason why<sup>184</sup> they do it.

With that they betrayed also our cause and brought up the danger that your work here could be nullified. But this I shall not allow. You have come, dear Mr. Brunton for

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<sup>174</sup> “Národní” in the original.

<sup>175</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

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the sake of the whole Society and not only for the sake of a few – and those should impart later on your influence and teachings to others. There is clear that my former friends are now against me – quite openly. They move with cocked heads and play great initiates. Their behaviour is so as if you too were against me. This is incredible seeing to what you have written to me from India. I could tell you amazing examples of all that, but I do not wish to molest you again.

Looking forward to your kind letter and thanking in anticipation for it.<sup>185</sup>

## L19.089

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Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague – Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
27 July 1936

Dear Sir,

I am very glad to come in touch with you and answering your questions from the letter you sent to Mr Hoznourek I am also very pleased to give you some particulars about our Czech mystical School.

First of all I have to say that I am not a great teacher but only a humble disciple of the Universal Mystical Brotherhood which, as you are aware, has its branches all over the world. I have of course my own experiences in mystic, which I am practising nearly 40 years as they are laid down in my books.

Our exercises are universal i.e. every pupil has to practise according to the same system and all who regularly will carry them through have the same results. The first signs are generally the stigmata for the inner Man of every pupil must hang on the Cross.

Then appear other mystical or yoga experiences. For example every advanced pupil must have the following: snowfall, smoke, sun, wind, fire, firefly, lightning, crystal, moon. These forms coming gradually manifest the Brahman in yoga. (Svetasvatara Upanishad.)<sup>186</sup> The pupil hears also the tinkling, the bells, the buzzing of the bee, the snake's hissing, the waterfall, the thunderbolt, etc.

Then there are other many manifestations of the inner forces and also the awakening of the Kundalini, the stopping of the breath (without any breathing exercises)<sup>187</sup> and seeing the whole interior [of the body blazing]<sup>188</sup> in dazzling light. This I had myself and others too. This [last]<sup>189</sup> is the forerunner of samadhi. The samadhi has reached only one pupil – a catholic priest, who disappeared from our country. These

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<sup>185</sup> The bottom of the page is cut off.

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<sup>188</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "of the body blazing" by hand.

<sup>189</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "last" by hand.

things I intimate only to you. Tell of them only to the Masters or yogis but not to the beginners.

The exercises are either the inner concentration according to Patanjali or Bhagavad Gita or the mute repetitions of the vocals IEOUA and later consonants, which all are send in imagination to all parts of the body, commencing in the feet. All this is described in my "Man's Highest Purpose."

You see, that our school is free organisation for everyone can enter it supposing that he has read the Bhagavad Gita and my aforesaid book and that he is willing to carry through the prescribed exercising at least half an hour daily.

Our Czech school has its centre in the Society "Psyche" in Prague, which has been established to that end. A member having not reached any results during two years is obliged to leave the Society. Only in that sense you have to take the statement that we have here 2,000 pupils. They are members of the Society "Psyche" but they are not true mystics. They are only trying to take the Path.

My task is only to supervision of the reached results, to correct errors, to give pieces of advice, to lecturing – and to write books, translating also from Masters of India and medieval Europe. The touch with members abroad is carried on by means of letters.

Many pupils are in Germany, some are in U.S.A., in Hungary and Switzerland.

Our path is the path of devotion or Bhakti Yoga and what we get occurs only through the grace of God. It is marvellous that the disciples get states, which the Indian Yogis receive only after hard special trainings as for instance the said stopping of the breath without the slightest breath control. This come to pass with the most advanced. We live an ordinary life without asceticism<sup>190</sup> as a "Grihasta" or householder. But the great passions, much drinking and first all violent anger are to be avoided.

There<sup>191</sup> are of course many hundreds of mystical experiences which for a beginner are strictly kept secret. When the pupil, not knowing them, obtains some, it is for me the best proof of his advancing.

I hope this will be sufficient to give you some idea of our school, which is not a mystical or yoga school in proper sense. You write to Mr Hoznourek that you could perhaps put me in touch with some great teacher of India. Such a thing would be for us all a great event and for me it would be a source of immense joy. It would be sure for us all a strong spiritual impulse of greatest value.

I am afraid, that my letter is already too long but I had three months ago a peculiar experience concerning your excellent book "A Search in Secret Egypt" and don't doubt that it will be of some interest for you.

A friend of mine ordered that work and I ordered it at the same time. But my friend got it sooner and brought it to show it to me. I have read a page from the last chapter where you quote the words of the Egyptian Adept you met on the hills above the Kings Valley. The statement of the buried Egyptian Adepts impressed me very much. This time I did not read more. In a fortnight after that I got the book myself. But the

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<sup>190</sup> "ascetism" in the original.

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statement of the Adept gave me no rest and I began to have the singular longing to see such a living Adept in his burial place. Not out of an ordinary curiosity but out of some reverence. For as I read I knew at once that it is true and that such readers who would understand it will be in the times to come of great importance. So three days after the reading I prayed lying in my bed to the Goddess Isis to grant me such a vision. For I have to this Goddess a special trust standing in her particular charge. In few minutes I saw in waking state a little slope, not high, as they are at railways, but this slope was covered with stones, debris and clay. In the next instant I was in a subterranean room. It was about 60 feet long and 30 feet broad and the ceiling was comparatively low. The ceiling of the hall was flat and ornamented, polychromed in vivid colours. I saw this for in the hall there was sufficient light. On the left and right there ran files of short columns. They were ornamented also and polychromed. I see even now the green and bluish palm leaf ornaments. I went on and I had the sense that the Goddess is present. About ten paces in front there went as a guide a little light of white colour that floated in the air in one level with my breast. But three paces left and right in front of me there moved two beings of peculiar shape. I knew that they were "servants." They were of gigantic forms so that they went on knees and with bent heads and backs. They were unshapen but not uncanny and were dressed in fantastic manner. From their elbows there floated something like long rags. Their dress was dim coloured. The faces of them I did not see. Later I knew that they were guardian spirits (elementals)<sup>192</sup> of the Adept's Tomb. I went on in great silence which reigned in the hall but at once as on a command I stood still and turned my face to left. I stood in front of the blank wall. At once there turned out of the wall silently a great stone block as on a hidden pivot and laid itself down. It was about 8 foot high and three foot wide. Its thickness was about 2 foot. It laid in front [of]<sup>193</sup> a chamber which was dim lighted. The block rolled then away on right quite silently and I saw an Egyptian wooden sarcophagus standing and leaning on the opposite wall. But alas it was closed! Then the vision disappeared. Three days after that I saw [again]<sup>194</sup> the inside of the tomb, but now with the sarcophagus open. There was inside a body like a mummy. Its face was visible and its colour was yellowish like wax. This colour I immediately compared with wax, but I could not comprehend the reason why that peculiar body should have such a hue for the complexion of a dead body and also of a genuine mummy looks otherwise.

When I got your Egyptian book and have read it I understood some particulars of this vision. First I did not know that the old Egyptians have<sup>195</sup> had a device and constructed such doors of heavy blocks turning [as]<sup>196</sup> on a pivot. You have written that the right entrance to the Great Pyramid was closed in that manner. Then the ceiling of

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<sup>192</sup> We changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>193</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "of" by hand.

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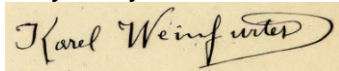
<sup>196</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "as" by hand.

the hall was flat for the Egyptians could not build vaults. And I also did not know, that they covered the entranced bodies of the Adepts with wax.

I decided to translate into Czech and to publish your works: "A Search in Secret India" and "A Search in Secret Egypt" and I wrote to the firm Rider and Co., London.

I should be very pleased to have a letter from you and in the hope that you are in India well up I remain with best regards

Yours  
very truly

A handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored rectangular piece of paper. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style and reads "Karel Weinfurter".

[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>197</sup>

Address:

Praha XII. – Kral.<sup>198</sup> Vinohrady

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## L19.093

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Letter to Ramana Maharshi from Karel Weinfurter

Prague – Vinohrady

Czechoslovakia

19 October 1936

To His Holiness Sri Ramana Maharshi<sup>201</sup> of Arunachala.

Your Holiness,

by the kindness of Mr. Paul Brunton, your faithfully disciple, I was invited to write to Your Holiness this letter.

Almost 40 years I try to struggle to achieve the highest purpose, the knowledge of my divine Overself, but till now I could not obtain the grace of the right guidance of an Illustrious Master.

Your Holiness knows best how difficult it is to go on even when the secret Path had been found, when one has to stay in bustling cities of the West.

So I prostrate myself humbly before your holy feet and dare from the very depth of my soul utter my supplication:

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<sup>197</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "Karel Weinfurter" by hand.

