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Из Риги Вам перешлют хорошую русскую книгу ^{Духом с Вами} "Основы Понимания Новой Эпохи", примите ее от меня на память.

Сейчас пришло письмо от моей духовной дочери г-жи Хорн со вложением письма о г-на Роберта С. Корниш. Прочла его с большим интересом и могу сказать, что радуюсь его подходу к Учению Агни Йоги и надеюсь, что он выработается в прекрасного сотрудника. То обстоятельство, что вступив на опасный и можно сказать черный путь механического раздражения центров, дух его не затемнился, но продолжал искать, является залогом его будущего преуспевания. Но сейчас он должен оставить все эти вреднейшие упражнения, которые никогда

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Nov. 1st, 1935.

Dear Mrs Schoonmaker,

Your cordial letter of October 8th is to hand and you already have my cable, replying to the main questions of your letter..

I wish to express once more how touched I was by the feeling of devotion expressed by you and your group towards the L.M., to the Teaching and His entrusted ones, - Prof.R. and myself. I consider that Miss Grant as well as the other closest coworkers who remain loyal to the work of the L.M. and to us, can fully explain to you the true situation. Perhaps this was already done. I will but say that with all the power of my soul I protest against all these false accusations by Mrs Horch, mentioned in your letter.

N.K.R. never claimed to be the author of the Teaching, and all books as before, are published anonymously. I know of the attempts of Mrs Horch to trespass wherever possible the hierarchical chain and to pretend to be the emissary of the White Br-d, and to ascribe to herself the Books of the Teachings. To this I can but say that she can mislead only neophytes and those who cannot discriminate where there is Light and where darkness. But those, who are acquainted with the books of the Teaching and understand the occult laws, they know that the Great Masters will never break the hierarchical line, which has been established by Them, for this would be tantamount to the destruction of all foundations on which is based Their Stronghold of Light. Besides, this would be equal to a complete capitulation of Their great knowledge and foresight. Who would trust the Great Teachers, if They would not know the inner being of those whom They entrust with Their Mission? There was no case in the history of humanity that those chosen by the Great Br-d have shown themselves traitors to the Great Cause. Of course all of you know with what black treason and slander on the part of the closest coworkers Mme Blavatsky had been faced. Every bearer of Light must be ready to confront the most horrible treason. The brighter the Light, the denser the darkness. The emptying of the chalice of poison on the last step is pointed out in all Teachings, and therefore all attacks upon N.K.R. confirm this inexorable law.

As regards Mrs Horch's statement that "N.K.R. and myself have failed the Hierarchy of Light", I would like to ask her, what reason she has and what proof she possesses to affirm such an obvious lie? Our link with the Great L.M. has never been interrupted for even a moment and the Teachings, as well as Advices continue to be given as before, even on a greater scale. It would be proper to ask Mrs Horch, why all Signs of the Highest Trust, which always accompany the bestowal with a Mission, are with us and have not been recalled? These Signs, these gifts of the White Br-d represent definite historical objects, which appear at certain predestined dates and have a special meaning. Mrs Horch knows about them. Thus I solemnly affirm that we are the carriers and the guardians of these Sign - objects and recently have received another Sign of Their Great Trust as a token, heralding the New Era.

However Mrs Horch may claim that she also possesses some talismans and this she would be right, for in the past there were given to the close co-workers, according to the L's Indications small stones sent by Him, which they carry upon their person. These were sent for their protection, but as you know, according to occult law, such talismans in case of treason, reverse their action. Of course these talismans are quite different from the great historical Signs, mentioned above.

Horsch also was entrusted by me with the safe keeping of copies of my manuscripts, containing the Teachings, as well as originals and English translations of Books, not yet published in America. I will enumerate the latter for your information: English translations of the second volume of Leaves of M's Garden; New Era; two volumes of Infinity; the originals and translations of the first, second and incomplete third volumes of the Fiery World. As you see the unpublished material in Mrs Horch's hands is enormous and she easily could draw from it and compile at her heart's desire. But of course all other co-workers know that this material is in her keeping and they themselves have copies of the unpublished material, except of my manuscripts. Therefore, if Mrs Horch, or Miss Esther Lichtmann or Mr. Horch give out anything of this material as their own, it could easily be checked.

I do not know whether you have all books of the Teachings in Russian and therefore I shall send a copy of each to you. In Riga there is shortly to appear the Second volume of the "Fiery World" in Russian. Upon receipt of it I shall also send you a copy.

If to Mrs Horch the name of R. became suddenly so unbearable that she eliminates it wherever she can, then it is better for her not to pronounce it at all. The Roerich Societies will continue to exist without her. All the societies were founded precisely around the name and they can exist independently without the participation of Mrs Horch. Our Ashram stands adamant on the Himalayas and the connecting threads are spread into all directions.

Now I will repeat my replies to your questions:

- 1) I would not advise you to continue your affiliation with the Master Institute Department headed by Mrs Horch. Many things will be revealed and therefore it is better for the present to abstain. Of course every cooperation with our loyal co-workers, Mr. and Mrs Lichtmann, Miss Grant, etc. is welcome.
- 2) I shall be glad to communicate with you directly on questions of the Teaching - also through Miss Grant, who can enlighten you upon the actual situation and the whole monstrous intrigue of the dark forces.
- 3) The original Charter is valid.
- 4) The advice of Mrs Horch to establish open classes for the Teaching contradicts the fundamental occult laws. You are therefore quite right in continuing to work with selected groups.

I rejoiced to hear from Miss Grant about your proposed programme of lectures and about the invitation of such an eminent lecturer as Mr. Claud Bragdon, who always know how to kindle in his audience the flame of spirituality.

