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Dear Dick,

EVALUATION This continues while the Universe awaits your decision! Naturally you will soon repeat yourself. I do not know what data would satisfy you. Metaphysical discussion is useless yet we keep bringing up such questions as "merger with the One" or "eternal life of the mind" that cannot be answered VERBALLY & require "experience".

(Incidentally I did NOT say the mind lives unendingly. What does GO ON; or better what does not cease, is better known by this same personal experience.)

"HIDING BEHIND THE POSTAGE STAMP" There is nothing "odd" or harmful here although your word "unusual" has some truth in it. Sometimes I am sad (for people like yourself) - but always compassionate. I have NOT got "big" as you suggest. What I have is in all of us. Those who seem famous like St Sermain, Capliostro might not be of much use to you when you had got behind the showmanship.

Simple, unassuming people may be the true "knowers".

As for "what is a guru?" a teacher does not actually "teach" anything, but quietly persists like a mother until the child grows up with often no thanks & asking no reward.

KRIYA YOGA There is confusion here. Patanjali uses this as "preliminary" yoga, but Gogananda made it his main technique. In any case it stresses "union" when that means there are two things YET TO BE joined! It is the other way round. The ONE thing exists - & there is already "union", but you will not lose yourself in it, nor your self-consciousness, WHILE YOU LIVE. Words are of no help here.

TRANSCENDENTALISTS? We paint pictures, play the recorder, & oblige down the hill, but have no need to use silly words like the one in capitals ("TRANSCENDENTALISTS"). You are having nightmares - such talk is for those who have not attained or have not started to live. Does such talk help you at all?

ALL KNOWLEDGE? To answer a host of your questions I am no more learned than 'before', cannot levitate or do miracles, cannot speak with the dead, - in fact only a close friend could see any difference at all.