

March * 14 * 1933

The Honorable Mr. Henry Wallace,
Secretary of Agriculture
Dept of Agriculture
Washington, D.C., USA.

Dear Mr. Wallace,

It was a real joy for me to hear that you have accepted the Secretaryship of Agriculture. Thus this highly responsible post is now in creative and ever-successful hands and one must congratulate the States to have such leaders. I underline the significance of agriculture, because the salvation of a country finally comes not from the cities but from the Great Mother Earth. Sooner or later humanity will have to realize that the enormous giant cities only are furnaces for calamities and disasters. People glancing over the whole history of mankind will once more understand that only in nature, in earnest labour a strong spiritual mind is forged. I will not dwell longer on these axioms, because you, better than anyone else, feel their vital meaning.

I also consider it an enormous asset of a Government, when it has as participants such leaders like yourself, who fully realize the significance of spirituality as the moving factor of life. I also feel that our President Roosevelt is one of the greatest intuitivists and this high path is the only one now that can lead to glorious achievements and can give the States that real welfare which is based on eternal values. I know that High Guidance which directs you towards the Good and Bliss, towards that noble universal Culture, through which the salvaging of civilization can take place. There are many feelings of my innermost heart which I cannot entrust to the far-distant mail, but I know that the time is not far, when I shall meet you again personally with some good messages. During the present Armageddon when all dark forces are ravaging to destroy everything positive

and constructive, all cultural forces of the world should be heartily united in confidence, in patience and in sincerest cordiality and co-operation. Before my very eyes are the snow-peaked Himalayas, the cradle of humanity, the land of Shambhala and I deeply regret that I cannot whisper to you at this moment some Call of the Future! During your incessant labour do not forget valerian tea and musk. These lifegivers of true yogi medicine are wonderful, when taken regularly.

From Miss Grant's enthusiastic letter I have heard of your sympathy towards our Banner of Peace. Be blessed for supporting this symbol so needed now for humanity! My heartiest greetings and best wishes for a continuous success in all your noble tasks and endeavours!

Most cordially,

P.S. I am sending you shortly the new Issue of our Institute's JOURNAL (expected from the printers very soon) as well as some reprints of articles from the Indian Press, which will be of interest to you.

July * 12 * 1933

The Hon. Henry A. Wallace,
Secretary of Agriculture.
Washington.

Dear Mr. Wallace,

Your letter of June 17th profoundly moved me. In your words I feel your responsive spirit, resounding to everything that leads humanity to true progress. Verily it is precious when people meet in heartfelt co-operation, knowing that the endeavors are undeferrably needed on the path of Great Culture. Indeed you correctly point out that the nations are at present in an unprecedented turmoil and instead of mutual help, often try but to cause obstacles to each other. And precisely this circumstance imperatively calls all positive elements to unite their forces in blissful labour, mutual respect and in understanding of true co-operation.

I cannot adequately express how precious it is for me to see that you feel so deeply the purpose of my Pact and Banner of Peace. Truly, if humanity has the Red Cross for physical health, then how much more is required a Sign of Culture, as a symbol of Spiritual Health.

Fortunately our proposal can raise no international complications. Every country more or less takes care of its true spiritual treasures - the achievements in the field of Art and Science. Therefore such a Sign - Protector, similar to the flag of the Red Cross, cannot call forth opposition in any cultural mind.

And if even not all countries immediately unfurl the Banner, then at

least some countries, which especially guard their treasures, could already start with this best example.

I know in my heart that you are a real friend of our movement and I also know that President Roosevelt, whom I esteem highly, is open in his heart to everything positive, constructive and beautiful. I also know that he will feel how undeferrably the mutual protection of world treasures is needed. Not only in time of war, but every day we hear of acts of vandalism in various parts of the world, which often have cause in the insufficient realization of the importance and uniqueness of these objects of highest creativeness. The Banner-Protector as a veritable spectacular symbol will remind once more old and young of the nearest duty of every citizen to venerate and protect the real values, which should be regarded as the pride of one's country. Needless to say, every good unifying symbol evokes the best humanitarian feelings and in our days of terrible disunity nothing can cement better a most precious constructive friendship. If "The Evolution of the New Era rests on the cornerstones of Knowledge and Beauty", then friendliness and respect for creativeness will make the best strings of the heart resound.