Thus my dear young friends, I ask you to accept my cordial appreciation for your expressed readiness to stand up for the entrusted ones of the L.M. In this connection I will quote some lines from the Teaching of Master Hilarion: "The first law of occultism is defense of a Master or Teacher. The chela who can stand supinely and silently by and make no effort to defend such a Master or Teacher, will have no occasion to seek far for the cause of the closed door, which will inevitably meet his eye when he attempts to enter the Hall of Learning. For the same law which renders it impossible for a Teacher of occultism to defend himself or herself, renders it obligatory upon the chela to stand at that portal of knowledge, which the Teacher represents and is, and hold it against all intruders - the law of self-protection. The chela must rise or fall with his Master."

Upon this I shall conclude my letter.

I send you the flaming striving of my heart to support you on the self-sacrificing and beautiful path of service to the General Good and to the Hierarchy of Light.

To Mrs C. Schoonmaker,
President Philadelphia Roerich Center.
Philadelphia. U.S.A.

The first with you
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Дорогая Чайка Андреевна, еще раз хочу сказать Вам, как Н. К. и я были глубоко тронуты выраженными Вами чувствами. Мисс Грант многое уже передала мне из сказанного г-жею Х. в Филадельфии. Конечно, Вы понимаете, как тяжело было нам раскрыть всю глубину этого предательства зародившегося на почве корыстолюбия и зависти, и таившегося под маскою лицемерия на протяжении почти четырнадцати лет. Но ведь не мог же Н. К. подписывать свои труды и картины именем Хорша? и не могла ^я выдавать Учение под инициалами г-жи Хорш? Но злым гением Хоршей все же являются мисс Эст. Пихтман. Она сильный медиум, а Вы знаете из Учения какую опасность представляет из себя эта особенность человеческого организма. "Медиумизм есть постоянный двор для развоплощенных лжецов". Да, самое страшное одержание всегда угрожает медиумам. Вероятно, многие спросят Вас, но как же могли мы допустить их до светлого строительства? Но не забудем о законе свободной воли. Также многое объясняется кармой, связывавшей нас с ними. Мы были предупреждены о некоторых свойствах их природы, и сами видели уже многое, но у нас была надежда, что они дотянут, до срока, но как обычно бывает они не выдержали завершающего боя и сорвались у последней черты. Также не забудем, что часто, именно, джины строили храмы. Как сказано в Учение враги приносили лучшие камни для постройки. Так и одержание бывших сотрудников послужит в конечном итоге лишь на еще более яркое выявление Света. Друзья негодуют и поднимают голос. "Почитание утверждается путем негодования" - такое древнее средство обще всем народам. Так и Свами Вивекананда говорил, что Христос и Будда были счастливы иметь сильных врагов, потому Они и Учение Их так запечатлелось в памяти людей. Конечно, такой способ запечатления Истины тяжок для Носителей Света, но увы на той ступени, на которой находится еще большинство человечества, он неизбежен. Люди любят венчать мучеников.

Не буду больше писать о бывших сотрудниках, мне слишком тяжело это.

Вас же, дорогая Чайка Андреевна, прошу еще и еще раз очень поддерживать в Вашей Группе огонь пламенной любви к избранному ими Иерарху, к великому Вл. М. Если эта любовь будет жить в их сердцах, то никакое злое чувство не найдет себе места.

Укажите им, что Иерархическая связь есть одно из проявлений Мира Огненного. Именно лишь сердца огненные могут понять значение такой связи. Лишь они ощутят всю тонкость связи, которая держит порядок мира. Ведь сам хаос не устает покушаться на эти связи. Но кроме распущенного хаоса и силы зла пробуют вторгаться и порывать эти связи. Как сказано в Учении - "следует принимать такие битвы, как неизбежность. Только понимание этой Битвы может дать истинное мужество. Но связь Иерархическая уже есть самая великая победа. Нужно не только подчиниться этой связи, нужно полюбить ее, как Щит единственный."

"Истинно Щит Единственный, ибо сама Карма человека изменяется при крепкой связи с Иерархией Света. - "Сантана - поток жизни многое преобразует и предопределяет, но все же остается место для свободной воли. Лучи Светил определяют многое, но крепкая связь с Высшим Миром и в этом обстоятельстве будет иметь большее значение. Можно понять, что Учение о Руководителях во всех верованиях имеет великое значение. Люди должны понять, что им дается возможность пройти сечу и все теснины с помощью Высших Руководителей, но нужно не отринуть Руку Помощи. Нужно полюбить Руководителя всем сердцем. Не земными мерами способствует Руководитель, потому нужно четко осознавать такую нить огненную. По всей жизни можно видеть защиту, если открыты глаза. Так сама Сантана не сильнее явления Высших Миров. -"

Хочу предложить Вашей группе следующую задачу, очень одобренную Самим Вл. М. Может быть ктонибудь из членов откликнется на эту чудесную работу. Пусть они выберут из Учения отдельные темы, наиболее им близкие, и соберут во едино все сказанное о них. Польза будет двоякая. Они прочтут книги Учения внимательнее и задумаются что принадлежит к одному заданию, а затем современем можно будет собрать отдельные не дорогие издания, ибо основы Живой Этики должны проникать во все слои людей. Можно взять понятие об Учителе, ученичестве, преданности и предательстве и т. д. Конечно, пусть каждый выберет что ему ближе. О предательстве сейчас следует очень задуматься ибо именно наше время изобилует случаями изысканнейшего предательства. Это зло нужно освещать со всех сторон, ибо участь предателей ужасна. Конечно, трудно, при современном невежестве людей о надземных Мирах и о посмертном состоянии, дать понять на что обрекают себя предатели, но в Учении сказано, что "часто они являют облик обычных людей, но дух их уже не принадлежит планете." Пусть всего будем остерегаться этой ехидны.

