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Dear Mrs Lichtmann,

Your first letter addressed to ~~me~~ our home in the Punjab has not reached us but it may still come, as the mail from Ruler to Khandala takes more time when from America to India -

See the death of Maurice our dearly beloved friend and brother has deeply afflicted us all. It was a severe blow to get this sad news through the telegraph from Bombay

We shall never forget his sweet nature, his devotion to the Teaching and to my beloved husband, his refined musical talent endeared him to me so much more, because it revealed the innermost beauty of his being.

I know - he will be happy in his new surroundings his thoughts and the longings of his heart were always directed to the most beautiful; and as precisely our thoughts and emotions are building our subtle body - this inner body of his will enable him to reach

~~Those spheres where beauty and love prevail.~~

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Three, four days before his passing away, I was  
constantly thinking of him, and felt <sup>very</sup> sorry that  
I did not answer his last letter, did not send him  
some heartfelt words.

He was <sup>always</sup> ~~very~~ to write about himself, so we did not  
know much about his last years, but ~~we~~ were  
dying to learn that he has found in you a real  
friend, a real faithful companion. His letter  
to me about you was so beautiful, so touching. I do  
not have it with me here. All our correspondence  
is lying ~~at~~ in boxes stored in Bombay  
so I cannot send it now to you, but may be  
some time later it will be possible.

If you write to me, please ~~write~~ <sup>write</sup> ~~to~~ off. I live  
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as we do not know how long we shall stay here.

About the sum of \$174, 16, please ~~write~~ which you are  
holding for me, please send it to Gina Roschik, she  
is keeping my accounts. Thanking you for taking  
this ~~trouble~~ trouble - With deepest sympathy in  
your grief. I am sending you my very best thoughts for  
comfort. Rich ~~with~~ courage and find consolation in his sufferings  
to be there, where he is now, sincerely yours.

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Khandala.

Dear Mrs Lichtmann,

I was happy to receive your letter, rather your call. I felt the sincerity of your striving for Guidance and Knowledge. It came from your inner self, from your heart.

Yes, you are right - if one seeks, studies and works hard enough direct spiritual Guidance can and will be provided - and you ask - "How to search?" But the answers have already been given to you. You know the Source, you have the Books of Teachings and now you are brought in close contact with a friend who can introduce you to a larger scope of thought through books pertaining to different philosophies and metaphysics. It is a great help to get a mental and spiritual foundation from the philosophies of the Past. In this respect I would advise you to read some works and Teachings emanating from our, so to say, contemporaries as Sri Ramakrishna and his great Disciple Swami Vivekananda. I do not know a better exponent of Hinduism and Vedanta than Swami Vivekananda. "The Gospel of Ramakrishna" and his life by his Indian disciple, or Ramakrishna's Biography written by Romain Rolland, - these books will give you a clear insight into India's psychology, into the greatness of her spiritual achievements and thought. The books of Swami Vivekananda on Vedanta and on different Yogas will open before you the way of achievement of the sublime Ideal and the Apex of India's Cosmic Concept.

I would also suggest to acquaint yourself with the Teaching of the Blessed Buddha, This Giant of Heart and Thought whose Teaching has never been surpassed in its nobility, grandeur and concept of man, responsibility before the entire World. He was the first great Reformer who proclaimed fearlessly: "Believe not because these or other ancient Scriptures exist, not because it is your national Faith which you have been taught from childhood; but discuss your Faith, analyze it and if you find that it can bring good to people, follow it in your life and help others to live according to it." To KNOW was and is the

Key-note of the Buddhist Teaching. Is there a more beautiful message in the world than this one: "Brothers, I do not come to propound dogmas to you, to ask you to believe what others have imagined. I invite you to enlighten yourselves to use your intelligence, to cultivate it, instead of letting it grow dull. I adjure you to be other than beasts of prey or stupid sheep. I exhort you to be men with untrammelled minds, men who hold right views, and who work incessantly to increase in themselves the true knowledge that will triumph over suffering. I would advise you to get from Mrs Sina Fosdick ~~The~~ Foundations of Buddhism by Natalie Rokotoff. This Book has been written under the Guidance of our Gr. Teacher. After this reading you will ~~hardly~~ understand <sup>better</sup> the books of Agni Yoga series which contain the development and the synthesis of Indian Thought. Also you could ask Sina to send the first volume of "Leaves of Morya's Garden" Maurice loved that book and surely he had it in his possession.

You write: "Once I thought I had it/contact/ through writing, but it disappeared and I felt sad and bereft -almost crushed -" One should never be despondent. Why not to try again but in a new spirit of love and great determination to achieve? -If one is sincere in his striving, if no thought for any possible gain colors one's desire, it will come and quite unexpected, beautifully.

The main attitude required is honesty in perseverance to the utmost of one's capacity.

Remember once your heart has expressed the desire for Contact and Knowledge not for selfish ends but in order to serve Humanity, your Thought has reached its destination.

Once you have trodden the Path of Service you are never ~~alone~~ spiritually alone. You must be used to the thought that every minute of your daily life the Eagle Eye and the fiery Heart of the One who sent you the Call or received your Call, are watching you. Only our gross body and our coarse senses preclude us from feeling this Great Presence. But be patient because you cannot know either day or hour when something great may be revealed to you. The aim is not to weaken or destroy our organism but to temper it for greater

spiritual achievements and experiences, therefore the greatest care is applied by the Great Ones in dealing with their disciples and coworkers.

Joy, gratitude and the greatest Trust are our best helpers on the Path of Ascend.

Cherish the Picture of the Great Lord. Ponder how to serve and help Him. Ponder with that love that can be unlogged in the innermost of your heart for this Great Being and you will succeed.

Learn to love, learn to carry joy to all who surround you. Carry it in a word, in a glance, in a touch.

I am sad, very sad indeed, but I cannot write you constantly, only eventually I am rather weak and an English letter takes much more of my time as I must confine myself to the limits of my knowledge of the language.

I hope this letter of mine will reach you and bring the message of my heart - persevere in all endeavours, which help to unfold all <sup>your</sup> capacities to serve in LOVE and humility The GREAT ONES.

Music is the heavenly language of the heart.

In heart and Spirit  
with you