As never before the dark forces are trying to destroy all new positive endeavors, and therefore we shall never forget the fundamental ordainment of invincible patience and perseverance.

There is much more to convey to you, but I have to leave this until our personal meeting.

In self-sacrificing love He sends you His Blessings on your glorious path of incessant labor and creative goodwill. Mighty Thoughts and Rays from the snow-peaked Himalayas!

In Spirit with you

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HAW
Sancta Protectrix
~~Madonna of the Flame~~

Aug. 2nd, 1933

Our dear trusted Friend,

From heart to heart I write you. I have read yours of July 2nd and read it line by line and between the lines! I know that you will accept this Message as a vital and undeferrable Indication. HE HIMSELF directs me to convey to you: "LET AMERICA NOT ONLY SYMPATHIZE BUT LET HER ACCEPT THE BANNER AS USEFUL AND UNDEFERRABLE. SUCH A DECISION WILL BE THE ENTRY INTO THE FUTURE. ONE MAY ACCEPT THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE GLORIOUS FUTURE OF AMERICA AS THE MOST VITAL INDICATION".

Verily America stands before a great future. The sidereal language confirms the wise Indication for the welfare of the nations. Indeed there has been enough of destruction and negation. The dark forces have been triumphant long enough. And the positive elements must now unite in goodwill and co-operation.

To President R and his closest chosen co-workers is given the great and brilliant possibility, as true heroes and wise statesmen to bring glory to the country they lead. To unite their nation precisely with those, who in useful co-operation will work for mutual benefit. It is highly inspiring to perceive the beautiful epoch-making mile-stones, which are predestined. And it is always joyous to realize that these great Indications can be attained so easily and naturally.

Gradually you will prepare the leader's great heart for acceptance and urgent application in life of that path, which is given from the Heights, wherefrom come all best covenants of humanity.

In the present Indication, which I am happy to transmit to you, it is ordained that the Banner of Peace should not only be approved, but should be accepted by the Government as useful and undeferrable. This circumstance, as you see, will be the beginning of a victorious path. Every honest being will agree that if for physical health the Red Cross flag is beneficial, then the Banner of Peace is still more needed for the spiritual health of mankind. I deeply value the words of the First Lady of America, Mrs Roosevelt: "I think the ideals represented by the Roerich Pact can not help but appeal to all those who hope that the best in the past may be preserved to guide and serve future generations". Therefore let us not worry whether all governments will take part in the Pact immediately, for also the Red Cross took a very long time to be established. It is essential now that at least one country or a group of countries accepts this Banner undeferrably. In the States this Banner was originally unfurled. This will always remain a historical fact and the High Government of the United States will forever remain the initiator of the protection of cultural treasures of humanity.

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America has repeatedly raised its voice for peace, for freedom, for human dignity. Let these unforgettable historical accumulations become now enriched by the Banner of Peace, which guarding the treasures of the human spirit, will once more imperatively remind of the Peace of the whole World.

I would very much like to see you as Chairman of our Convention. I do not know whether this is possible for you in your capacity. But anyhow not only the Protector, but also the Chairman should be a leading citizen of the United States. Not repeating the lack of results of many other conferences, this November Washington Convention of the Banner of Peace, should not adjourn without a definite and practical resolution and we know that first of all you and then also President R himself will help to bring this humanitarian problem of greatest future significance to a practical conclusion.

Thus let us be firmly convinced that great America without any sophisticated criticism will raise one more Banner in the name of the most Beautiful - in the name of Supreme Knowledge, which leads to those Heights, to which your heart flamingly aspires.

Mme Roerich and I send you our heartiest greetings. Deep indeed will be the joy to bring the solemn great message to our esteemed President R and this will come at the pre-destined hour!