Так в устремлении к Великому Облику Нашего Иерарха Вл. М. пройдем все трудности и будем зорко всматриваться во все знамения сопровождающие великий грядущий Год. Всегда рада буду ответить на вопросы по Учению.

Как чувствует себя моя маленькая крестница? Пошлю ей маленький талисман. Передайте также Вашему супругу, что у нас большая симпатия к северным народам, их предприимчивый и стойкий дух вдохновил многие картины Н. К., Да и наша фамилия северного происхождения.

Шлем Вам самые сердечный привет и лучшие пожелания в светлом и радостном Служении Общему Благу. Привет друзьям!

Всего самого прекрасного

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Прилагаю Вам описание интересного случая, которым полны наши местные газеты. Привожу суммированный перевод, ибо вырезку уже отослала.

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February 29, 1936.

My dear Chaika Andreyevna,

From the bottom of my heart I send you my greetings.

We greatly cherish your thoughts about us and would have liked so much to express to each member of your group how their ~~thoughts~~ were heartily accepted, but addressing them all unitedly, we wish to bring them still closer together - this is now the most imperative task. Please read to all co-members the enclosed letter.

I am sending to my little goddaughter a golden chain and later I shall send for her a Tibetan sacred bead dzi, it is known to be milleniums old. In Tibet these beads are considered to be heavenly messengers. Let this bead be the talisman of Elia and remind her of the abode of the Great Teacher. It is a great happiness to be born in a family where the Teachin is already living.

Did you receive the Books of the Teaching in original

sent by me. I hope they reached you safely. Recently I also sent you the second volume of "FIERY WORLD". Miss Grant has a rough translation of the second part of "Leaves of Morya's Garden". Perhaps some of the members of your group will copy it for the benefit of your group.

We shall always be glad to hear from you and about the progress of your activities. Perhaps you will acquaint me more with some biographical sketches of the members and maybe you have some photosnaps of yourself and your group.

We were happy to read in the American newspaper in Paris of the activity of the Center in Philadelphia. Thus carry your Light.

We are sending to you, your husband and children our most cordial thoughts and wishes

In Heart and Spirit with you

NAGGAR

Kulu, Punjab, Br. India

Aug. 17th 1936.

Dear Chaika Andreevna,

Your letter dated from Apr. 6th to June 6th has been received, but I did not find in it the photographs and biographies of which you speak. Although it is hardly possible that they have been removed during transit, yet I am worried for they have never reached me. I understood that you were sending the biographies and the photos of the members of the group under separate cover, but those of yourself and your husband were to have been included in the same letter. Awaiting the promised biographies, I delayed replying. But since they have not arrived I am writing now to let you know.

As regards the various books attributed to one and the same Source, we always advise to judge according to their intrinsic value and by the amount of Teachings given through one person: for it has been said: "the ocean of the Teachings is given through the nearest ones".

We are happy at your expression of love and loyalty to the Teaching, for this proves your understanding of the foundations of true discipleship. Without steadfastness and devotion to One Source there can be no progress on the Path.

Of course you felt correctly that I did not send the mentioned ring. I dislike immensely red corals and the person who gave you the ring knew this very well. Therefore such a gift, as if coming from me, is very strange. If you had no difficulty in receiving the chain for Eliana, I will send you the bead, about which I wrote you already, in the same way.

For meditation it is of course best of all to have the Image of the Lord. I am sending you enclosed the one which I consider the best. About the Teraphs, besides in the Books of Living Ethics, you can find

a chapter in the "Secret Doctrine".

I consider that the inauguration of a healing group, if such is contemplated, must be carried out with the greatest caution. The members who will participate, must be of high moral quality and should also possess good physical health, since healing absorbs much psychic energy, which as you know is not so easily regained. Also without the Higher Guidance, it is dangerous to force its development, for one can awaken the dormant mediumistic powers, about which you read in the Books of the Teachings. Before a discipline of thinking and a strong will to control one's emotions are attained, it is dangerous to develop in oneself this power. That is why the Teaching insists so much and first of all upon the expansion of consciousness, which is followed by a corresponding upliftment of the moral level. But why should not your group begin similar experiments with thoughts transference, which have been conducted with such success by Prof. Rhine and his students at Duke University. Prof Rhine has published a book on this subject under the title "Extraordinary Sense-Perception". When such experiments are conducted with full preciseness and honesty, they are very useful, because they can sharpen and refine our receptivity of subtle energies. I point out honesty because this quality is an imperative requirement for obtaining results and spiritual progress. People who are over-enthusiastic and some mediumistic natures often fail in exactitude. Therefore I ask you, my dear Chaika Andreevna to watch that amidst the members of your group there should not develop a tendency to an easy over-estimation of the appearance of extraordinary faculties, in themselves. Remind them oftener that true attainments are developed gradually and only as a result of a systematical inner spiritual work upon oneself. Precisely there is beauty in the fact that everything is attained only through great efforts and struggles. Otherwise there would be no achievement. Those who have latent mediumistic properties, should especially heed to this. The easy mastering of the lower forms of psychism may appear to them as a great achievement and thus stop their true spiritual growth. About the dangers of

lowe psychism there are many warnings and indications in the second and third volumes of "The Fiery World".

We welcome every your cultural undertaking. Precisely in cultural work there takes ^{place} an expansion of consciousness. You already know about the significance of art and science and about the development of the faculty of deep thinking. In connection with this it has become a rule in many of our groups, to write weekly essays on various themes of the Teaching. For many people it is much easier to concentrate themselves, when writing. Thus the idea of a dramatic group, as well as all kinds of discussions, lectures, art exhibitions and excursions, all this can enter into the basic programme of your work. We shall be very glad to receive the Rules of which you write as well the mentioned list of Board of Directors. When we shall receive all this then one ^{can} speak with more detail about the next step.

