

entirely possible to explain it to one who also knows it. The Zen Masters can tell by the mere look on the student's face. I have had many curious expressions from students when they "awoke" & very obvious ones to me. Further, with all due deference to your sensibilities they were much better human beings than you are now. I asked for your photograph only to stimulate friendship (!) but to know a little more about you. If you came to see me you might know a little more about me, but don't do that at the present stage.

Your questions have been answered, so about the rest of your letter.

REINCARNATION I was very clear about this & my comment that people rarely (except in India!) look round to see where a "loved one" has "reincarnated" meant (as it would do to any half-perceptive person) that people do NOT believe in it, obviously. Common-sense would tell you that. Their actions prove it. Besides your body gets scattered & certainly doesn't "reincarnate" so what does? Body & mind are not separable. They go & you know it. However I do not dogmatize on "life after death" since you must first find out for yourself by "awakening" WHAT OUR POSITION IS & then, armed with this information, you may consider life after death for yourself. First understand "life".

MARVELS & MIRACLES "a person who 'knows God directly' should know whether or not he has had past lives or future ones."

Such questions as to what I SHOULD know are best answered by considering the experience of the race of human-beings since they were reasonably conscious, & it could be five or ten thousand years. In this time the race found that the sun rises every morning, that we cannot levitate, that we cannot see at a big distance usually and AT WILL, although curious cases do occur, that we cannot yet change chalk into cheese except via a cow or complicated chemical work since we need Nitrogen & Hydrogen for example for cheese & they are not in the chalk, that we cannot usually and AT WILL foretell the future, although curious cases do occur, & so on.

Future experience may add to our knowledge, but, as of now, human beings, you & I, have the above limitations. It is not