

MORE ON YOUR
'SELF CONSCIOUSNESS'

Your whole letter, as I said, is really excellent. You get involved here & there and of course you feel it & you say, very naturally, "What-the-hell!!" But here are cases where you try to go further as in (a) above & investigate my technique:

(b) "I presume anything I might say would be superfluous. So I keep my words to a minimum."

The second sentence is very true & honest. Often people say "I can find nothing to say to you". They then go to someone else and deliver themselves of 25,000 assorted words on the same subject!! Literary men say often "I have no ideas and stare at a blank page." Wow! Again they have millions (& can "breed" more than that...), but they are NOT satisfied with what they have, so they clam up.

Thus you put your finger on it "I KEEP MY WORDS ... " ETC. But "I" is at the moment my enemy, the enemy of Alfred Robert Pulyan! So I say - do not do so. Orders! ✓ You say, "but I don't wanna talk". That is your disagreeable task & you have my sympathy! UB-GUB doesn't help!

Your first sentence "I PRESUME ..." shows the first wound to ego. It hurts. He retreats. That is all. But such a "light affliction" can "win so great a prize" (Christianity has all the words somewhere!).

(c) "I do understand that you may be trying to clarify my thinking processes."

Not at all. They are perfectly clear & pellucid as is. We shall use them - even against themselves - but my aim is otherwise. "Thinking" is a barren desert. Even so-called psychological integration demands a fusion of thinking & feeling. You may not even be able to define "feeling"; "intuition" is on the intellectual or thinking side STILL. Nor will "imagination" help! It falls short of course. Define "feeling", "intuition" & "imagination" ✓ & see if they can help & how much.