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Revered Madame Pouch

I have for long wished  
to write to you and as I am not certain  
of your address I am writing, through Mrs  
Lutke.

I remember always  
your great kindness to me when I stayed  
at Hagger and dare hope that you may  
again spare me some of your precious  
time.

Man knows throughout  
the Books of the Sacred Teaching it is said  
that the one aspiring towards usefulness  
and entry into the Teaching should seek  
a Teacher upon Earth to guide him.

Man must know some-



thing of my deep reverence and honour<sup>d</sup>  
for Professor Rodich. I want to tell you  
how in my deepest heart how I wanted for years  
to aspire to become a humble pupil of His.  
I cannot express how in my best-moments  
I felt the most sacred reverence and love  
towards Him and His glorious works. If only  
O God, I had had the strength and courage  
to absorb and pursue that holy love I  
should have been a more useful person  
years ago. Alas, how again & again  
I have risen on weak wings and flutter  
again and again to earth what patience  
must the Holy One have with such a sinner.

Since the first Book of Agni Yoga  
first came to me I have felt in the  
depths of the heart their sacred significance.  
The same with the writings of Professor Rodich  
& Yourself. When I think of all the chances  
I have had of drawing nearer I am



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appalled by my waste of time & opportunity.  
How often in the old days have I dared to  
think of meeting Him face to face and  
falling on my knees in awe. Even now  
while I think of it the old feelings come  
upon me. If only I had had the courage!

Beloved Mother of Agni Yaga tell me  
may I yet hope if I try harder and  
harder. The Book of Agni Yaga say —  
"One should seek a Teacher upon Earth"

Tell me should I still dare to aspire  
to Him (Professor Rousick) or has He passed  
on from me forever. Does the Teaching  
mean that our Teacher should be on earth  
in the body. When the Guru passes on to  
labour in the higher worlds does it mean  
that we should seek another who is yet on  
earth? Please answer me these questions  
and may I bite dust to You?



Forgive me if I do sound in writing  
in this way. This all comes from my best-  
self, in sincerity, and I fear that I may  
always go on hesitating

I do desire to be of some use in  
the world and I know for absolute cer-  
tainty I can only be that if I strain  
my courage and approach in all ways  
the Blessed Hierarchy

Accept my striving. May I  
never fall back

Robert Hornum

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Beloved & revered Mother of Agni Yoga.

I am very happy and fortunate to have Vally Dutko in London she is already proving to be a good friend and supporter in all good things.

Beloved Mother, I know that you are far to busy ~~as~~ on great significant things to be able to spend much time upon me. I wrote to you some months ago but did not really expect a reply. I am so often aware how really feeble is the flame of holy desire in me yet always I wish it to be stronger.

Always, every time I deviate in any measure from the instructions of the Holy Teaching even if it be only in a few stray thoughts I know that I lose spiritual health and stamina. I often wish I had greater power of concentration in order to fix mind more steadfastly



upon You & the beloved Master, Professor  
Rozich. As I told you in my last letter  
I find in Him, His writings, His poems, His  
paintings a richness, glory & fragrance  
that is more productive of sacred joy than  
anything else I have ever contacted. It is  
truly the dearest belief of my heart to  
become more like Him, to approach His glory  
and power of character. Would you advise  
beloved Mother, that in my periods of  
attempted meditation that I constantly concentrate  
upon Him, I have frequently done this in the  
past. & when I have done it at all success-  
fully I have been uplifted as by nothing else.

Agni Yoga says "Seek a Teacher upon Earth".  
Please tell me is it right to continue to strive  
towards Professor Rozich, now that he has passed  
from this world?

When I was at Naggar you told me to  
look on the Banner of Peace. Please tell  
me, do you think I should still try to  
work along this line? If I may say so  
I think there is very little chance of success  
in England just now regarding such a  
project. Minds that think of Peace seem al-  
most exclusively to think in terms of



political action. I have spoken to Mrs Dutka<sup>(31)</sup> about this and she agrees with me. Nevertheless if you still think something should be attempted I will try once more.

One thing more I thought I would try to write a paper on Prof. Rorich and submit it to the B. B. C. Third Programme. This may stand a fair chance of success. I thought to submit in time for the anniversary of Prof. Rorich's passing. Do you think it would also be a good thing if I gave a lecture on these lines to the Theosophical Society? Do you think there would be value in joining this Society in order to try to work through them.

I understand Vally Dutka has told you about the novel Mountain Rock which she says was written by an American writer by a fellow in Hungary. I am reading the U.S. and have submitted it to the Mrs. Severis, the Head of the T. S. Publishing House in London. I have yet to have his verdict upon it. You know I believe in the Preface that Shambhala is mentioned. I must confess that I have read



So far has not impressed me. I cannot  
of course judge the authenticity of subject  
matter in the tale dealing with initiation  
in ancient Tibet. It may be that the  
indifferent English, or a certain monotony  
& flatness in the narrative is to blame,  
also it may well be that having the  
beautiful contemporary teaching of Bhambhala  
in the Books of Agni Yoga, such writings  
as Mountain Road have little appeal.

Mrs Dutka said that you approved of  
her work upon this M. S. I wish it were  
possible for you to glance through the  
manuscript. You preliminarily would  
know whether it is authentic or not.

Beloved Mother, I must not  
burden you with too long a letter. I  
want very much to ask you if I may  
write to you about my wife and  
of course about myself.

Yours very sincerely and humbly  
Robert H. Hummer

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