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Friend Pulyan,

Again you mistake my attitude, either naively or pretentiously for the sake of argument. In the first line of your letter you indicate a desire for argument.

I do not ask for proof. I admit I have said that reasoning is the vanity of the intellect.....but the vanity goes on until something better happens.

Names of sages & saints (name-dropping) rings no bell for me, unless I want to employ reason and hire a detective to run down all that has been written to gather evidence as to whether they ever existed, and whether they actually knew or taught anything worthwhile. And I have neither the time nor the ambition.

Greek words, latin words, or french words, or other glamorous hieroglyphics do not convince me that Truth was conveyed in any of these languages alone, nor that I should rush to embrace something merely because strange quotations give us an escape into the exotic.

I am only trying to feel. And it is lamentable that my feelings should be negatively inspired by your writings.

Let me digress for an instance, that may explain what I am trying to say (which, if you do not understand, precludes to me that there is no use in further bickering).

I just came back from Akron where I went over the weekend to meet with some people. One fellow was a Rosicrucian. To look at he did not inspire. Short, rotund, jolly, and possessed of a sort of paternal conceit about things he had, or thought he had. I had learned in advance that he claimed to have an astral guru, but ~~th~~ I did not know that he was a Rosicrucian.

I have always had a lack of desire for the AMORC group in particular because they seemed absurd and commercialistic. Now he tells me that it was thru them alone that he had found proof of immortality, and proof of reincarnation. I am sitting face to face to him, and I think he is utterly sincere although a bit reticent about exposing things he has been pledged to retain as secret or confidential. I mentioned to him that I thought that he was sincere, but that I next had to ascertain if he knew that he knew or if I could find that he was deluded. He was a scientist of sorts (engineer) and he gave me some good answers. I have been digging for over twenty years and I thought