Now about the cancer case. All diseases in a neglected condition are very difficult to cure². Therefore the Teaching insists always upon prophylactics in order to prevent the disease, or to stop it in its very beginning. I have heard that the Mayo Clinic is considered to be the best and of course the form of this cancer case demands the closest observation of an experienced physician. Every cancer case requires its special treatment and in this respect America has all advantages. It is true that our Institute collected ancient vadic remedies against cancer, but most of them are preventive and help in the very first stages.

When I shall receive your husband's photo I shall try to say more about him. Photographs help me to concentrate easier. At present I may say already that he must raise by all means his psychic energy and take all those life-givers, which are indicated in the Books, as valerian, musk and some mild resin preparations, but the latter when taken internally have to be taken with much caution.

Each effort to organize a children's group is very useful. From child-

hood people should be taught their duty and service to humanity which will result in the understanding of personal responsibility on a planetary scale.

I shall be glad to receive your programme. Do not forget that every tree grows from a small seed. Therefore when founding a group, pay attention to quality and not to quantity. Further suggestions can be given when the characters of children, and their abilities will more clearly define themselves. It is important not to infringe upon, but to sustain and make manifest the inherent qualities. I am sending you the new Book OBSTCHINA, of course in Russian, in the middle paragraphs of which you will find many useful indications concerning education. I regret that you did not receive from Miss Gra the translation of the second Book of Leaves of M.Garden. It is possible that in a few months we shall be able to send you the translations of all books not yet published in English. We have just heard that there exists in America such a devotee to the Teachings, who has translated all books of the Teaching into English. I shall ask him to send me his translation for perusal and then they can be obtained from him. There are many people devoted to the Teaching. I hope you have already received the third volume of Fiery world. Soon I shall ^{be} send ^{ready} for publication in Russian the book "AUM" - it contains much about psychic energy. As regards the mentioned by you books on Buddhism, edited by the London Lodge, I do not know them, therefore can't say anything, but every additional knowledge is useful. But of course the Teaching must remain as the guiding basis and all additional knowledge in the light of the Teaching will help the expansion of consciousness. The main thing is to keep firmly to the Foundations. This firmness will teach unity, which - as it is constantly repeated - is not only a moral concept, but a real moving force.

In connection with a better realization of the foundations of the Teachings I quote here a para from the last book "Aum": "Imagine how a complex machine is approached by an ignoramus. He does not realize the meaning of the

apparatus but grabs the first lever not being conscious of the consequences. Exactly the same thing takes place with a person who ^{has} remembers but a single detail of the entire Teaching and is surprised that he cannot see general result. In the same way as a careless handling of the machine threatens the ignoramus with destruction, so is endangered the person who neglects the essence of the Teaching. Some pay attention only to the quality of the food. Others only tried to restrict their tongue, somersary not to become irritated, others again try to be fearless. But all such useful details will only be single levers and each of them cannot lift the whole load. One must gradually absorb the synthesis of the Teaching. Only the rainbow of synthesis can give progress on the Path. If anyone notices that he has become ~~unwittingly~~ one aspect of the Teaching only, let him ardently repeat and follow other given indications. We give much which is veiled and we gradually unfold the consciousness. Let man not be afraid to approach closer until he assimilates the rhythm of the whole mosaic. Thus the approach to the synthesis will teach how to use all details." (Of course this is a rough translation). I have great difficulty in writing in English and would so much prefer to write in my own language.

I was very glad to receive the photo of my little God-child. I am sending her all rays of good health - let her grow and gather strength. For better contact I would like to have photos of your husband and yourself, as well as of all members of the group; they may be little snaps.

I am sending you my best thoughts and heartiest wishes of success. Best greetings to all.

In spirit with you,

4-Jan-37

Dear Chaika Andreevna,

A fortnight ago I received the photos together with short biographical notes of the members of the Philadelphia Center. I appreciated greatly this sending, for it is always a pleasure to see the features of our friends and to know the circumstances in which they work. The packet was apparently detained in the custom house, and besides owing to hurried handling the photos fell out from their proper places and I have to verify whether I have gussed them correctly. I am therefore sending you all those photos that do not bear initials and request you to kindly write their names clearly on the back. I was glad to receive the portrait of my little god-child and I especially like the serious expression of her face. We also admired the cosy premises of the Center. May it develop and flourish. What you write about the activity of the Center shows the manifold programme. I am sure you'll know how to uphold not the outer but a hearty inner unity. The unity and enthusiasm of young hearts can create wonders.

The other day the present from the group also arrived.

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Sincere thanks from all of us. We consider that the best application of this gift will be to forward it for the publication of the new book "Aum" as donation from the Philadelphia Center. This book is already in translation into English and we hope it will appear in the fall. In the meantime I have sent you a copy in original. I already prepare the new book on the Brotherhood. I would greatly advise you to study the book "Obstchina" (Community) - it is a good stimulus for the understanding of unity. It is already translated into English but so far I had no time to check the translation. I have only recently recovered from illness, which disabled me for two weeks. Of course it is again the inflammation of centers, which is easily explained by the present general tension of the atmosphere. But with the help of the Lord it was possible to avoid a conflagration and now I am again at my desk. I advise you all to be careful with your health - the changes of spatial currents are on the increase and should be taken into consideration.

The significant year has come to end. The year of consequences has commenced and although the Armageddon is victorious in its essence, but who will understand this? As it is Said: "Let for him who is far-sighted, the victory

be glorious." ~~But~~ do not always perceive the victory there, where it takes place. It has to be thus because of human limitations, for otherwise these precious seedlings would be crushed.

Under the Shield of Light we shall overcome everything and shall witness the Festival of Spirit. Prof. Roerich and I are sending to all dear members of the Center our heartiest greetings and the call to the closest unity, patience, vigilance and courage. May Light and joy abide with you all!