In the name of the glorious future,

in Spirit with you,

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Sep * 20 * 1933

The Hon. Mr. H.A. Wallace,
Washington D.C.

My dear Friend,

I have before me Miss F.R. Grant's cable with the joyous news that you have accepted the Protectorship of our Banner of Peace Convention at Washington. This news indeed makes me rejoice because we all wished this, but according to laws, did not insist, for in matter of Bliss, the decision of your own will is essential. Now I am certain that the Convention will proceed in an active rhythm and you will help that the Convention's resolution will be powerful and will reach directly our esteemed President FDR. We all know, the great value of the spirit of the President, we know how he strives towards the Good of his country and humanity at large and every good thought should always be brought by a good person. I am so happy foreseeing that just you, with your wholehearted enthusiasm will present the resolution of the Convention to the President and will tell him: "Great Leader, help humanity once more ! "

It would seem that every striving towards preservation of real treasures of humanity should call forth no opposition. But the history of the origin of the Red Cross Society - about the usefulness of which at present no longer anyone is in doubt - reminds us through what entanglements of ignorance, the noble group of heroes had to fight its way for the idea of help to humanity. And this struggle was not in times of mediaeval darkness, but comparatively in the near past, when people boasted loudly about civilization. We know that also now we shall have to meet again all the attacks of dark forces. The servitors of darkness cannot tolerate anything constructive, for they dwell on decay and destruction. It is deplorable to see that these malicious groups are often more organized and united than, alas, the followers of Light and Culture. But when we know that evil is so active, then shall we not find in us sufficient strength, dignity and co-operation to withstand the dark attacks!

I request you to note well all adherers to the Banner of Peace and to mark all opponents of this Symbol of Light and you will obtain two most striking lists. You will see that this division is not a casual one. You will see a most significant fact: the enemies of the Banner of Peace will turn out to be servitors of darkness. As their father, the sower of lies, so also they understunning appearances, will try to disseminate the already perturbed mankind. Thus we shall have before us a most significant division and we shall know

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that the enemies of the Banner of Peace will be the enemies of all humanitarian endeavours and will act as open or hidden destroyers of progress and welfare of the nations. In the case of the Red Cross one could see a similar division. They who scoffed at this noble idea, afterwards proved to be either criminals or ignoramuses. I recently had occasion to write to one of the hierarchs of the Church, about a current slander. The revered Head replied most convincingly: "if the Son of God did not escape human slander, then what are we to expect!" And so it is. But when we are striving towards the Good and Light with all our heart, all dark obstacles turn into possibilities.

There may be such cases when ignorant and irresponsible individuals will whisper that the Banner is not needed, because it had been long ago promoted. In their malicious attempts they will try to impose that already in 1907 at the Hague Conference our movement was already anticipated. But this is erroneous. No decision was made at the Hague; and now some people seem to be afraid that in America there may be affirmed one more pan-human salutary decision. These ill-wishers will never mention that our Pact in 1930 was unanimously approved by the Museum's Commission of the League of Nations; and that the World Court at the Hague in person of its President, M. Aclari (Protector of our Union Internationale pour le Pacte Roerich in Belgium) and in person of their Members: Loder, Altamira, Bustamente and such high authorities of international law as Baron de Taube, Prof. Le Fur, Prof. Lapradelle, highly approved precisely ~~the~~ our Pact with its symbol of the Banner of Peace. Thus let us rejoice that we have on our side prominent personalities, the names of which will forever remain in history.

Thus we speak about the human aspect of the Banner of Peace. But when we understand it in the glory of the Great Service, then our strength, conviction and invincibility will multiply infinitely. At present I cannot entrust to the mail what I have to tell you personally, for let us not betray the Highest and Most Precious through the uncertainty of long distance.

I am glad that I shall see you already after the success of the Convention, after your noble attainment for the ^{real} treasures of humanity. We are filled with good-will towards humanity, but one can reach this only by highest paths of the Great Service. Permit me to send you in the name of this highest conception, once more my heartiest greetings for our joint labors towards the Supreme Light. If in the interest of the work you consider it desirable to inform me urgently, I shall await this message from you, in order to affirm still closer this first foundation of the Future.

