

36, Surendra Nath Banerjee Road,
Calcutta - 14 1

Nov. 11, 1953

Dear Dr. Roerich,

You may recall that sometime last summer you were good enough to recommend the name of one Mr. Lobsang Phuntsho for the post of Tibetan Lecturer in the School of Foreign Languages, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi.

We have since decided to interview a few candidates here at Calcutta on Wednesday, the 18th Nov. 1953. The candidates called for interview will be entitled to travelling allowance & single Inter class fare by rail each way. If your nominee is still interested in the job and is prepared to take his chance along with this in the interview, I would request you to be so good as to instruct him to see me on the morning of Wednesday, the 18th Nov. 1953 at 36, Surendra Nath Banerjee Road (off Wellesley Street) in Central Calcutta.

The Govt. of West Bengal, through their Deputy Commissioner of Barjeeling may also communicate with you on the same subject.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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The Asiatic Society

1. PARK STREET, CALCUTTA 16

21st March, 1957.

Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith a copy of the letter received from Dr. Charlotte A. van Manen, which will speak for itself.

I shall remain thankful if you send me your observations on the points raised by Dr. Van Manen.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. Banerjee.

General Secretary.

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Hotel Windsor,
Lauranne,
Switzerland.

Oct. 6, 1956.

To

The General Secretary,
Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal,
6, Temple Chambers,
Calcutta (INDIA).

Dear Sir,

May I venture to ask for your kind consideration in the following matter.

I have been much interested in the questions - did Jesus live after his crucifixion - did he escape and did he establish himself at Shrinagar where his alleged burying place is protected by a building, a tomb - up to this day.

This question has exhaustively been treated in a book by :

Al - Hay - Khiraja Nasir Ahmed called : Jesus in Heaven on Earth published in England (working) and by Azeez Manzil - Brandreth Road - Lahore.

He is alleged to have preached there many years, and that a number of his sayings have passed into the common language of the Pakistani or Kashmiri.

My first question is this : do you have or do you know of any publications in a modern language, English, French, German, where those sayings are to be found ? Are they to be found in any Asiatic language ?

My second question is this one. In Tibet it seems commonly known, that Jesus passed there seven years of instructions between his 20 or 30 years travelling from one monastery to the other: There is a book from a certain Nicholas Notoritch: The life of Lt. Tssa - (1890) published in New York (R.T. Penoo & Co.) but which book is nowhere to be had. This book from a Thibetan translation, seems to treat this question, but not scholarly enough.

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Could you indicate to me any account of these years of instructions of Jesus in Thibet, if not in English, French or German, then in the Asiatic language in which it might be written down ?

This is my second question.

The third question is this :

Thibetan scholars say that many instructions of Jesus in the Gospels were to be found earlier in Thibet, that viz the Lords prayer is of Thibetan origin, as all several others important teachings of Jesus. Is this true ?

I was put on the track of these highly interesting facts by only one half page in the book of an American Explorer in Thibet.

"The Marching Wind" page 324, by Leonard Clark published 1954 by Trunk and Wagnalls Company at New York.

I hope you can find in your rich Library some publications on this matter.

¶ something trustworthy or important may be found in Asiatic language, then our scholars in Leiden (Holand) could surely translate it.

The difficulty is of course to find any written down testimony of these extremely important, interesting but contro-versial questions.

I think that enlightenment on this matter might improve in a considerable degree the understanding and the mutual approach East and West: a matter of the greatest importance to the world.

I have all hope that with your valuable co-operation we might find something of value.

Your correspondent is a dutch doctor of political sciences the sister of the now past away ex. General Secretary of the R. Asiatic Society of Bengal, Johan van Manen.

I will, per No. 1 begin my stay of six months in Holland C/o Mrs. J. Blok-Rinke - Wassenaarsche Weg 2. The Hague.

Hoping not to ask too much, and thanking you in advance for your valuable assistance.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours truly,

Charlotte A. van Manen.