

NAGGAR, Kulu  
Punjab, Br. India.

Dec. 31st, 1931.

The Reverend Dr. Norwood,  
New-York.

My precious Friend,

Your participation in the celebration of the Decade of our Institutions and on Peace Banner Day, December 27th, filled me with deepest joy.

We know well that during the present days, when all dark forces are so actively attacking, all the forces of Light must be heartily united. You have done so much in the field of spiritual enlightenment, you are such an experienced warrior of Light, that one can always rest reassured that where you are, the cause of Light is well defended.

We know well that at present is the time of special spiritual upheaval. Forces of darkness, forces of ignorance make use of every opportunity to harm and obstruct the Path towards the Great Future. If the positive forces will not keep well together now so many already predestined possibilities can be injured. Of course the Predestined will come. But what unnecessary, painful wounds are caused everywhere where sufficient watchfulness was omitted.

There are many so-called friends, who disappear at the necessary moment. But spiritual commandments unite the hearts of real friends and fill them with unlimited enthusiasm, which you know so well.

I do not know when we shall meet again. But I feel your Spirit so closely, that it seems to me as if there were no distance between us.

Just at the moment when you participated in our celebrations, Mrs Roerich heard the Blessed Voice, pronouncing twice: "Norwood, Norwood" - a real Blessing was in this sacred affirmation. I know how deeply you will understand the significance of this Bliss. We felt at once that you had become still closer to us and we rejoiced at this so highly confirmed spiritual communion.

65

-2-

I am sending you enclosed a fragment of my latest painting MADONNA ORIFLAMMA. Perhaps it will be benedicted in your beautiful St. Bartholomew's Church.

May the New-Year be beneficial in all your deeds. I close the old Year with this letter to you and I consider this the best sign. We both not only believe in, but we know the Great Ones, the Saintly Defenders. United by Their Great Names, we can in highest joy affirm our spiritual communion.

In the Name of the Holy Spirit, with you