<sup>198</sup> Král" in the original.

<sup>199</sup> "Šumavská" in the original.

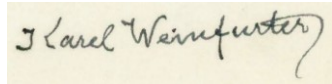
<sup>200</sup> "čís" in the original.

<sup>201</sup> "Maharishee" in the original.

Your Holiness be pleased to accept me as your disciple, be pleased to strengthen and protect me graciously with your divine Power so that I should be able to teach better hundreds of other souls who are waiting in this country on the right words of guidance.

Of myself I do not write for I am sure that Your Holiness sees all.

With the most sincere devotion I prostrate myself on the ground before your Holiness!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karel Weinfurter". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>202</sup>

## L19.095

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Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague – Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
19 October 1936

Dear Mr. Brunton,

with immense joy I have read your kind letter of the 4th August, for your promise, that you would {put me}<sup>203</sup> in contact with the greatest Sage of India has surmounted all my expectations.

Should it be realised it would be the greatest and most important event in my life. I am only afraid that I shall not be found worthy of such a grace...

Since the day I have your letter in hand I try daily to concentrate on the image of Sri Ramana Maharshi<sup>204</sup> with the aid of the picture you have kindly send me.

I am also bound to say my most sincere thanks for your much consideration on behalf of our cause, for I know that such a high influence would be very very useful not only for me but also for all the brothers and sisters here, who struggle to achieve spiritual illumination.

A few words about myself. I am professional writer and this year I was 69 years old. I am in a very good health and my mental faculties are also very active in spite of my age – which is due to my mode of living. We have no children and my wife is only 38 years. Since twenty years she is also a mystic and in every direction of a pure character.

Now I must tell you something very interesting and in some sense important indeed. When my wife heard what you have written [she]<sup>205</sup> was also very glad about such a message, but as she is very cautious, she had some slight doubt concerning the great Mahatma your Teacher. You must understand that here as today everywhere are

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<sup>202</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "Karel Weinfurter" by hand.

<sup>203</sup> We changed "me put" to "put me" for clarity.

<sup>204</sup> "Maharishree" in the original throughout this letter.

<sup>205</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "she" by hand.



swarming false prophets and “gurus” and that we had with some of them our very unpleasant experiences. My wife also does not understand English so that she was only slight informed about the true spiritual highness of the Sage Ramana.

But very soon she has got a fine lesson. As she practised her daily concentration she saw at once the image of the Maharshi in life size floating in the air above herself. He was in his sitting position and above his head there was a ribbon with the inscription in capital letters: B R A H M A. As she next day described her vision I was compelled to smile. Now she knows better.

I enclose a short letter for the most revered Maharshi and I ask you to give it kindly to him with my most humble request for acceptance.

To your kind remark that you could lay before your Teacher some important matters if I had any I must say that there are some indeed. But I leave to your own consideration when and how it could be done. I should like to know if I would be authorised to tell the advanced of our disciples the fact that I am in spiritual contact with the Maharshi. Such a message would be for them of course very uplifting. Secondly I should ask if my mystic practice now is quite suitable. I exercise daily some mantric practice in sending by the aid of imagination in thought form some letters of the alphabet inside the body. This had been prescribed by the German mystic Kerning<sup>206</sup> who lived about<sup>207</sup> 1840. He was a freemason and his system of Christian Yoga is laid down in his books. It is in coincidence with the Indian mantra yoga and tantra yoga but it is based on some for us unknown sources of the kabbalah. We have proved that the preliminary mystic experiences and results of this system are the same, as achieved through the concentration on the Overself without words.

Then I contemplate inside on the Overself without words.

This second practice is of course correct but in the past months I perceive very slight results in comparing<sup>208</sup> with the past years.

To some degree I have so called “inner Word” according to the definition of the medieval mystics of Europe. In truth it is not a voice but a very fine thought coming from the heart region up. It is quite discernible from my own thoughts. But in other occasions it can speak very aloud. To me it speaks very seldom and I cannot put any questions to it, for it does not answer or the answer comes from a false source – from the astral region. Sometimes when I see the astral bodies of the departed and when I pray for them they appear by crowds.

By some degree I am also clairvoyant. I see for instance the maladies in the bodies of men as black spots in several forms, the birthmarks through the clothes, the interiors of material things and so on. In the hours of concentration I saw also some adepts or yogis – mostly of Indian character. Then I have also developed all the mystic senses.

I am writing all this only for your kind information.

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<sup>206</sup> J.B. Kerning was the pseudonym of Johann Baptist Krebs (1774-1851).

<sup>207</sup> Page 97

<sup>208</sup> “comparing” in the original.

Concerning your works “A Search in Secret India” and “A Search in Secret Egypt” and others I am convinced that yours is a great and special mission in the West that will be fulfilled in the days to come. That is plain by your contact with adepts – a thing unheard of till now for an European! My negotiations with Rider and Co went on quite smooth and the book of India I am even now translating. I thank you also for your consideration in that direction!

Even now I am reading your last book “A Message from Arunachala.” Again an excellent work which will strike home many and rightly and that will also fulfil its mission. Many thanks for it!

If you would send me in some intervals – say every third month – a short article about your journeys or some incidents in India about whatever you will I should translate them and publish in my monthly mystic review “Psyche” (in Czech language).<sup>209</sup> But in this case please tell me what a fee you should demand for a page. Our publishing circumstances in this country are not to compare with them in England. My paper appears already 13 years and we have only 1,300 subscribers. So slow penetrates the mystic doctrine into the souls of people. One page of “Psyche” has 40 lines and a size of 10x15 cm. Three pages would suffice.<sup>210</sup>

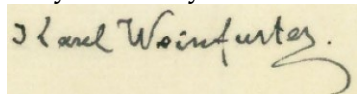
I am very glad of your remark that we should meet some day and I look with joy for it! I esteem you as my best friend<sup>211</sup> for you will do me the greatest service!

Closing this I must once more thank you for your exceptional kindness. God may bless you! Be so kind and write me as soon as possible. You know that your next answer will be for me of immense importance!

I remain

Yours

very sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Karel Weinfurter." The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>212</sup>

[Address: Prague, XII. Turnovska 17. Czechoslovakia.]<sup>213</sup>

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Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague – Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
14 December 1936

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<sup>209</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted slashes by hand; we changed slashes to parentheses for clarity.

<sup>210</sup> PB himself inserted “this is 1,400 words” in the left margin by hand.

<sup>211</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted underline by hand.

<sup>212</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted “Karel Weinfurter” by hand.

<sup>213</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted this postscript by hand.

Dear<sup>214</sup> Mr. Brunton!

it is always a difficult task for me to write an English letter, because practically I never learned the language. The source of my little knowledge of English is the fact that I have translated into Czech nearly 250 English novels, besides some mystic and occult works – during the period of some 20 years. The remainder seems to come as a remembrance from a previous life.

And so I am always afraid that I do not express myself quite clearly. This fact explains partly the delay of my writings to you.

First I have to thank you anew for your extraordinary kindness concerning the touch with that godlike Adept, the Maharshi.<sup>215</sup> I have no words to express my immense joy and gratitude! God may bless you for it!

I enclose also a short letter of thankfulness for the Great Master Maharshi and ask you to submit it kindly to him.

I know now that you are a true yogi and that you are blessed yourself also with certain powers and that your is a great spiritual destination in the world.

With the Maharshi I am of course in touch and this fact is showing itself in a peculiar way which is for me quite new. I am but a feeble disciple for such a touch and so I have my difficulties in ascertaining whether or when he sends his influence or not. So I ask you to tell me what is the best way to avoid foreign thoughts and impressions? I have the notion, that it is the right concentration. But should be the object his image, or some other image or the absolute stopping of the thoughts?

In some cases I caught perfectly the thought waves of the Maharshi. For instance my wife had some uncertainty with the mode of her practice, but she did me not tell what they were. She then dreamed that Maharshi told her what to do. But she had forgotten his message. Next night during the concentration I heard quite clearly inward the words of the Maharshi directed to my wife. In the morning she was very astounded for the message was the same as in her dream. In a second case I have got the message for a lady in the country, which proved also quite correct.

Myself I have often during the concentration on the Maharshi a forced stretching of my trunk and head up and sometimes I feel a very subtle but penetrating power, flowing from my head downwards. But the essential point is a very powerful impulse to control in all directions my bearing to all the men, to wish to help all of them, even the enemies and in the whole to elevate my moral standard.

I am sure that the Maharshi is a godlike Being and that he is omniscient for he answered me in his message given to you after the acceptance a question which worried me before I got our letter – in what manner his influence will be manifested to my soul? Shall I see him? And so on.

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<sup>214</sup> PB himself inserted “write steam mail Dec 31” and “but par on 3rd page to be replied next week after reading his book” by hand.

<sup>215</sup> “Maharishee” in the original throughout this letter.

