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Wednesday, May 17, 1944

Professor Nicholas Roerich,
Naggar, Punjab,
British India.

Dear Professor Roerich:

These heartfelt greetings come to you from one who, for years, has felt the power of your message to the world... whether expressed through the medium of your glorious paintings, or through the inspiration of your writings.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your packet of six important articles which were forwarded to me by Mrs. Sina Fosdick, whom I am privileged to call "dearest friend."

The envelope came on Friday, May 12th, and I would like to tell you of that morning, as I left my home to go to the office. The sun was gently warming the air; tiny, newly-opened leaves gave the trees a delicate, feathery transparency; the birds were pouring out their joyful songs; soft breezes were fragrant with the scents of spring's earliest flowers. I shall always remember...not because it was one of the first perfect days after months of dark and dismal winter weather...but because even Nature joined all her forces of Beauty to mark the arrival of your gift!

Those six essays, coming with your card, are a dear and wondrous gift! What a signal honor it is to receive them! And in sending them what joy you have bestowed! In my inability to express

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what I really feel, I must borrow your own lovely words and say: "There is a limit to words; but there is no limit to feelings, to the capacity of the heart!" Already I have read and re-read them many times during the past few days, yet their treasures of thought remain inexhaustible.

Communion with the Beautiful has been an instinctive need all my life...so, when I saw for the first time in July 1937 your incomparable paintings in the Roerich Museum on Riverside Drive, it seemed as if a New World had opened to me. Then, not until June 19, 1943, did I again locate your paintings in the Roerich Academy of Arts, although only for a few, brief moments...and again I was deeply moved. But in those moments two additional treasures were granted me: meeting Sina Fossdick, and discovering the blissful Teachings of Living Ethics which, in their profound exhortations, have proved the most satisfying guide of all.

With a prayer which repeats itself constantly in my heart, I hope that your thousand and six imprisoned paintings will become liberated through the forces of Good, and again be given to the world to inspire and uplift the heart of humanity.

Greetings and all honor to Madame Roerich, for her beautiful and compassionate smile which shone upon me like a blessing as I gazed upon her portrait!

Greetings and all honor to Svetoslav
Roerich for painting the magnificent
likenesses of Madame Roerich and of
yourself; and his many other paintings
which have brought me joy!

Greetings and all honor to George
Roerich for his stirring book "Trails
to Inmost Asia" which enabled me to
read and share the experiences of that
great expedition!

And to you, again my heartfelt thanks
...for the priceless influence which
the great beauty of your life, with
its examples and heroic achievements,
has exerted!

With thoughts of joy,
and hope in the future,
I remain, yours in Service.

Magdalene Lehrer

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Wednesday,
January 24, 1945

Joyous Greetings to
Prof. Nicholas Roerich,
and Mme. Helena Roerich:

The enclosed little drawing is inspired
by Mme. Roerich's approaching Birthday
on February 13th...a date which is
kept in a special shrine in the
hearts of her friends.

It is my humble way of expressing my
deepest emotions and highest thoughts
for Mme. Roerich's health and happiness
on her Birthday, when thoughts of love
will be directed towards the Himalayas
from far corners of the world.

Also, please accept my grateful thanks
for the beautiful Greeting which Prof.
Roerich has sent me. I cherish it
beyond all words, and it will be with
me always, wherever I go.

Mr. Thurlow Lieurance acknowledges with
thanks his Greeting from Prof. Roerich.
Joyfully he calls it "the treasured
possession!"

Just recently I was privileged to
spend a very happy week visiting our
dear Sina Fosdick, whose beautiful
spirit and interpretation of the
blessed Teachings inspires me endlessly.

With joyful best wishes, from the depths
of my heart, I remain,

Respectfully,
In your Service,

Magdalene Lehrer

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Friday 7 September 1945

Professor Nicholas Roerich
Naggar, Kulu,
Punjab, British India.

Dear Professor Roerich:

The passing of another year brings another joyous opportunity to send you greetings and best wishes for your Birthday on October 10th.

May the blessings of Happiness, Good Health, and Peace be upon you, and may you continue to inspire the world through the Beauty of your wonderful Art.