In Spirit with you,

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Oct * 11 * 1933

My dear F r i e n d ,

We have just received a cable from FRG, that after you saw our esteemed FDR he was of a high opinion of our movement and the Banner. I was always fully convinced of such an attitude on his part, for I know his noble and humanitarian outlook. I consider that by this there has been laid the real cornerstone of the success of our convention and of the glorious new path of the U.S. You no doubt feel how close are to my heart the interests of the U.S. and I first of all wish that the United States should be no less hospitable than Belgium. There in Bruges H.M. The King and the Prime Minister greeted our Conference and the Governor of Flandres and the Mayor of the City participated personally, not to mention that a governmental building was given for the purpose of the Conference. Of course I do not have in view the latter, but a kind word of encouragement and greeting would enable all foreign representatives to participate without fear that the Host himself may not be sympathetic. We all cherish the remembrance how the late President Coolidge greeted the inauguration of our Museum and now after the last mentioned cable, I am sure that the same expression of encouragement and cordiality will take place and that on behalf of the department will be found not only neutral, but affirmative formulae.

You will receive special numbers dedicated to the Washington Convention in this country and will see from them once more what enthusiastic expectations are thus expressed all over the world. And therefore I am so happy that the idea which was propounded on American soil, will be discussed in the capital of the U.S. and will remain the cultural asset of this country, so near to me. I am sending you all my best wishes and I know that your Protectorship means a victorious shield. I also know that the most vital and undeferrable formulae

be found.

We constantly send you our best thoughts.

In Spirit with you,

December 12, 1933.

My dear Friend,

Your enlightened speeches from the Convention are just at hand by air mail. I have read them and your letter of the 29th of October again line by line and between the lines in their full meaning. Verily this meaning was of triple significance both for the present and for the future.

Imagine the snow-peaked Himalayas surrounding us and we all read your speeches feeling your spirit so closely to us. I cannot thank you for all your heroic care and aid to cultural aims, because this is our joint duty for all ages and nations. Especially now during the days of the dark Armageddon, I so ardently admire all your affirmations, your examples which are so timely to the point and all your powerful warnings to humanity in case they should forget where lies the beginning of the only guiding Light.

You of course remember how in my last letter I wrote that in regard to the Banner you will see a most significant demarcation line between Light and darkness. You have noticed certain malicious spirits who were in full wrath against cultural ideas. You have also seen other pitiful spirits wavering, undecisive, who by their surprising actions unnecessarily burden their karma. Of course you understood the greatest significance that just the same day when the Bearers of Light affirmed the preservation of Culture of humanity and of all cathedrals of the spirit, at that very moment the dark forces conducted their harmful attacks. We have received the newspapers and it is most significant to see next to each other on the same page the culminating actions of the antipodes! This was indeed a historical date!

We heartily rejoiced seeing that you joined the Permanent Committee for furthering the adoption and hoisting of the Banner. Truly, this committee must forge the steel whilst it is hot. Many countries have expressed themselves for a direct adoption and as the resolution decided for the acceptance of the Banner by acclamation, thus it would be quite natural if some countries, and between them our friendly South-American Governments, will succeed in the immediate hoisting of the Banner. In our current Minutes we suggest that besides the national hoisting of the Banner, all sympathisers, as schools, museums and other cultural institutions and organizations, who adhere to the Banner and Pact, should immediately hoist and keep permanently unfurled the Banner in their premises. I can give an example how the Madanapalle College near Madras on the 17th of November in a solemn procession carried the Banner and then placed it permanently in their College Hall. Such examples, as also the precedent of Japan hoisting the Banner over the Tokyo Library & Museum, and many others, should be the beginning for a whole series of similarly friendly manifestations. Thus as resolved "by unilateral action through