I am sending you my copy of my book: "Man's Highest Purpose." For your kind inspection. There are in the work two formal mistakes. (Perhaps there are more of them, that I committed myself!)<sup>216</sup>

The first is on page 36. The statement about Swami Vivekananda is false because I was then led astray through untrue information from a Russian lady (an intimate friend of Mabel Collins).<sup>217</sup> When I learned the truth that Vivekananda died in samadhi, it was,<sup>218</sup> alas, too late for this English translation has been already published.

The second mistake made the translators themselves. On the page 136 below one reads: "The author of the Serpent Power" instead of: "The translator of the Hatha Yoga Pradipika."

In my book there are not described the so called mystical stages because the disciple must not know them before he himself does not experience them on his path. Therefore I must describe you some stages which have had all the advanced disciples of our school. All these must be seen, heard or felt in full waking stage or in half waking or shortly before falling asleep, before awakening or in concentration. Mostly they are coming during the daily routine.

First is the crucifixion as a basis of the path. The disciple feels the wounds of Christ – the stigmata. Some have also visible red spots on hands or feet. This is the first stage, belonging to the mystical death. It has many other stages, as the descending into hell (one sees red smoke or dark red flames, one smells burning sulphur or pitch, one hears the barking of dogs,<sup>219</sup> the three headed Cerberus).<sup>220</sup> Then one hears the croaking of ravens or beating of their wings. (Vide Siegfried in the Song of Niebelungs!)<sup>221</sup>

The full description of all the signs is for you superfluous, but I add only that most of them are to be found in the old mysteries, Egyptian and others and also in the old Grecian and Roman myths. In short this path is in a sense a key to the mysteries.

Then is the first baptism, i.e. with water. The disciple feels that cold water is falling on his head or body, that he walks knee deep in cold water (the washing of the feet in the New Testament)<sup>222</sup> and so on.

The second baptism with blood is marked with the feeling of falling of some warm fluid on several parts of the body, mainly on the head and face. The third baptism of fire, of which I have only a little personal experience, comes from the feet up. One feels the flames going up but without scorching, whereas to the mystical death belongs also a falling of scorching sparks from above, or pieces of living coal.

Very interesting are the stages concerning the mystical rebirth. The disciple has numerous feelings like a pregnant woman, from toothache, nauseous feeling till to actual

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vomiting, the actual bleeding from the nose, the actual feeling of kicking of the foetus in the abdominal parts. One hears also the cries of a little child and so on.

I have got an English translation of an old Chinese mystical book: "The Secret of the Golden Flower" (London, Kegan Paul Ltd.),<sup>223</sup> and there is a picture of a Chinese disciple in concentration. Round his navel is drawn also a little child as a symbol of rebirth.

Our disciples have also a vision of a golden key, of a luminous crystal (the symbol of the philosopher's stone)<sup>224</sup> and the most advanced have several tastes – a bitter, sweet, sour taste and the taste of salt. Also of some fruits. The most important is the taste of apple (Adam's apple)<sup>225</sup> and a taste of holy water, the taste of blood.

You see that there are many experiences which correspond with some rituals of the Christian churches, mainly with the sacraments, that are again derived from the old rituals of the ancient.

Finally<sup>226</sup> there are many other signs as the smelling of incense also of a cadaver, the hearing of falling vaulting, the feeling of an earthquake. One hears or sees the bee, hears the cricket, wind and thunder, one sees lightning, the falling of golden dust (Danae!),<sup>227</sup> fireflies, flames and so on.

I have seen some days ago angels and once I had a vision, truly heavenly – with angels and saints – that never was before. I hear also during the concentration angelic choruses, but as in a distance.

All the disciples and also myself would like to hear if the yogis know also these things and what they would say to them. Of course the most important is the meaning of the Maharshi!

I must also mention an incident which I had a month ago. During the concentration I saw in my room at night for an instant a figure of a man, sitting at my writing desk, in white clothes and I had the feeling that it was yourself! The vision was vivid but too short, so that I could not see the face. Was it you? I am convinced that you have the power to project your double at will. In that case I should be very obliged for your visit. –

Be so kind and read the main chapters of my book, i.e. the chapter: IV, V, VI, VII and VIII and please me then tell, what the Maharshi will say of my present spiritual state and his advice. I had nearly all the stages described years ago, but now it seems that there is a standstill.

I have also to thank you for your interesting article for "Psyche." I am of course ready to pay one pound for each article i.e. for 3 pages of "Psyche" but I beg to tell me where I shall send the money! To your address in India? At the same time I ask you to send me the sequel, so that it could be printed in the second issue of "Psyche." The first

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article will be published in the first issue in January 15th 1937. The sequel could then appear on the 15th of February 1937.<sup>228</sup>

I have got also a prospectus of your new work: "A Hermit in the Himalayas." I order at once this book and look forward with joy to it! The contents must be very interesting and important!

The translation of your work: "A Search in Secret India" is nearly ready for print and I think that we will also publish your last work: "A Hermit in the Himalayas." Concerning my travel to India there is of course the question of money, but that we could somehow remove. The main thing there are the several tropical diseases. The heat I endure very well.

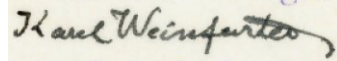
I thank you and so my wife for your extraordinary benevolence and in the name of our mystic school. I was somewhat astonished to hear, that the Maharshi accepts nobody more as individual disciple. I have the notion, that the Adepts will stop the possibility of war in Europe! The danger of it is great and near. Have you perhaps some hints from the yogis or from an Indian true astrologer whether a war will break out or not? I have got a hint (I do not know from where)<sup>229</sup> that the Adepts will the war hinder, but that the world will be visited with great catastrophes. I am sure that you know the future in this respect but perhaps you are not permitted to say what you know.

Please<sup>230</sup> accept my best wishes and the same from my wife!

I am

Yours

very sincerely and most obliged



[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>231</sup>

P.S. By an afterthought I believe that it would be perhaps well when I could be in correspondence (or only in mental touch)<sup>232</sup> with some other heads of spiritual groups in the West, you mentioned in your letter. I mean the heads who are also by your intervention in touch with the Maharshi. Were it advisable so please tell me some of such addresses – to serve also in this line to the great cause!

According to your last letter I had a great God's grace to come yet in time! I thank God daily for it!

Please, excuse me this long letter, but in the beginning it seems impossible to do otherwise!

K.W.

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<sup>228</sup> PB himself inserted "sent december 3rd steamer" in the right margin by hand.

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## L19.107

107 - 108

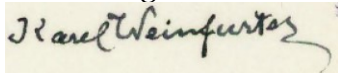
Letter to Ramana Maharshi from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague – Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
15 December 1936

To  
His Holiness  
Sri Ramana Maharshi  
at Arunachala.

Your Holiness,

were so pleased and accepted me as Your disciple. All words are too feeble to express my thankfulness for this immense grace.

I can only daily prostrate myself in spirit before your holy feet in deepest gratitude and humility. In the name of all whom God led to my sphere of activity, remembering always Your holy words to make me ego-free, I prostrate myself with the most sincere devotion on the ground before Your Holiness. -



[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>233</sup>

## L19.109

109 - 110

Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague – Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
1 April 1937

My<sup>234</sup> dear Mr Brunton,

by this time you will have my last long letter. I have promised you to send you 2 copies of the translation of "A Search in Secret India" and also the amount of 200 Czechoslovak Crowns, but then I remembered your statement that you will move from Tiruvannamalai and so I waited to get your new address to prevent the wandering of the parcel and money order over India.

Now I have got your new address from your letter to Mr. Hoznourek and so I have send you both yesterday and also the three Issues of "Psyche" containing your articles.

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<sup>233</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "Karel Weinfurter" by hand.

<sup>234</sup> PB himself inserted "acknowledge receipt of money" in the right margin by hand.

As you see from the "Psyche" your articles made 12 pages up. That is 4 £<sup>235</sup> of fee payment. 1 £<sup>236</sup> is round 142 Czechoslovak Crowns. I have send you 400 Crowns so it remains round to pay 168 Cz. Crowns which I shall send you very soon.

Concerning your possible visit to Prague I shall be very delighted when it should come to the fulfillment! I am sure that you could help us very much on the Path in general and also to some advanced in the concentration, what is of course the most important to us all.

I shall therefore as president of our mystic Society put in all my influence to realise this undertaking and I hope that I succeed.

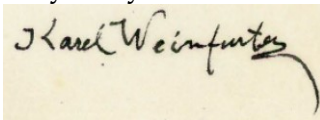
I had a letter from madam de Rathonyi from Tiruvannamalai. She visited the Master M. and she said that I should go there as soon as possible. I shall write to her when she will have reached her home for particulars concerning the journey. But I have also in mind your warning<sup>237</sup> about this enterprise!

