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Dear Mrs de Foeirich -

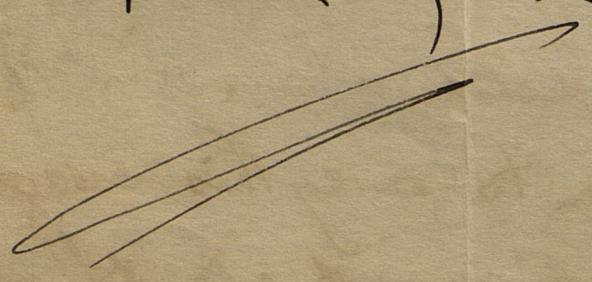
Even those who see the Individual in terms of Humanity as "Time" under the aspect of Eternity" will be willing to mark the birthdate of such an Individual as Nicholas de Foeirich. The Cosmos must have marked the day of his most recent advent with Light and Flame - which he, in turn, has translated into radiant blessing to his fellows, these 60 years and more! Mrs. Fleischer and I hail him on this day - in the spirit that annihilates space. And, naturally, you - his Soul's mate - are included in the greetings. And Esther - Star of Women of Light - is of course a part of ^{our} thought. How we wish that the time may come that will bring us physically into your presence - here or in India! Meanwhile, we shall thank you to convey this message to him whose exact address at the moment we do not know.

It was a privilege to see him so relatively often during his recent visit - & even to welcome him to our home. He knows where "he" hangs - both in the reproduction of your son's inspired portrait of him & above that, represented by one of his own inspiring paintings of the high Himalayas. And in a cabinet shrine behind a wall which, I am sure, does not separate them, is the Master M! I wish that we might have a portrait of you also. Can that be - as soon?

This being my first direct word to you, I shall restrain myself and be brief. But I shall not promise to be so self-controlled in answer to your direct response to me. This time only a cordial & reverent greeting to you all - on behalf of Mrs. Feischer and

Yours sincerely,
Charles Feischer

To
2 Mrs. Helena de Roenich





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Dear Mrs Roenich -

Evidently, you answered rather promptly my birthday greeting (to Professor Roenich - for your letter came in time for my own birthday, which falls on this date. Before this anniversary merges into Christmas Eve, I want at least to begin this response to yours. All of which is an expression of sheer sentiment - of which I am sure that you approve! At a time when age-old systems are crashing about our heads, the issues of the heart reveal their per-
manence. More than ever, Love - in all its long amplitude from mere goodwill to incandescent passion and spiritual ecstasy - stands out clearly as one of the supreme achievements of our slowly evolving humanity.

And so I am frankly - perhaps naively - pleased that your friendly reply bridges, perfectly, your dear Husband's birthday and mine. Having expressed this child-like satisfaction (far past midnight), I plan to postpone further one-sided "conversation" with you until the morrow.

Dec. 25

Christmas Day allows me to add a word in the spirit of the day - a spirit so precious to you, who are moved - like the Masters - to work always, in the sacrificial joy that is the essence of your life. My imagination goes out to you, this day - up there on the heights, whence you see this human world so inclusively! How readily - from such a height - most of our fancied utilities translate themselves into futilities! But - on our lower levels - the complex inter-relationships of our social system make it exceedingly difficult, for most of us, to extricate Our Selves - as to be - as to keep - aware of permanent values - even to know "what it is all about", what is the meaning of the purpose of mundane existence. All of which is matter of course to you - but I wonder if (in your blessed aloofness) you realize how next-to-impossible it is, for even the most privileged of us, to see the Forest in the face of all the trees!

Your great Heart beats so naturally in sympathy with humanity - as a unity, that you will immediately understand my plea for the two billions of Individuals - each of them infinitely precious to themselves, infinitely precious to the Cosmos - who



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need to be reached with some compelling formulations -
simple elements of a livable philosophy of life -
that will make real (at least to all who are willing
to think, to feel, to aspire) their dim sense of a
personal relationships to that which is infinite & E-
ternal.

- - - You see, I happen to believe in a demo-
cratic aristocracy - which "suspects" each humblest
being of the potentialities of the best & highest &
most developed. And, as a corollary thereto, that
the aristocrat - the evolved - owes it to himself,
to all, and to The One of All, to translate his own
Achievement of Aspiration into the simple, intelligible,
compelling terms which will win the mass of us to
self-awareness, self-recognition, and to ^{the} conscious,
willing participation of these two billions in all that
shall bring - & keep - the Race on the path of progress.

- - - Yes, I know the importance of the principle
of Hierarchy - & how necessary is the gradual & suc.

cessive self-left of the Individual to higher & higher levels
of recognition & appreciation. But — as an idealistic &
a practical matter of fact — it needs the highest order of
spiritual attainment to put ultimate truth so simply that
it serves as a common denominator to all grades of en-
lightenment, & registers the permanent gain of
humanity. The most obvious illustration of my
meaning is the divine-human doctrine: "Thou shalt
love thy neighbor as thyself" — profound enough in mean-
ing, simple enough in expression to run the whole human family.

Well, now, I have thought aloud before
you long enough to tax your patience! So I shall only
add (on behalf of Mrs. Steiner & myself) a loving greeting
to you & Professor de Penick & to your Sons & to the dear
"Sis" near you — & to assure you of my eager readi-
ness to co-operate with you, in every way — within my
power & according to your wish — to advance all human
interests.

And do please bless me with further
personal messages — & I shall promise to make each
such occasion a new birthdate for me, in addition to my
own Dec. 23rd.

With love —

Charles Steiner