It was a privilege to see your newest series of paintings, the "Sacre du Printemps" in New York last June, and I said to our dear Sina: "What a vigorous spirit of Youth is portrayed in those beautiful paintings!" She smiled and replied: "Yes! What is Spring if not Youth?"

Please accept the enclosed little pen drawing as a Birthday Greeting. It was inspired in 1941 when I tried to portray a Master and disciple, in a forest.....the Master sitting under a big tree with sunlight coming through the leaves,.....such as I imagine the Lord Buddha often sat under when instructing his disciples. But, although my mind willed to draw a forest scene, something prevented my hand from doing so, and guided my hand to draw a mountain scene instead.

Again, with all my heart, I wish you

Many Happy Returns of the Day!

As ever yours,

Magdalene Lehrer

To Professor
Nicholas Roerich

Heartiest
Birthday Greetings

from
Magdalene Lehrer

1945



Magdalene Lehrer 1941

14 Sept. 1946

Dear Prof. Roerich

Happy greetings and best
wishes for your Birthday
on the 10th October.

With sincere devotion
Magdalene Lehrer

and to dear Madam Roerich
joyous thoughts from the Heart.

The New Invocation

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From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men.
Let Light descend on Earth.

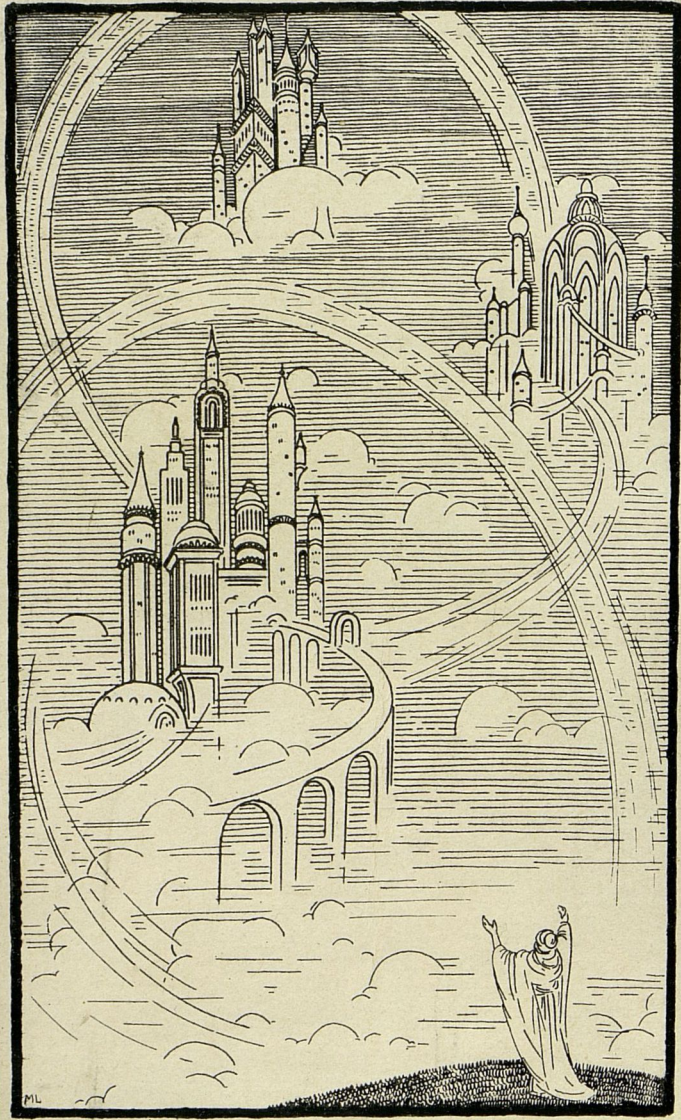
From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.
May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men -
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out.
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.





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19 August 1947 12

Dear Professor Roerich:

Another opportunity to send Greetings and Best Wishes for your Birthday fills me with deep joy.

To this joy is added heartfelt gratitude for the Blessed Teachings which have shielded and strengthened me during the past year.

At this time when many hearts yearn for the New World I send a sketch, "Striving for the Future."

With sincere devotion
and Greetings to dear
Madam Roerich,

as ever yours,
Magdalene Lehrer