Two years ago I was in correspondence with that lady and recommended to her your books. The result came in due time!

I see forward with joy to your new book and also to the translations of M's writings. That will be a new spiritual help!

Meanwhile I thank you for your kind reply in anticipation  
and I am with much esteem

Yours  
very truly

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[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>238</sup>

## L19.111

111 - 116  
Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Kral<sup>239</sup> Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
12 May 1937

My dear Mr. Brunton,

I have your letter of March 30th and also your new article for Pscyche. I thank you for both! The article is again a true help for our Society and especially your letter is for

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<sup>239</sup> "Král" in the original.



me a new revelation. I try now daily to search in my subtle Heart to find the secret Atom and hope that by the grace of M.<sup>240</sup> I shall final succeed.

I thank you very much for your kind words of the Kumaras and as you have written that all of you have offered yourselves for their service I have prayed to them and laid before their feet my vow to serve them according to their will with all my soul and heart. I believe that they heard my thoughts.

I was indeed very astonished about your message of the new religion springing in Egypt and as you ask me to tell you my thoughts about it I must confess that I am a little confused. When I should say [my]<sup>241</sup> innermost thoughts so I am convinced that you have something to work thereat and also myself may something to do with it. In the previous years I had often the same dream about old Egypt and I had ever a strong desire to go there. And I have also some feeling that I once lived there, perhaps not one times. In a vision some weeks ago I saw in a subterranean room a mummy leaning aslant on the wall. Such a position of a mummy I never saw on a picture. So I was very astonished, when I saw the same position of a mummy in the Enel's work. I understand well, that the Egyptian truth is closer to Europe as the Indian one.

You are writing further of your friend Mr. John Knittel and you say that there is yet much space for a house near the Sphinx. If that is a hint to me to go to Egypt and to stay there I were at once prepared to do that for it would denote that I am wanted there to do some service. But now it would be impossible on account of my financial situation. Also I could not earn my living there. And so this dream must be put aside – when some miracle would not change my affairs. But the whole is perhaps a mistake on my side. Besides I can tell you that the Egyptian mysteries, hieroglyphs<sup>242</sup> and so on have a peculiar charm for me. I do not know if I am writing a correct answer to your question and that you had in your mind some other things – but such is my situation: you are an Initiate and I am not and so we must grope in darkness and only seldom we can hit a piece of truth.

It has been even the threatening invasion of the Germans that led me to the question about war in a letter – which was of course awkward. Some 8 years ago I published in Czech a book which has an undertitle: The War between White and Black Powers. There I have described the struggle in the unseen as if I had watched it. On account of your remark I gave in our Society the order that every member has to perform daily the broadcasting of thoughts of peace and love.

Meanwhile,<sup>243</sup> I trust to the Adepts and the sacred Kumaras and their coworkers of which you are one of the most powerful.

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<sup>240</sup> Referring to Maharshi.

<sup>241</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted “my” by hand.

<sup>242</sup> “hieroglyphs” in the original.

<sup>243</sup> Page 113 (“II” was typed at the top of the page)

Now about your proposed journey to Czechoslovakia.<sup>244</sup> The amount of £<sup>245</sup> 70 will be very soon send to the firm Thomas Cook and Son, London – on your account. We have great difficulties but also a marvelous help. Mr. Hoznourek told me, that he will contribute £<sup>246</sup> 40 at the firm Cook here in Prague for you will have many extra expenses and of course you will be during your whole visit here our guest. Mr. Hoznourek is a brave boy full of zeal and endeavour and as he is by no means rich his deed is praiseworthy. I too ask you to accept kindly from my small means £<sup>247</sup> 15 which I shall lay on your account at Cook and Son Prague. This I am doing as extra royalties for your articles in Psyche. It is a pity that I cannot do more but what I am doing please accept from heart to heart.

There is also a question of language. Do you speak German if even a little? If not we shall have great difficulties to translate right to others your hints and counsels. There is only one man here, an advanced mystic, who speaks modestly English. We shall bring you in touch only with 8-10 most advanced members. Their choice I shall settle according {to}<sup>248</sup> my intuition and also I shall beg the Master M. to overshadow kindly my mind.

I read your astonishing letter to Mr. Hoznourek and I have to thank you from all depths of my soul. It is almost incredible for what are we to be introduced to the very channels of the Great Truth? But when you say it and when the Adepts will send you to us, it must be possible. We are prepared to give up all the lower ideals of which you have written and also to give up the bliss in high spiritual states. I have pondered it upon and I have been intuitively given that even the moral standard of today as it is preached by priests is false and the real morality is no more no less than love for all living beings and further to help them to progress. Am I right?

Only one thing is for us puzzling. That is how it were possible to attain this goal by a way of reason, to this highest Truth without any preliminary training in yoga, without realising at least the semitrance in yoga. But this you will kindly answer to us personally. Further we have also to search among our most advanced members if they are sufficiently fit for this highest teaching and practice. The greater part of them albeit they are educated men and women and advanced in mystic, seems to cling on religion or yoga (concentration).<sup>249</sup> The latter is natural. The powers or miracles wants nobody. Of that they are well informed for they read two volumes of: "The Gospel of Rama Krishna" which I have translated into Czech. In that direction we shall now investigate some members.

Every day I am practising the concentration on the image of M. in my mystic heart. Many times His image which I imagine of course in small size seemed from its own accord to grow and grow till it filled up my whole trunk and my head. Is it so right?

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<sup>244</sup> "Czechoslovakia" in the original.

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Then I concentrate on my subtle Heart. Very often I am sinking very soon into a dark abyss, where there are no pictures, no thoughts. Then I endeavour to penetrate in the Heart to find the secret atom. But I must say that I have done something alike already years ago. I have namely struggled to go inside in the manner that I strove to penetrate into by peeling off a layer after layer of this Heart. This I made of my own accord not knowing the purpose of it.

We<sup>250</sup> thank you fervently for your promised help which will be surely great for we take you for our Guru in the second line, when Master M. is in the first.

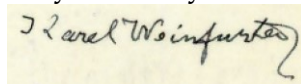
I am also unspeakable glad of the promised meditations under your personal guidance and in the presence of a Master and of the initiation! It is a vista which I never hoped for! Then we could be perhaps able to do this service to others – and that will be a joyful work.

With gladness and most close attention I shall await your next message and meanwhile I wish you the utmost God's benediction and His protection in your work.

I have send you 2 copies of the "A Search in Secret India" in Czech and also 3 issues of Psyche and two times the amount of 200 Czechoslovak Crowns for your brilliant articles. And I hope you have received all.

With my best regards and fraternally greetings  
and the same from my wife

Yours  
very sincerely

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[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>251</sup>

## L19.117

117 - 118

Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter<sup>252</sup>

Prague – Vinohrady

Czechoslovakia

10 July 1937

My dear Mr. Brunton!

My letter to you is this time very short.

It is only to say, that the money – £<sup>253</sup> 70 – is already in the hands of the firm Thomas Cook and Son, London, and that the firm is already ready to make arrangements for your passage from India to Europe till to Prague.

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<sup>250</sup> Page 115 ("III" was typed at the top of the page)

<sup>251</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "Karel Weinfurter" by hand.

<sup>252</sup> PB himself inserted a checkmark and "June 29" at the top of the page by hand.

<sup>253</sup> "L" in the original.

I am sending with the same mail a letter to London, so that they may be able to send a cable to their office in Madras, where you will get your ticket.

Both the letters, to you and to London are going par avion.

We were here in great straining because of the delay and uncertainty and only today came a message from London that all is in order.

Now I must thank you very much for your last news, which are again so astonishing as ever but I am today in a hurry to post the letters, and so I hope we shall discuss all the great matters in person.

May God and Masters protect you on the journey and also here! Our prayers will accompany you on the passage.

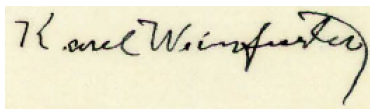
Please say our thanksgivings to all the Great Souls you are in touch with for their grace they are bestowing to us!

I beg you,<sup>254</sup> be sure, that all what is in connection with your journey and also with the news you have written to us will be held in strict secrecy. Please write yet particulars when you will arrive at Prague, so that we may make all the arrangements for your comfort!

I am very pleased to welcome you in our country and if it could be possible so ask the Master that we could greet Him at least at the passage through Prague.

With my best fraternal greetings and regards  
ever

Yours

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[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>255</sup>

## L19.119

119 - 124

Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter

Prague – Vinohrady

Czechoslovakia

8 March 1937

My dear and esteemed Mr. Brunton!

Above all please allow me to thank you for all the counsels and helps you have so kindly given to me and to all our disciples. They are of immense importance as we are for the first time in connection with a real yogi – not to speak of the grace of the Master. I know now that you are truly one of them, I know it from your works and also your

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<sup>254</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted a comma by hand.