proclamation of the executive", the lightbearers of the world shall proclaim their devotion to the ideal of preservation of culture, the necessity of what, as you know, is obvious daily. We shall not be surprized if just the present days shall be filled with dark attacks. Every manifestation of Bliss calls forth madness in the camps of the satanists. All sorts of tigers, black cats, wolves and monkeys are lurking around and want to inflict irreparable injury. Thus on the watchtowers of Good the bonfires should be alight and the vigilance should be incessant. We have to keep in mind that treason can creep in from many crevices and even former subordinates - like asps - will try to bite. You will appreciate these zoological comparisons because people who have given themselves up to treason and destruction, are indeed like beasts. It is most deplorable that some even not essentially bad, but wavering spirits listen to such whispering asps, thus helping directly or indirectly the dark forces. In the name of the Highest Light we have to help most patiently and tactfully these undecided spirits and verily every salvaging of such a spirit will be a great heroic deed. But how much unbreakable patience and kind firmness and incessant labor is to be applied to accomplish this! We deeply feel how difficult this battle is for you, but we know that inner help is constantly sent to you. Every evening (when it is 11 a.m. in Washington) good thoughts are being sent to you. On our tables are your portraits and you know what power such fluids of spiritual touch can carry in themselves. Thus strain all patience, firmness and vigilance, for you know the scope of the present world cultural peaceful affirmation.

Please continue the work on the Committee. Beware of the tigers and other treacherous beasts, guard all true friends. Remember that the sympathy of South America is very useful for the U.S.A. and remember that in all our thoughts we send sincere wishes to America and pray for her true success.

How often people do not understand the successful path, but you, clad in the armour of Light, remembering the attainments of Sir Galahad, on whose pre-ordained chair there was written in fire: "seat perillous", and yet he took it, crushing all perils, - you as a seeker for the Holy Grail, will be followed with the same victory of spirit.

We are always happy to receive your news and send you all strength in your noble battle for Truth. Many blessed Signs are in space, attract yourself in thought to them, and proceed boldly and invincibly!

In Spirit with you,

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Дорогой мой Ган.

Из писем наших друзей я вижу, как Вы стараетесь для скорейшего устроения дела Канз. Это меня радует несказанно, ибо таким образом мне ясно Ваше понятие дела Канз. Если Вы его понимаете для будущего и для Вашей страны, то Вы так-же понимаете и всю спешность. При обычных делах возможны разные темпы, но дела такой важности, конечно, требуют и условия особой поспешности.

Очень скоро еще более станет ясно, почему я так подчеркиваю поспешность. Но тогда многое может стать непоправимым. Если мы убедились в широкой полезности дел для всей страны, то конечно Вы понимаете и всю ожидаемую поспешность.

Зная меня, Вы так-же понимаете, что я не стал бы без оснований так настаивать на поспешности. Кроме этих общих условий в самом деле Канз. вся, обычно деловая сторона, может быть закреплена с любой обоснованностью и ясно с той. Могут быть отвечены все запросы о гарантиях. Может быть польза и в отношении машин и прочей индустрии. Словом не мне подчеркивать Вам то, что и без того Вам, как широкому деятелю, ясно. Потому-то так огненно мы каждый день ожидаем каких либо, с Вашей стороны, добрых знаков.

К делу гербария скажу, что в этом сезоне многое будет легче, ибо не будет темных последствий заговора двух индивидуумов. Ведь, как Вы уже знаете, с этими последствиями мы многократно всюду встретились. Сколько лжи и клеветничества в известных породах двуногих. Сколько разрушительства. Теперь мне хотелось бы дать гербарии и заключения о точности зрения трех народностей - Китайской, Монгольской и Тибетской. Очень часто такие фольклорные заключения приносят очень полезные и неожиданные решения.

Эти строки вероятно дойдут до Вас уже в конце этого месяца незадолго до дня Пакта. Пошлем наши лучшие пожелания, что-бы всякие трудности преоборались и это благое дело славно продвинулось.

До чего нужна спешность в деле Канз. И только Ваша страна может зорко охватить блестящие возможности.

Шлем Вам наши лучшие приветы. Шлем все пожелания к славному будущему и каждый день с великим ожиданием надеемся получить добрые вести.

Шлю Вам все мужество, всю крепость, всю победу.

Духом с Вами Р.

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