In spirit and heart with you

22-OCT-1937

My dear Chaika Andreevna,

Your September letter has brought us sadness and anxiety. We understand well how difficult it is when our near ones are ailing. During this trying time our thoughts were with you and we sent you courage and faith in the favourable solution of all your difficulties. Of course, with due care and following medical advice, the health of your husband will considerably improve. Therefore do not worry too much and try to keep up at home a cheerful atmosphere. Our psychic energy can act beneficially only when we are courageous and when the balance of our spirit is not disturbed. Also do not deplore too much those members of your group, who have lost their enthusiasm and turn away from the Teaching of Life. It is a common fact that people in the beginning proceed like flaming torches hoping for speedy advancement and when these hopes do not materialize, due to their own unfitness, they leave and often become even enemical. Human vanity is great and every one considers himself deserving a special attention from the Hierarchy of Light, mostly quite unfounded. Small is the number of those who understand and accept the great self-sacrificing path of service to humanity. If it would be otherwise, the world would not be plunged into that chaos, which we witness now all over the planet. You are right in your indignation at the reigning hypocrisy, when from one side pacifism proclaimed, even up to the disintegrating concept of non-resistance to evil and on the other side those, who have promised their protectorate to small nations, sell ammunition to the enemy of the same countries. Many examples of such hypocrisy may be witnessed, but those who are guilty do not want to see what horrible disorganization they cause by their actions in the minds of the masses, which they are supposed to guide. Truly, the times are threatening and clouds are gathering in the South of Europe. The scroll of karma of many nations is being completed. One cannot with impunity go against the foundations of existence. Not so dangerous is the revolt against old out-grown conceptions; at the base of such a revolt may be a healthy self-protection against dissolution, as a blasphemous hypocritical attitude towards

the most sacred. If man has lost the sense of human dignity, then what can be expected, except involution into bestial condition? Therefore let those courageous in heart attentively read everything said in the Books of the Teachings about the present times and let them understand what actual heroism is expected at present by the Great Teachers of Light from those, who in full devotion entered the path of Service. Let people oftener remember the scientific utterances from the Revelation "Because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth".

Half-measures and waverings are destined to destruction. Instances of such half measures in life are numerous. Therefore react wisely towards all such destructive manifestations. It will be good if you succeed in forming a nucleus of at least two or three fully devoted hearts. Such a nucleus can prove to be a powerful bulwark in your undertaking. With a wise application in life of the foundations of Living Ethics, with cooperation of the nearest coworkers, one can create wonders. Also remember that the personal example is the most convincing. The symbol of the Leader was always the Heart, Only with the heart can one penetrate into all actions and motives, into the entire being, manifesting discrimination. There is nothing that could replace the creative fire of the heart. Such a leadership is expected from you. Therefore let your heart be imbued with courage and striving to apply all your efforts in order to withstand the attacks of the dark ones. Such attacks are inevitable. Life is a struggle. The wings of courage and the trust in the Guiding Hand will carry you over all obstacles. Courage is preordained by all Teachings of Light. Without courage nothing is possible, nothing is attainable.

Many will ask you, under what conditions is it easiest for the Great Teachers to help? Answer - in actions! The Great Teachers say to those who ask for help: "Act, under such a condition it is the easiest for Us to help you!" Even not a very successful action is better than inaction. The Great Teachers may apply their energy only to the energy which has been displayed by us. When They intend to apply Their energy, They look for where it is most useful to apply it. The man who was unexpectedly awakened from sleep, may commit the most senseless actions. Therefore one

should not unexpectedly arouse sleepers. But when man is in conscious awakedness, on constant vigil, the Great Teacher can help him. Thus, when you shall be asked, what to do - reply: "Act!" And the Great Help will not tarry, although perhaps not quite in the same form in which you expect it. "The development, the refinement of the psychic energy is needed, otherwise the veils of maya will completely close all accesses, all possibilities. At present the energies of nature are strained to the utmost. He who runs away will be thrown down, but he who resists will find new strength. We help the bold ones". Thus act, introducing the widest cooperation and do not be disheartened by the small number of true warriors. Quantity was never and nowhere the guarantee of success.

We would like to know of whom your group consists now. I had returned to you their photographs asking you to mark on the back at least their initials but have not yet received them back. Also let me know the programme for the coming season. Who keeps the records of your Center's activities? Recording is most essential.

Dearest Chaika, let us work only for the sake of the love to this work and let us not expect immediate results of our activities. We must sow good seeds and it is not for us to judge when and where they will sprout. Our full harvest is in the future, and will it not be richer, due to postponed results? The joy which accompanies our labour is a special wisdom. And when we contact the Fiery World, our heart is tremor with an unspeakable joy. Therefore I call you once more to courage, actions and striving to the future. When darkness will be especially dense, then also an especially brilliant light will shine. Whosoever has entirely given his heart to the Hierarchy of Light - he has nothing to fear. From the most difficult situation a way out will be found.

I am happy that my little god-daughter gives you such joy. Let her grow in the atmosphere of love and wise attitude to life. Let her from the very first days learn discipline and perseverance in her studies. Develop in her the ability of observation but the main thing - she should learn how to share what she loves most with those who surround her. The spirit of cooperation should be cultivated from the earliest childhood.