<sup>255</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted “Karel Weinfurter” by hand.

letters, albeit I knew it already from the beginning through some inexplicable inner conviction.

I am sending this letter par avion but at the address c/o Cook and Co, Madras, because you mention in your last letter that you will by this time move from there in consequence of the heat.

I had now some bad times, for this winter with eternal mists and coldness was truly a trial for me, because I had two attacks of influenza and my wife was ill too. It had not been dangerous but it threw me into an utterly helpless condition so that from the second half of November I was unable to perform my daily exercises in yoga. This was due to strained breathing and also to some dullness in the brain. Even today I am not in normal condition.

I am immensely thankful to you also for your elaborate answers to my questions and for your patient explanations concerning my book. It serves and will ever serve to all our members and readers. The most important thing is your elucidation of the two kinds of Samadhi. I knew that there are the savikalpa and nirvikalpa samadhis, but from the books only one can never understand what this means. Patanjali's Yoga Sutra I translated 40 years ago into German, only as an exercise to learn English and at the same time to know what is the real yoga, not knowing then, that it is the most difficult work in the world. At that time I had to seek every third word in a dictionary.

The fact that the first Samadhi is yet in connection with some residue of thoughts is most important to know!

I ever longed for a recension of my book by a true yogi and this [came]<sup>256</sup> to pass in an unexpected manner. My book is of course in the main a compilation from several authors, nevertheless there are also some personal experiences of mine and others. The mystery of the spiritual heart in the middle of the breast we have found 16 years ago with a friend of mine, a physician, who is a most advanced mystic. We felt both a kind of warmth in that region, mostly during the concentration, at reading some mystic books or talking of mystic matters. Then my friend saw often a very subtle light emanating from that spot. Finally it was confirmed by many Christian (Catholic)<sup>257</sup> paintings of the Virgin and Christ with a flaming heart on the breast. –

As all your counsels and elucidation are under the divine ray of M. so we must also thank Him for His grace.

I know now also, that you, standing in the greatest grace of God, you have also a truly gigantic – I should say a messianic mission on this Earth. I am no prophet but some time ago I have got a message – I do not know from where or from whom – that you will to accomplish the greatest almost a superhuman task, which is entrusted<sup>258</sup> to you, that in some time you will be accepted with cries of welcome in every greater city, with enthusiasms by your disciples or rather followers and that you will bring to the world a

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<sup>256</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "came" by hand.

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<sup>258</sup> Page 121 ("2" was typed at the top of the page)

new revelation and finally that you will have also supernatural powers to give emphasis to your words – when need be. –

As I know now you are molested by many correspondents from all lands and so I am afraid to increase your work with my letters. But some things must be said by all means.

I reread your last work: “A Hermit in the Himalayas.” This book reveals to one the high attainments you have already achieved. The yogi Bandhu Sharma when he has prostrated himself before you knew well why he did so! The whole book is full of the most valuable informations about the world of the Spirit, hints and counsels for all mystics and also beginners. It is a source of wealth of spiritual and divine wisdom. There are several deep revelations, wonderful descriptions of higher yoga states and brilliant poetical pictures of Nature’s beauties. Many thanks for it!

This last book of yours involved a question although I doubt if you will be willing or able to answer it.

In the first week of December I saw during the concentration in a distance seemingly of about 20 yards four great angelic-like, sublime figures of magnificent men of beautiful faces, beardless, with sunlike radiances round their heads. They were without wings. They stood motionless side by side and it seemed {to}<sup>259</sup> me (of that I am not sure today)<sup>260</sup> that the right and left one held in their hands long slender staffs on the tops of which were some unknown symbols.

Behind them and also on the right and left side were crowds of angels with wings. But these angels were a great deal smaller in shape. In the foreground there were some darker figures of saints or other high beings, for the whole vicinity of the Four was full of light. The vision lasted nearly 12 seconds and I remember that I forced myself to see it better.

I was very impressed by this vision and although I have seen many times angels (but mostly now since I am in touch with M.)<sup>261</sup> I never had the impulsion to catch such a vision in a picture. You do not know yet that I am or rather was a painter. But years ago I have this calling let go. This time I was quasi compelled to paint a sketch of that supernatural beings and I imagined that they were the four Archangels. I judged so by the glory in what they appeared. Only I was not sure inasmuch they had no wings.

Some days after I read to my astonishment your work: “A Hermit in the Himalayas” the paragraph of the four Adepts from Sirius!

May it be possible that our efforts are also under influence of them? To know it would be of course a powerful spiritual support. –

I must also say, that two of our members have seen [with]<sup>262</sup> quite distinctness the Master and that Mr Hoznourek the other day felt very strongly His presence. He said that he had during it a sense of great bliss, his brain was quite empty and he did not know

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whether he was in his body or outside it. Mr. Hoznourek had once a telepathic message from M., concerning his mode of concentration. But he was not sure whether it was from M. or his own thoughts. So he asked M. to influence gracefully me to say him the same advice direct. I knew nothing of that event. Mr Hoznourek called some days after and to his astonishment in the midst of common<sup>263</sup> conversation I said to him the same words. This is a tremendous proof that M. can overshadow some men so that they do or speak what He wishes, not knowing that they are under His influence. I knew that the Adepts have such a power but to live and see it is another thing!

I myself had in the last time very often the feeling of the presence of the Master and also feel the influx of Kundalini. In your letter you say that the standstill in my so called mystical states is due to the new line of spiritual evolution. I had the same conviction by some intuition long before I had your letter.

You mention also the Adept Sri Aurobindo<sup>264</sup> Ghose, but alas I never heard of him!-

Before I treat more material matters I beg to ask you to present my best compliments and regards to Mrs Brunton and the same from my wife. It is really a pity that I could not greet her in our country! I was surprised to hear that your wife is a disciple of the yogi Ramiah as you say at the same time she had marvelous experiences with M. Can one be a disciple of two Masters? By the way I took a great esteem and respect and so to say a love to yogi Ramiah at once I read of him. It is perhaps due to a spiritual affinity from the past.

I had all your articles and letters. The articles are long enough so that I put the end in the issue of March. I have sent you 200 Czechoslovak crowns that is approximately 1½ pounds. It is for your first article with has 4½ pages. We are not allowed to send more money into foreign countries at once. Cook and Co said that they would have obstacles. So I have to send you for two articles more and this week I shall send you again 200 crowns. I should be very glad if you could write me further articles for they are very valuable and appeal to our readers. It would be well when I could have one to the next April 7th. But in that case you should it send by airmail.

The work: "A Search in Secret India" has been published some days ago. I am sending you a bound copy and a copy in paper cover. I had some difficulties with the photos of the book. I could not get from Rider the prints of your photographs. They said that you have them in India. And to order galvanos is also impossible, because our custom house takes the whole wooden block as copper, so that the custom comes very dear. So I have the pictures reproduced from the work, although also this mode is very expensive. It involves a very accurate and fine retouch. For this reason I have put in the translation only 12 pictures, the Adepts. I had to calculate a reasonable price of the book. The price of the same is 45 Czechoslovak crowns that is nearly 7 shilling<sup>265</sup> 6.

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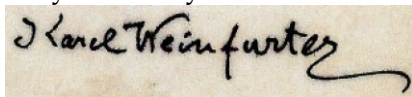
<sup>264</sup> "Aurobindho" in the original.

<sup>265</sup> "sh" in the original.

Your letter with your wish to add to the name of Sir Francis Younghusband his titles came too late when more than a half of the book was already printed. I could do nothing at my best will which I very regret! But instinctively and also because I am wont to translate every word I have put on the page of "Introduction" below a note, translating in full all his titles,<sup>266</sup> being behind his name only in capitals. So our readers will know that he is a very prominent personality.

Mr Hoznourek said that you have written to him that this year you will return to Europe. Were it so I should be very glad to see you! I presume you were never at Prague, the old city which,<sup>267</sup> as Allahabad,<sup>268</sup> was founded by the Indian Brotherhood of Dhe Sad Bais?<sup>269</sup> But now I must finish. I wish you most spiritual attainments and also to Mrs Brunton and remain Yours

very sincerely

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[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>270</sup>

Also my wife sends you her most cordial greetings!

## L19.125

125 - 126 and 133 - 138  
Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague - Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
17 December 1937

My dear Mr Brunton,

My wife thanks you for your kind carefulness and send you her many regards. Only now she is able to pursue her mystic work because the "affairs" touched her more than me. But till now she has no manifest results. After my last decision of which I write further she says she feels as if a great burden has been thrown off.

