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January 2, 1935.

Dudley Fosdick, Esq
New-York.

Dear Mr. Fosdick,

The Institute has just received from New-York your kind gift and I wish to thank you for this generous donation and for your constant interest in the development of our activities.

At the moment, when the world passes through such a terrible crisis, your support is most valuable and I write to express how heartily we appreciate your cooperation.

Many thanks also for your beautiful holiday greetings, which have just reached me and which have touched me greatly.

Yours sincerely,

Signed H. ROERICH

"Ursvah",
Naggar P.O., Kulu, Punjab,
Brit. India.

Aug. 3, 1935.

Dear Mr. Fosdick,

I have just received your beautiful and touching letter. I am deeply moved by it and shall be glad to read your work when it comes. My heart responds to your and your family's aspirations. I hope that in the near future I may be permitted to send you a Token, that will bring you all and your brother great joy.

I understand that M-rs Lichtmann has transmitted to you my request to forward to her some letters occasionally through your kind assistance. I avail myself ~~myself~~ of this opportunity to send you enclosed a letter for kind transmission to her.

In Spirit with you ,

A. Ronil

"Urusvati"
Naggar, Kulu, Punjab, Br. India

Sept. 17, 1935.

D. P. ...
My dear friend,

Your letter of Aug. 27th just received and I was very glad to read your thoughts expressed therein. Precisely the entire joy of a pilgrim upon the spiritual path is contained in the expansion of consciousness and in the possibility to participate in an ever growing measure in the life which binds the visible world with the invisible one.

Without the knowledge of the difficulties and of all black sides of life, we cannot appreciate its bright sides and therefore the tempering and the nurturing of our spirit cannot take place. The righteous indignation at the dark sides of life, kindles in us the fire of striving towards the transmutation of chaos into harmony, or darkness into light. Yes, all carriers of Light have a difficult path, therefore only those strong in spirit can take upon themselves the great but beautiful burden. Obstacles arise on our path as we proceed. Sometimes they appear to be unconquerable, but this only seems so. The disciples know that he must not be afraid at any monsters or abysses which open up before ^{him} them. For, if a full devotion ~~and~~ precise and wise fulfillment of the Commands is manifested, then the Highest Help will be given, but It will come always at the latest hour, when all our abilities, all our efforts have reached ^{maximum of} their ~~highest~~ tension, and the entire resourcefulness in their application has been manifested. Because only in the greatest tension our energies can be transmitted into higher fires and this transfiguration is the goal of our existence. Therefore let us rejoice at difficulties, for on what else shall we probe our strength and forge the glave of our spirit? Without this tempering we cannot become co-workers of the Great White Brotherhood.

The path of discipleship is difficult, but for the strong in spirit it is enhanced with the rainbow of higher joy. Those who have experienced

this, will not exchange it for any worldly treasures. But for this one must possess the noblest and rarest quality of loyalty. Precisely this quality is the best proof of previous spiritual accumulations, therefore it is met with so seldom. The majority approaches the Teaching with the object to alleviate their burden and expecting reward. There are but few who strive to true knowledge and bring their own abilities and strength for the construction of the general good. Therefore I do so value your selfless service and loyalty. But I must ask you, or rather I must forbid you to continue to give from your hard-earned means to the Institutions. Believe me, I am deeply touched by your selflessness, but I must forbid you to deprive yourself of the most necessary. When your earnings shall increase, you may then allot a part to the Work of the Lord but at present it should not be done. Therefore, with a heart filled with deep appreciation for your generous thoughts and action, I request you to fulfill this my indication.

Also I think that you fully realize the exclusiveness of the present times, times of greatest battle between Light and darkness. Verily the world goes through the stages, which had marked all decisive moments in the history of humanity. The stages of destruction precede construction. Creativeness, being in tension, calls forth to life all energies. Our present epoch will inevitably evince the potentiality of all Forces, because this epoch is a determining one and the turn in the history is at hand. The condition of the planet is not an accidental one, and each tension testifies about that torrent which encompasses all spheres. If the battle is merciless, then also the victory shall be decisive. Since all forces and spheres participate in this cosmic battle. On the path to the fiery world one must accept the sword of Light for the construction of the New Epoch.