I have received your last letter and feel in it a note of your usual cheerfulness and this gave me great joy. Continue in the same way and in the hour of sadness remember that joy is close. Always at every minute of your life realize firmly that faithfulness of heart will never be left in need. Difficult moments and suffering are unavoidable, but they give the foundation for the highest achievements. "Man passes through sorrow and joy and only in this twofold flame consciousness is being built". We too experience many difficulties but in the last moment when all our efforts are strained to the utmost, the Guiding Hand sends Its help. Always remember the law that our energy can be transmuted to higher state only at its limit of tension. You know about the treason and the destruction that takes place in New York, but despite everything an unbreakable faith in the final victory lives in our hearts. Victory shall come, but as always in an unexpected way, Events are speeding and much shall shape differently than the wiseacres expect it. I have replied to two letters from your friends, the Archbishop. Have sent him as a present the books of Professor Roerich and the "Principles" by Origen. I regret that you have forgotten Russian. Of twelve Books of the Teaching only four have appeared in English. Which should prove to you, how hypocritical were the strivings of the Horches to the Teachings. At present thanks to the help of Mr. Gartner, an American who within the shortest time has studied Russian, all books of the Teaching have already been translated into English. It remains but to check them. "Aum" has already been sent to America for final correction by Miss Grant. As soon as means shall be collected, this Book will be published. In Russian a new Book "The Brotherhood" is already in print.

My dear Chaika, remember that the Shield of the Hierarchy of Light is over all faithful hearts and therefore do not worry too much. Keep up your courage and cultivate within yourself the wise joy. My heartiest thoughts and wishes are always with you and your near ones.

In Spirit and Heart with you

11-JAN-38

My dear Chaika Andreevna,

We were deeply touched by your celebrations of Oct.10th. Of course such events as speeches by Stork and Bragdon are very useful in establishing contact and strengthening friendship. Wholeheartedly I thank you and the members of your Center for their greetings and gift for the New Year. I regret to have to say that the book "AUM", for which I received \$50 from you and your group last year, is not yet ready for publication. Till to-day I have not received from Frances the final proof of the translation. Let us hope that soon this much-expected sending will be received by me. Of course I understand how busy they are now in New York, parrying the attacks of the apostates. If new unforeseen circumstances will arise which may further delay the publication of this book, I will ask some friends to type a copy for you and you may read it to the members of your group. Shortly I will send you the new book "BROTHERHOOD" in Russian. It has also been translated into English by Mr.Gartner, but so far this translation has not been checked.

I would greatly appreciate to hear of the activities of

your Center and to receive back the photos of the members with the names signed on them. Have you any new co-workers?

How is your health and that of your husband? How is little Eliana? The times are at present so complicated and difficult that one should as never before guard one's striving to the Hierarchy of Light and maintain by all means the unity between all members and co-workers. Newspapers from all the world bring information about the growing confusion and desintegration. Of course there are also signs of Light, but they are lost in the mass of destruction. Perhaps it is for the best that there are so few people who discern these signs of Light - thus the latter are better protected. In India pandits are spreading new teachings and prophecies about the approaching end of Kali Yuga - the Black Age - the end of which is set for 1942. Esoteric calculations coincide with this date. Let us hope that by this year human slaughter will stop and that your planet will enter into a period of peaceful construction.

I am sending to you and your family my heartiest greetings and wishes for the New Year.

In Spirit with you

15-OCT-1938

My dearest Chaicka,

I received your last sad letter, when I was ill with an inflammation of nerve centers. It was so painful to learn through what sufferings you had to go through. But I hope that by now your boy is improving - with every year medicine now makes such progress, ~~that~~ it is possible that soon a remedy will be found to eliminate this scourge, which nowadays has spread so widely over America and Europe. Anyhow one should never loose hope, because hope or faith in itself may create a miracle. My heart sends you most courageous thoughts and all my tenderness. Draw from the Teaching a wise calm attitude during this difficult hour. The heart that does not know suffering, cannot ascend, cannot participate in the higher life. Read over the biographies of great men and see through what hardships they had to pass. Dear Chaicka, let us be grateful that you are at present not alone, that near you is a loving heart, which sustains you in this trial. Sina very warmly wrote about you and told me some datae about your marriage. From my whole heart I wish that your husband proves to be a worthy and faithful companion to you.

I am deeply touched by the lines you dedicated to me. I would like so much to transmit to you a new supply of strength and calmness in carrying your earthly mission. During all our sorrows one should compare one's lot with those hundred thousands or rather millions of unfortunates who at the moment all over the world are subject to undescribable insults and misery.

I ask you to trust fully our dear Sina. In her you will find a true friend. She was defined by the Gr.T. as a faithful guard, and she has fully justified it. If you do not feel sympathy to Frances, then do not burden yourself with her. When I wrote to you about Frances I merely had in view that she might help you to understand some of the difficult passages of the Teaching. She also translations of unpublished books in English and she could share them with you. But of course I never intended to establish any hierarchical

dependence from her - such a bond cannot be affirmed by force. Such a link should be born in the heart. Thus my dear Chaicka have faith in a favourable solution of your boy's problem and guard your aspiration and trust in the Guiding Hand. The times are so threatening that only courageous hearts will keep to the path. ^{Begin} Tell this to all members of your group. - More than ever one must be imbued with the principles of Living Ethics. One should learn to become active in good. One should know how to oppose and conquer every evil. At this crucial moment I am sending you a Given Talk which is so close to my heart: ~~May~~

"You know how essential is the joy of existing. ^{even} It is not only the best healing remedy but also an excellent means for intercourse with Us. From where arises this vigorous feeling which we call the joy of existence? why is such joy not conditioned by riches or self-contentment. It can arise amidst greatest difficulties and persecution. Amidst tensions such joy is especially valuable and healing. We call it the joy of existence for it does not depend on personal circumstances, from success or advantages. It is manifested as the forerunner of the highest currents, which will spiritualize the whole surrounding atmosphere - otherwise there will be no cause for such joy."

"Can one expect joy during illness, amidst injustice, and offences? But even under such circumstances they eyes may sometimes sparkle, the stooping head can be raised and new strength can be born. A man will feel the joy of life, and ^{perhaps not!} ~~with peace~~ the ~~partly~~ joy but that of real existence. What powerful thoughts come to man who has realized the joy of existence. Around him the atmosphere will be purified and even his near ones will feel a relief. And We shall send him a smile from afar and ^{energy} (shall) approve of the improved contact with Us. We shall even be grateful since every care for Our energy is already valuable. Everyone who intends to be successful must remember about the joy of existence. Everyone who wants to ^{contact} approach the best currents should remember by what ^{means} paths he can come closer to Us.