I have begun this already a week ago but could not finish it because I had very much to do with corrections and dealing with our printing office, for your work: "A Search in Secret Egypt" shall be published in a few days. I have read this book six times but only when we translated it, my wife being my coworker as usual, we could enjoy the whole of it! This work is excellent in every sense of this word! The occult and mystic

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<sup>269</sup> We have no information about this "Brotherhood" nor its connection to Allahabad, a.k.a. Prayagraj. — TJS, 2020

<sup>270</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "Karel Weinfurter" by hand.



hints between the lines are also of greatest value and importance for the reader. My wife, who has written it on the machine very often was forced to say: "How beautiful is it described!" It is only a righteous tribute for which we are obliged to you!

Concerning the translation of the "Secret Path" I am very glad and honoured when I could write the preface,<sup>271</sup> I thank you! In all the other directions I shall do in accordance to your wishes and I thank you also for your beautiful dedication to our students. Many of them will greet it with a sense of exceeding gratification.

With regard to your dictations in our class in Prague I assure you that I understand all except one thing: the survival of human lower ego, the world's personality after death – if it survive or be dissolved or if it will be by the Overself quasi put in a dreamlike state and so prepared for the next incarnation. Meseems that the last eventuality is correct. Mr. Hoznourek and Capek could not explain it to my satisfactory. But this has no hurry for I know that the explanation will come in due time. –

You have mentioned in a letter, that you have given us enough – this I know very well and I never doubted it! Also, I did not mean that you should said of my books they are wrong – but my former friends think so – now!

I have acquired a copy of the Bhagavad Gita by Mahadeva Sastry. It is an excellent book! Once as I read in it I was directly thrown into concentration and experienced that forced shaking of the whole body as on the last day of our concentration with you at Blaha's.

I have to tell you now, very unwillingly, that I made three times attempts to retribute peace and cooperation with my former friends. The more I humiliated before them the more they became prouder and haughty! They took my humiliation as a proof<sup>272</sup> of my imaginary guilt!<sup>273</sup>

And what did I? Nothing more than that I after many proofs of their animosity, nay, enmity, complained to my truly friends and members of the Society of their undeserved degradation directed against me, for I could no longer keep silent. And that made them angry. They could not deny it, although they tried, for I had many who could bear witness. And this is all my guilt!

I<sup>274</sup> am sure that already from the first beginning after your arrival to Prague H. and Co. tried to make me by all means impossible or at least difficult to come in contact with you – I mean to visit you at your hotel. Whenever I would call to see you they said you are very occupied, once with corrections, then with writing of letters and so on. The gentlemen were in your presence the whole days. This and the illness of my wife and also my own feeling of a certain antagonism of them against me were the causes that at the end I refrained from all further attempts.

The first result has been: they said I had no right interest.

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The second: they imagine and say so (also to me)<sup>275</sup> that they were more in personal contact with you and that they have because of that received a higher knowledge.<sup>276</sup> This is now their trump when you have destroyed their false legends of initiation – of which they said first they have got from you – but not me!

So their pride works fine on. And they use this statement to lure the members into their circle. They use it to get the greater confidence of the pupils. This they do quite openly now.

Further when they heard that you gave them the first illumination they imagine that every idea which they conceive, must be absolutely correct!

In that way came out many nonsenses and false opinions, which Mr. H. and Co. proclaim as the right teaching. They do not know that the very fine powers which you have imparted with us bear fruits after a long time, perhaps after years and not instantly and that till to that time the pupil can be a victim of great mistakes. The last I have got by intuition and I think that it is right!

From this source sprang further things. The most important cause is the following: I have already during you staying at Prague perceived that some people who were in contact with you (mostly women)<sup>277</sup> look on you as on an incarnated god. You know well that people have always a tendency to exaggerate all what they see or hear. This I let pass. – But when you left us I heard from H. and Co. that [you]<sup>278</sup> are an Adept at the same level as Maharshi,<sup>279</sup> that you have the same powers and so on.

This matter being very delicate I avoided to touch till now, for who am I to judge the spiritual achievements of one who is as far above us all as heaven from earth?<sup>280</sup> But I am a man who thinks always or tries to think logical and so I took in consideration some of your own words in your books, but mainly what I heard from you (and others too)<sup>281</sup> and so I strongly refused this notion and said to Mr. H. and Co:

No! Mr. Brunton is a great Messenger of gods and oriental Adepts, he is a great Initiate, unique in the West, who has perhaps only three steps to the state of Maharshi and he has the grandest and most important mission to fulfil in the West. – And I know that it is true!

But when H. and others heard this it was the beginning of war against me. They said I have the Master not known, I do not understand your teaching, I am a mystic who failed, a benighted man etc.

But I have your own words! For instance you said at once occasion in the lift to me: “Your Guru is Maharshi and mine too!” Or: I said once to you: “When I think intently on the Adept Ra-Mak-Hotep I tremble inwardly.” And you answered: “I too!” I could write some 8-10 examples – but this will do.

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<sup>279</sup> “Maharishi” in the original throughout this letter.

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At the same time I know well that one must have the most possible reverence to the Teacher and Guru, but one must not do it so [that]<sup>282</sup> a fellow pupil will be by that degraded and hurt in the most foolish way.

The notions of H. and Co led to other things. All what you did was for them a sacred and symbolical act. I have written already that at one occasion at Blaha's before we concentrated you tried to give to [a]<sup>283</sup> puppet (a mascot of a little stuffed Moor)<sup>284</sup> laying at your side on the sofa, a yogic posture. We all smiled at this joke of yours and you smiled also. Who could imagine that this little incident would produce the serious discord between H. and Co. and me? But it came.

I have written a report of your visit in Prague in *Psyche*. I mentioned also this incident to show your sense for humour and to show the people that you are not as the theosophical Mahatmas who stare down from their portraits at the spectators like owls.

When that issue of *Psyche* has been published we met all in a cafe. And I asked Mr Blaha how he likes my article about your visit. He said it was good but there is a fault in it. After my question he said: "The puppet at the sofa concentrated really. Mr. Brunton said it so! Dr Kratochvil sat at my side and is witness of the whole conversation. I was astonished. Mr Blaha said further that the puppet is your pupil and that it could be in the next incarnation a man! We were with the doctor so confused at these bold statements that we did not know what to say. Then came a hot exchange of notions between Blaha and the doctor. At the end proclaimed Blaha calmly: "We three (i.e. Blaha, Hoznourek and engineer Capek)<sup>285</sup> are initiated into Jnana and when you will understand Jnana, you will comprehend it!" I thought that the others two will not accept this nonsense, but next week at the meeting in *Psyche* I heard from Capek the same and also H. did not deny it.

You must know that the three gentlemen adhere one to the others with a toughness which would be very valuable otherwise. At that came the first break off from them. I would no more speak with them, when they hold to such opinions. At the end of that meeting Mr Blaha announced his resignation as member of the Society and Capek did the same. They did it before the whole committee with clear voice<sup>286</sup> and thanked me for all. But now,<sup>287</sup> two weeks ago,<sup>288</sup> when there should come to the return of their circle they denied it and said that they left only the committee. This move was met with a very bad impression. Hoznourek resigned already two years ago when he entered the army.

You see that they do not understand the simplest principles of the secret teaching – which is a pity. When I asked how a puppet could concentrate having no soul, they answered: "It has in itself the Universal Soul!"

I remonstrated when they in a hurry recommended members to you, I did the same when they took the pupils to their inner circle with great rapidity , without any

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choice, also pupils which I have myself selected to my<sup>289</sup> circle. I told to them: "Mr. Brunton said that we have time the whole eternity!" They answered that this was meant only to the material affairs!! So they perverted according to their use each word from you, from me and from your books and when I have driven them in the corner they flatly denied all.

And by all that I heard that I am the guilty man, I do not understand your teaching and so on.

Before Christmas I was so hunted down that one day I was overwhelmed with such a depression, of the mind that I thought really on suicide, what I did never in my life before. But in time I took refuge to my Overself and very soon that depression disappeared.

The worst is that I ascertained the base motives, the reason why of this! What follows is a serious accusation, nevertheless it is true. The three gentlemen with engineer Marik would by all means good or bad hunt me out of the Society so that they themselves get a free hand in it. For this purpose:

We live from the works I have written or translated. Our little revue has only 1,200-1,300 copies monthly. That is very little after 15 years work! My publishers pay me 1/3 of the net price of my books which we sell. Three years ago my wife bought a little farm in the country but it is so small that we could not live from it. You can imagine that our nation being so small our profit is very limited but people think, that we must have a great income. We can live so only because my wife is a great worker, truly a toiler, for she does all quite alone<sup>290</sup> and only by the expedition of revue Psyche she takes a hand for two days.<sup>291</sup>

The families Capek, Marik, and Blaha are in very bad circumstances. The<sup>292</sup> castle Kosatky, deep in debts will be sold this year in April. They have there for years a forced administration. So they thought they could publish books and live from that business. The rest is clear. They even did not take in consideration my age (this year 71)<sup>293</sup> nor the brotherly connections and would destroy our livelihood. For that they spread rumours my books are valueless. They have secret agents who worked for them also in the Society. All the work of H. and Co was secret so that I never could prevent them any doings good or bad, as you have believed. These rumours came already to the ears of my publisher Zmatlik,<sup>294</sup> who printed of my 100 works 80%. He said to Miss Vagner, our cashieress, a trusty person, that my works are only in 60% good. This means that when it should come to second or third edition of any books, he will not publish it.