Therefore at present are so intensified all attacks of darkness, all crimes, all slanderous and other destructive actions, and they even penetrate into the very heart of the stronghold of Light. But let us not be blind to the fact, that the signs of Light also increase. He Himself, the Greatest among the Greatest, incessantly gives His Teaching and leads those who have given themselves up to Him, along the Path of Light towards the Joy preordained.

In joy of spirit I send enclosed the sacred gift of the Great Image. Carry It upon your heart and valiantly temper your spirit upon the difficulties arising upon the Path of the carriers of Light.

Thus I greet you once more upon your chosen path of loyalty and service. The web of love and loyalty is the most powerful and sacred !

In faith with you
J R

I am happy at your close cooperation and devotion to Mrs Sina Lichtmann, to whose heart your spiritual growth is so dear .

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Khandala

India

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Dearest Dudley,

Today is a great day — we got a telephone call from Bratislava — The Ruzicki Pact has been endorsed by the Government of India. This news will be released in three, four days time. We shall cable you when to give out this news to American Press.

Thus my ardent wish that our beloved India should place herself under the shield of the Gr. Ones, has been fulfilled. India has chosen the right path and help will be granted to her.

You, who have been chosen by the gr. J. to be the President of the Committee of the Banner of Peace in America. You will rejoice at this grand news. But, dear Dudley you must also realize that you cannot abandon your post without His consent. When time comes and you are called to a new Country, to a new and wider activity you will transfer your office to a new candidate — may be Gene? But until then you must keep the entrusted post.

Now about the incorporation. Having no idea about the obligations that it entails for the incorporators I would like you and Tina to decide the desirable number of them.

Do not worry about Pegler's slanders. The tactic Adolph has often been applied by the gov. boys in order to bring the things to absurdity, and always with unmeted success. You are right the anticultural assault is backed by the dark forces and their most fervent colleagues - the Cath. World. Banner of Peace, Peace through Culture are death blows to them.

Yes, I know, Gene has been and still is going through a severe trial. Not nearly every serious aspirant had to face this most difficult struggle with oneself. But in this battle no one can help him. Only he-himself can choose which path to take. Everything has been given to him; everything is open to him. He-himself can take it. I am sending him my best thoughts may they encourage him and give him a new stimulus to rise to become a spiritual beacon to many seekers after truth. You say "he does not know his present relations to you and Prof. R..." But our relations, relations of dear friends, close co-workers on the same path, under the same Teacher, have not so far been impaired. He is assailed on his path with doubts but the

he will overcome them and until then let us not overburden him with admonitions.

You ask, dear Dudley; "How would one who is out of communication with his guru be sure he is still on the Path? How will ^{one} then know if he is progressing or falling? If one is in danger in that respect, how is he to know it, and how to meet it?" - But what about the books of teaching, are they not our best guides and guides? And what about the small voice or intuition? It must be given a chance to be heard. How else will it strengthen and develop? -

Dearest Dudley no one is out of communication with his guru if he really cares for it as for his most cherished treasure. There are no limits to spiritual attainments, but they require a special attitude of ^{our} mind and heart, an ever increasing vigilance, alertness, discipline and above all - patience, the inexhaustible patience of course sometimes the conditions of our organism or Karma prevent many manifestations. In care of us the gr. Teacher must often be silent, but his ever watchful eye is on us and many obstacles and dangers are removed from our path. An open eye and ear know how to discern these signs of love and protection.

Dearest Dudley - direct communication with our beloved Passimka is difficult as he is on the higher spheres and cannot be attracted to our plane

Only those who have not out lived their magnetic attraction to the Earth can communicate with their dear ones left behind.

But let my heart speak to your heart, let the magnetic link between mother and son which is going back into the centuries become again aglow with fire of ~~devotion~~ love and devotion. Let us continue our noble work entrusted by the gr. Ones. Let the spirit of joy and confidence in your efforts be ever present in your heart —

The great heart binds us all with
this love. —

with all love

A. Powell