One should not try to invent some special scientific reasons for such a joy - it comes through the heart, but it will remain an absolute reality. Amidst it calls reach sooner. "

"A Great Thinker sometimes gathered his disciples for a talk, which he called the Feast of Joy. Only spring water and bread were served. The Thinker used to say: 'Let us not besmear the joy by wine and luxurious food - Joy is above all'. "

Yes, the Joy of Existence is above all. These words resound in my heart. This joy is the joy of the fulfillment of an earthly achievement or of a given mission. This joy resides in the very depths of our being, and becomes a constant flame, when difficult circumstances and the cruelty of injustice strains all the cords of our heart. Only in such tension we can participate in the mighty symphony of the hearts of the Great Brothers, Who have in the course of millenniums passed through the ^{hardest} ~~hardest~~ earthly lives. Precisely every servitor of the General Good at the most crucial hour of his earthly life becomes illuminated with the realization of highest joy of the duty or dharma he is fulfilling.

May this Talk help you. The calls of your heart will reach and if to-day there is sorrow - tomorrow will bring joy.

Wholeheartedly I embrace you and my little god-child Eliana. Be courageous and kindle the Joy of Existence.

with love
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Wyatt never wrote to me. As regards his statement that there is no mention of sex or liquor in the Teachings, and that both might be indulged in, he is entirely wrong - in every Book there are numerous references to the harm of alcohol and other over-indulgences.

My dear Chaika, Andreevna,

Your September letter has ~~greatly~~ ^{We understand well} brought us ~~immense~~ sadness and anxiety. ~~I know~~ how difficult it is when our near ones are ailing. ~~I have sent~~ you courage and faith in the favourable solution of all your difficulties. Of course, with due care and following medical advice the health of your husband will considerably improve. Therefore do not worry too much and try to keep up at home a cheerful atmosphere. ~~Only~~ Our psychic energy can act beneficially only when we are courageous and keep the balance of the spirit. ^{our life not disturbed}

Also do not deplore ~~the loss~~ too much ~~than~~ those ~~members~~ members of your group who have lost their enthusiasm and turn away from the Teaching of Life. It is a ~~usual~~ common fact that people in the beginning proceed like flaming torches ~~hoping~~ for speedy advancement and when these hopes do not ~~materialize~~ materialize, due to their own unfitness, they leave and often become even enemical. Human vanity is great and every one considers him deserving a special attention from the Hierarchy of Light, mostly quite unfounded. Small is the number of those who understand and accept the great self-sacrificing ~~path~~ path of service to the humanity. If it would be otherwise, ~~the~~ the world would not be plunged into that chaos, which we witness now all over the planet.

You are right in your indignation at the reigning hypocrisy, when from one side ~~pacifism~~ pacifism is proclaimed, even up to ^{the most} disintegrating concept of nonresistance to evil and on the other ^{side} those who have promised ^{their} protectorate to small nations, at the same time sell ammunition to the enemy of ~~the~~ the same countries.

Many examples of such hypocrisy may be witnessed, but those who are guilty do not want to see what horrible disorganization they cause by their actions in the minds of the masses which they are supposed to guide. Truly the times are threatening and clouds are gathering in

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the South of Europe. The scroll of karma of many nations is being completed. One cannot with impunity go against the foundations of existence. And not so dangerous is the revolt against old out-grown conceptions, ^{at} the base of such a revolt may ^{be} a healthy self-protection against dissolution, as a blasphemous hypocritical attitude towards the most sacred. If man has lost the sense of human dignity, then what can be expected ~~be~~ except involution into bestial condition? Therefore let those courageous in the heart attentively read everything said in the Books of the Teachings about the present times and let them understand what ^{actual} ~~active~~ heroism is expected at present by the Great Teachers of Light from those who in full devotion entered the path of Service. Let people oftener

remember the scientific utterances from the Revelation: ^{thru art curse-} ~~Because you are neither~~
~~warm and neither cold, nor hot I will spue thee out of my mouth~~
 neither cold nor ^{hot}

~~Everything~~ ^{is} ~~Nothing~~ of half-measures and waverings ~~can be applied and therefore~~
~~it is finally~~ ^{destined} to destruction. Instances of such half measures in life are numerous. Therefore react wisely towards all such ^{destructive} manifestations. It will be good if you succeed in forming a nucleus of at ~~the~~ least two or three fully devoted hearts. Such a nucleus can prove to be a powerful bulwark in your undertaking. With a wise application in life of the foundations of Living Ethics, with cooperation of the nearest coworkers one can create wonders.

Also remember that the personal example is the most convincing. The symbol of the Leader was always the Heart. Only with the heart can one penetrate into all actions and motives, into the entire being, manifesting discrimination. There is nothing that could replace the creative fire of the heart. Such a ~~the~~ leadership is expected from you. Therefore let your heart ~~appx~~ be imbued with courage and striving to apply all your efforts in order to withstand ^{the} ~~with~~ ^{attacks} attack of the dark ones. Such onslaughts are inevitable. Life is a struggle. The wings of courage and the trust in the Guiding Hand will carry you over all obstacles. Courage is preordained by all Teachings of Light. Without courage nothing is possible, nothing is attainable.