So it came out that my former friends turned to our enemies. Their motives are base and egoistic. And also only for this reason would Hoznourek not sell me any copies

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<sup>294</sup> "Zmatlík" in the original.

of the books you recommended us from India. They would have extra originals. Everyone can write or translate and publish books here but they have forgotten that there must be a rigorous writer or translator. Nobody of them can write books and to translate is more difficult as to write original works. – This plan was hatched at Kosatky.

For that purpose their agents spread the rumours that my books are false. At my last meeting with H. and Co they said that I cling to the old methods of symbolism using your “Secret Path” page 176. Which is not true, for I never taught in symbols as you know, but contrary I tried to explain them to the reader.

Their agents said for instance:

That you never write to me (witness Dr Capek brother of engineer Capek)<sup>295</sup>

That you felt from me bad emanations (witness Dr Barth and his wife)<sup>296</sup>

That you did not personally part with me,<sup>297</sup> only by a letter (witness Miss Vagner)<sup>298</sup>

That I am a charlatan (many witnesses in the Society).<sup>299</sup> And so on.

Where is the source of all these slanders? It is only one and the same source. With such weapons I have been attacked and from people, who were before that to me quite loyal.

This all and other things appeared on the surface in the Society, when I have read and translated your letter with the plan to join both circles. It was not against you, but against the other party. Several members knew these things but kept silence. They would not hurt me. But then they said all openly before the whole assembly.

As I received the said letter I was full of joy and the more when one hour after came to me H. He was quite different, very amiable, as he was earlier. We bespoke the plan and I was ready to do it. I have instantly presented him a bound copy of your book “Egypt” and have written in it a dedication: “To my dear friend...”

But when I came to the meeting with H. and Co I was instantly very disappointed. Every sentence of me was refuted by objections. We sat in a hot conversation about 3 hours. And, alas, I was again alone against 4 opponents. (Marik was also present.)<sup>300</sup> You ought to hear it! They even did not believe on my word of honour that I will read your letter in the Society. But in spite of their affront I stood my ground and said that I must prepare the people on their arrival first. They would come at once. It was namely a week before general assembly with selections of the committee. But I knew the opposition against H. and Co in the Society. So I would not do it. And my foreboding proved true, as you see from above. –

Yesterday I had your last letter and am very glad that the Czech “A Search in Secret Egypt” appeals to you. The work sells well. Please excuse me this long epistle! My wife

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sends you her best regards and says that she will concentrate in spite of these troubles. Be always sure of my deepest esteem and when you should inform me of any mistakes, please tell me all! From my Teacher I accept ready everything. Also tell me when you think to come to Prague so that I can in the Society prepare what is necessary to entertain you. I hope that you will be willing to accept then some 6 or 8 further persons, advanced students. – Miss Havranek<sup>301</sup> has written you but she has omitted to put in her address: Miss A. Havrankova,<sup>302</sup> Prague Vinohrady, Americka, c. 36. Bei Frau Lekesova. –

With my best regards and thanks for all

I am Yours

most sincerely,

[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>303</sup>

## L19.127

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Letter to PB from Karel Weinfurter  
Prague – Vinohrady  
Czechoslovakia  
11 February 1938

My dear Mr. Brunton, my dear Teacher!

First, I thank you very much for your kind reply in two letters and your instruction as regards the man's spirit after death. In this respect I have written in my books uncorrect teaching, but I have at once recalled it before the whole assembly in our Society and made it clear to the members. I wish to be ever sincere and do not cling to any old opinions from personal pride. I am ever ready to confess any faults or misunderstanding, because I know that we all must work to grasp at the end the Great Truth.

Now an important question: We ask you what you would demand as royalties for the Czech translation of Your work: "A Hermit in the Himalayas." We would publish it in the winter months this year and I could translate the book during the summer. When we have made your name known in this country it would be a loss, if another publisher should take the fruits of our work! That is obvious. Please name a sum as you would to another publisher, because we do not wish any advantage, knowing well that the writing of books is your livelihood. We could print only 2,000 copies and so it should be better for us to pay royalties in the whole and not in percentage. But do as you will! I trust that this work is yet free.

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<sup>301</sup> "Havránek" in the original.

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I must say to you a triste<sup>304</sup> news: This Sunday died my beloved friend and a most advanced mystic M.D.J. Barth, the vice president of Psyche.<sup>305</sup> It was a case of apoplexy. I very regret that he could not come to your notice here. I think that once or twice he reached the first samadhi and that he entered this state from deep sleep. He and me were the founder of the Czech mystic school, for we simultaneously tried the mystic letters and mantram practice according {to}<sup>306</sup> Kerning, who was sure an Adept. It would be also of the greatest importance to me and many others if you could ascertain the spiritual state of Kerning and to impart with us the result.

I assure you that we all are full convinced that you have had the sole wish to bring peace and harmony to Prague. The triste<sup>307</sup> affairs which came to light after your departure, have other causes and I shall try to lay them before you to your judgement.

At this time you will sure know that the state of health of Madame Zelenkova<sup>308</sup> was not as dangerous as I have written. The powders I have given to Dr. Kratochvil and I asked him to give them to Madam Z. The books from your German Editor did not come to this day I do not know why. We should have sold them according to your wish with greatest readiness and I have already announced their arrival in the Society. It is possible that Mr Hoznourek, to whom I entrusted your plan has spoiled it. The reason why I could [not,]<sup>309</sup> alas, [fulfil]<sup>310</sup> your wish as regards the Society I explain in this letter.

As you are my Teacher I shall write this without any reserve – i.e. with the full confidence to you so that you can form to yourself the true causes of the discord between H. and me – and the consequences. I write these things with exceeding dislike, knowing how disagreeable it must be for you. H. and Co. are your friends and they are good to you and others – but they are not good to us!

What I write is the purest truth, not one word is false. I have ascertained all with greatest care and I have also quite a number of witnesses, who, if you wish are prepared to corroborate my words.

During<sup>311</sup> a friendly meeting Mr Hoznourek said to me into my face that he does not trust me. Even this bitter pill I swallowed and tried again to make peace. But again in vain, because there appeared new things.

Your letters to them worked only 3-4 days – no more. They came (i.e. Mr Capek and Blaha)<sup>312</sup> and promised me full satisfaction as I have written to you. I said it also in the Society to the members. I waited three weeks – but they did nothing. I wanted only that one of them should proclaim in the meeting of our Society that there was a misunderstanding about me and mistake and that all is in order. – When I asked Mr

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<sup>304</sup> “trist” in the original.

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<sup>308</sup> “Zelenková” in the original.

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<sup>310</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted “fulfil” by hand.

<sup>311</sup> Page 129 (“2” was typed at the top of the page)

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Hoznourek about that, he answered, that it was meant only privately! This is a sufficient proof! They would not hurt their reputation in the Society. They would not recall what they said secretly about me and chiefly about themselves.

You must understand this: Mrs Blaha, Mrs Kriz<sup>313</sup> and I think also Mrs Capek made in secret a great propaganda at each meeting of the Society among members, proclaiming that for instance Mr. Blaha is an Initiate, that he is clairvoyant, that he can see inside of everyone and that he can give to the pupils a "short Path" whereas "my" Path is long! This I have ascertained only when I began to investigate the sources of many bad legends circulating among the members of the Society. For instance some believed even that Mr Hoznourek is an incarnation of Rama Krishna! (!!)<sup>314</sup>

So it came to a great agitation in the Society, the members did not know to whom they should trust and the part which was loyal to me pressed me to give an explanation. You must know that I never<sup>315</sup> before mentioned the names of my former friends publicly. As the committee threatened to resign for the members took my humility and attempts to reconciliation as feebleness, I was in a bad situation.

Mr Hoznourek ordered from India the books you have recommended to us. I asked him in the hotel to order one copy of each for me. Two months passed and three came nothing. I went to the bookseller and he told me that three copies of one work came already a month ago. Mr H. then said to me, that one copy he gave to Mr Capek, the second to Mr Blaha (who does not understand English)<sup>316</sup> and the third he has himself! Further I ascertained that my former friends would even remove me from the Society and last not least to prevent<sup>317</sup> me any meeting with you, when you should come again to Prague! The last statement I told to them (to Mr H. and engineer Marik)<sup>318</sup> and they had not the boldness to deny it.

And then came to us a lady – she is the sister-in-law of Mrs Capek of Kosatky-.<sup>319</sup> She is a good friend of us and she came purposely to Prague from the country. She is wife of a landlord. She was very agitated and brought to us [a]<sup>320</sup> letter which she has got from Prague. It was signed "your sister." This letter contains the most shameful statements about me saying, among others: "There is one who was weighed and found not to be able, but there are others here (in Prague)<sup>321</sup> who can give you the new doctrine – etc." Such letters have been sent also to other members in the country. I knew it by some intuition and also other things beforehand but then I paid to it too little attention. Which was a fault.

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<sup>313</sup> "Kříž" in the original.

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The results of the about said propaganda is now that all the people<sup>322</sup> [who were in contact with you,]<sup>323</sup> except a few (and among the loyal is Miss Havranek who sat at your side in my room, Dr. Kratochvil and 3 or 4 others all of Prague)<sup>324</sup> are now in Blaha's circle. And also some other members of the Society. About Mrs Zelenkova I must say that she is also full in the hands of this party.

Mr Capek's behaviour to me was as haughty to me as of the others. You must know that we were more than 12 years the best friends with the family Capek but now they have even in Kosatky removed our great photos<sup>325</sup> (my wife's and mine)<sup>326</sup> from the walls, which hung there 10 years and threw them aside!

So when I saw that all is in vain I resolutely made an end. All the contacts with my former friends I interrupted and also with the members who are on their side. This last I did because I found that these unloyal members brought my own words spoken publicly in the meetings to my "friends" but quite distorted, and also to prevent their contact with the loyal members. Had I not do it then there was the danger that the whole Society of 800 members (not to count 1,000 other people who are not direct members of the Society)<sup>327</sup> would break to pieces, for the Society stands and falls with me. They take me as their teacher, although I am myself a little pupil. I know that it is my destiny and so I will to my last breath serve to our cause.

The whole affair could not be kept secret in the precincts of our Society. The whole occult Prague watched us and the things went round and round – to our greatest damage. The people knew that you have come to us from India and now they do not see the inner dealings and through slander they received a false light about all this. I have even letters from people who are not members of the Society Psyche and they express their sympathy to me giving me full trust.

There are many other items but I cannot molest you any more.

Only Miss Havranek asked me to lend her your dictations about Jnana which I did. I fear only that at Blaha's will come sooner or later to some untrue assertions. I have sent Miss Havranek to Blaha's to ascertain in what state of health is Mrs Zelenkova, who lodges at Blaha's. By this occasion Mrs Blaha said to the Miss that she has also the "Voice."

What I need now is the greatest spiritual support for the whole Society in Prague as in the country looks now to me to give them a help in their yoga work. I am standing now quite alone only with my wife! So I pray to God to Maharshi<sup>328</sup> and to you – for help! I should like to do my duty, but the circumstances are now so entangled that I do not know where to begin. I trust to Maharshi and to you having else nobody to support me and my faith tells me that I shall not call for help in vain!

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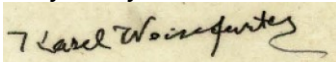
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I remain with my and my wife's best regards and with spiritual greetings  
Yours  
very truly



[Karel Weinfurter]<sup>329</sup>

P.S. The photographs are already reproduced. I send them to Rider's.  
Many thanks! K.W.

## L19.139

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Letter to PB from V. Suldovsky<sup>330</sup>

Hostivar, Husova 597

Czechoslovakia

9 February 1938

Dear Sir,

First of all we wish to greet you as representatives of our "Psyche" association according to the old custom of our nation in the blessed name of the Father of us all. We do this in deep respect to you.

The same respect and devotion that binds us to you, binds us also to our teacher Mr. Weinfurter. This respect and devotion led us to write this letter with the unanimous assent of the members of the "Psyche" association and we request you to accept and consider it.

By this letter we wish to end the period of discord and restlessness, which makes our work carried on in accordance with your advice, very difficult and which was caused by the incomprehensible conduct and attitude towards our president of Messrs. Hoznourek, Blaha, and Ing. Capek.

Please allow us to explain to you the standpoint of the "Psyche" association in this respect.

Our president exhorted us all on every occasion to make every effort to collect the necessary funds to render your visit to Prague possible and further amounts for your entertainment here.

When your visit took place, it was through the influence of people, who happened to gather round you that the most advanced ones did not come into touch with you.

The result of the sudden illness of our president's wife was that Mr. Weinfurter could not only determine those who ought to be introduced to you, but he could not even control the flood of persons, who were gathered round you.

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<sup>329</sup> Karel Weinfurter inserted "Karel Weinfurter" by hand.

<sup>330</sup> This letter is typed on letterhead that reads "Spol. Psyche Praha."

We<sup>331</sup> can no longer view the fact calmly, when the person of our teacher, Mr. Weinfurter, is now by all means being humiliated, when his work, which gave us an honest foundation, is being depreciated, and when he is treated as an outcast and renegade mystic.

In accordance with truth and our conviction we say that we don't find any contradiction between your teaching and that, which Mr. Weinfurter taught us and to which he led us. We have noticed with amazement and joy the precious harmony between you two, which became a mighty support and pillar of our belief.

Mr. Hoznourek was also affected by this joyful amazement, when he read your works and he did not keep it secret until your visit to Prague.

Therefore, we now feel more painfully the incomprehensible fact that he and his friends now assert that the lifework of president Weinfurter was bad, the same work that showed them the existence of light and the way leading to its realisation within us.

We, as well as they, drank and still drink like tired pilgrims the good water from a pure well, happy that we have found it. But how should we judge a pilgrim, who – after having discovered a new well of living water – would pollute the former well and then shout: “Look, what dirty and abominable water!”

Could anyone be surprised that we defend Mr. Weinfurter against all slander, knowing what his work has been to all of us and what it still can be? What can we expect from those who, at one stroke, can become ungrateful?

In<sup>332</sup> this connection we state only that Messrs. Hoznourek, Blaha, and Ing. Capek have even created their own theories, which do not agree with your doctrine. This assertion of ours is well-founded and proved by a good deal of direct conviction and by the experience of our members.

We beg to conclude our letter with the following:

1.) The “Psyche” association, organised and administered in accordance with Mr. Weinfurter's principles, represents for us the acme of the present outer possibilities in the realisation of our yearning for the Way.

2.) We were acquainted with the Way solely through the merit of the work of our dear president. We see and will see in him, if we don't want to be very ungrateful, your cooperator.

3.) The unloyal conduct of Mr. Hoznourek and his companions towards Mr. Weinfurter brought disharmony into our centre.

We testify that Mr. Weinfurter, faithful to the commands of your letter, which he read to the members in the Czech translation as well as in the English original, has used all means to bring about a reconciliation and offered his hand to Mr. Hoznourek and his companions in the joyful hope that they also will esteem your instructions for a friendly settlement. However this was not the case.

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He went further in his attempt to establish peace than a man usually goes, as his humble endeavour to fulfil your wish led him to overlook the doubt cast upon his honesty, which has been several times expressed emphatically.

If we go on occupying ourselves with these sad facts we shall lose the force which we need for another contest. After a<sup>333</sup> further fight we should place ourselves on the level of the outside world and should lose our goal from our sight and our work in the association would then not be in accordance with its purpose.

Even if we act only formally in accordance with your letter and out of esteem to you readmit Mr. Hoznourek and his companions, we are sure that it would not, unfortunately, bring harmony, on the contrary – our house would collapse through discord.

Thus it might happen that with the disruption of the association, the principles would be destroyed, which enable us to realise more perfect thoughts and lives, which you and Mr. Weinfurter have taught us.

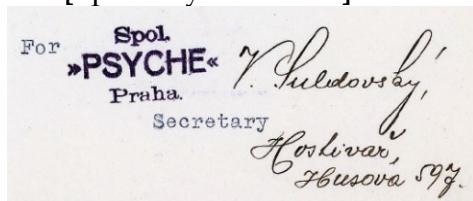
We see in our president your substitute here. Yet to enable him to work and lead us in your spirit, peace must be given to him. It is clear from what we write that his peace is also our peace.

We write you frankly as we want this letter to end the disorder.

We are having this letter translated into English from the original and it was read in Czech to all the members of the association.

We ask you for an answer, which you can send us in your native tongue. We shall await it patiently, and remain, all members of the association, your devoted pupils.

For [Spol. Psyche Praha]<sup>334</sup>



[V. Suldovsky]<sup>335</sup>  
Secretary

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<sup>333</sup> Page 145 ("4" was typed at the top of the page)

<sup>334</sup> "Spol. Psyche Praha" was inserted with a stamp.

<sup>335</sup> V. Suldovsky inserted "V. Suldovsky" by hand.