Many will ask you, under what conditions is it easiest for the Great Teachers to help. ~~Of course~~ ^{And with} in actions! The Great Teachers say to those who ask for help: "act, under such a condition it is the ^a easiest for Us to help you". Even not a very successful action is better than inaction. The Great Teachers may apply their energy ^{only} precisely to the energy which has been ~~manifested~~ ^{look for} displayed by us. When They intend to apply Their energy they weigh where it is ^{it} more useful to apply ^{it}. The man who was unexpectedly awakened from sleep, may commit the most ~~unreasonable~~ senseless actions. Therefore one should not unexpectedly arouse sleepers. But when man is in ^{on a constant vigil} conscious awakenedness, the Great Teacher can help him. Thus, when you shall be asked, what to do - reply: "Act!" ~~And in such a moment~~ the Great Help will not tarry", although perhaps not quite in the same form in which you expect it. ^{The development} "One needs development, one ^{is needed} needs refinement of the psychic energy, otherwise the veils of maya will completely close all accesses. ^{all past beliefs} At present ^{the} all energies of nature are ^{strengthened} intensified ^{to the utmost}. He who runs away will be thrown down, but he who resists will find new strength. We help the bold ones". This act, introducing the widest cooperation and do not be disheartened by the small number of true warriors. ^{Quantity never and} was ^{no} where the guarantee of success.

^{we} I would like to know of whom your group consists now. I had returned to you their photographs asking you to mark on the back at least ^{their} the initials but have not yet received them back. Also let me know the programme for the coming season. Who keeps the records of ~~the~~ activities of your Center? Every recoding is most essential.

Dearest Chaika, Let us work only for the sake of the love to this work and let us not expect immediate results of our activities. We must sow good seeds and it is not for us to judge when and where they will sprout. ~~A~~ Our full harvest is in the future, and will it not be richer due to postponed results? The joy which accompanies our labour is a special wisdom. And when we contact the Fiery World, our heart is ~~afire~~ ^{on unrepeatable} atremour with ~~inex-~~

aplicable joy. Therefore I call you once more to courage, actions and striving to the future. When darkness will be especially dense, then ^{also} will shine ^{an} ~~entirely~~ especially brilliant light. Whosoever has/given his heart to the Hierarchy of Light - he has nothing to fear. From the most difficult situation ~~is~~ a way out will be found.

I am happy that my little god-daughter gives you such joy. Let her grow in the atmosphere ~~and~~ ^{of} love and wise attitude to life. Let her from ~~childhood~~ ^{the very first days} learn discipline and perseverance in her studies. Develop in her the ability of observation, ~~and~~ ^{but} the main thing ~~that~~ ^{that} she should learn how to share what she loves most with those who surround her. ^{Cooperation should be substituted from the earliest childhood}

I have received your last letter and ^{feel} see in it a note of your usual cheerfulness and this gave me great joy. Continue in the same way and ~~remember~~ ^{remember} in the hour of sadness, that joy is close. Always at every minutes of your life ~~remember~~ ^{know real life firmly} that faithfulness of heart will never be left in need. Difficult moments and suffering are unavoidable, but they give the foundation for the highest achievements. "Man passes through sorrow and joy and only in this twofold flame consciousness is being built." We too experience many difficulties but in the last moment when all our efforts are strained to the utmost, the Guiding Hand sends ^{its} help. Always remember the law that our energy can be transmuted ^{to higher state} only at its limit of tension. You know about the treason and the destruction that takes place in New York, but despite everything an unbreakable faith in the final victory lives in our hearts. Victory shall come, but ~~perhaps~~ ^{any} as always in unexpected way. Events are speeding and ~~will~~ ^{will shape} much shall be formed differently than the wiseacres expect it. ~~There shall be no more~~ ~~anonym~~ I have replied to two letters from your friends the archbishop.. Have sent him as a present the books of Professor Roerich and the "Dex ~~Principium~~" "The Principles" by Origen. I regret that you have forgotten ~~ten~~ Russian. Of twelve Books of the Teaching ~~of~~ ^{only} four have appeared in English. Which should prove to you, how hypocritical were the strivings of the Horches to the

Teachings. At present thanks to ~~the~~ the help of Mr. Gartner, an American who within the shortest ~~space~~ time has studied Russian, all books of the Teaching have already been translated into English. It remains but to check them. "Aum" has already been sent to America for final correction by Miss Grant. As soon as means shall be collected, this Book will be published. In Russian a new Book "The Brotherhood" is already in print.

~~Thus~~ My dear Chaika ~~Andreevna~~, remember that the Shield of the Hierarchy of Light is over all faithful hearts and therefore do not worry too much. Keep up your courage and ^{cultivate} ~~develop~~ within yourself ~~the~~ the wise joy. My ~~my~~ heartiest thoughts and wishes are always with you and your near ones.

In Spirit and Heart with you

Postcard CHAIKA air

Dearest Chaika, News ^{that you are} ~~about~~ you have regained your health has gladdened us.
 Dearest Chaika, We rejoiced to hear your news that you are regaining health. and we congratulate you with the birth of your new little son. May he be as nice as my little goddaughter is.

Let us hope that new regulations for foreign correspondence will be soon established and that we can send again long letters and manuscripts. At present I cannot fulfill you request to send you the copy of "Fiery World" because printed matter has been returned from Bombay. You may be interested to hear about Svetoslav's proposed exhibition in Phila. in The Art Alliance. No doubt the Center will take this event to heart. I was very pleased to receive the programme of your cultural activity indeed you are doing excellent work. Let us hope that the terrible events will not affect too much your cultural center. ^{both are} We are sending you best and to the Center.

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In spirit with you

Dear Mr. [Name], I am glad to hear that you have resigned your position and are planning to return to your home in [Location]. We are very glad to hear that you are returning home and we congratulate you on the birth of your little son. It will be as nice as my little daughter is.

Let us hope that new regulations for foreign correspondence will be soon established and that we can send again long letters and news-articles. At present I cannot tell you the exact date to send for the copy of "Thirty Years" because printed matter has been returned from Bombay. You may be interested to hear about

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