

Sept 26, 1960

1 0 00

dd

Hello M. M. K.

It is hard to write anything, and be aware that each word you way is rooted in egocentricity. and of course I am a little confused by some factors (whether interior, exterior, your or mine it matters not which, nor whether I seek to escape in the confusion). I am used to writing to people who flatter one another if for no other reason than to avoid the misunderstanding that generally comes from reading in meanings in letters other than meant.

Up until now (your last letter) our correspondence consisted of you saying, "Rose make a statement". Followed by A.P. retorting you are full of bologna....it is a product of ego-fat. This process must either bear fruit or wear itself out.

When I was in college I started out with the faith that with my reason I would unravel the Gordian knot. I went about making girls weep with dialectical attack, and analytical affront. I took a heavy science course. I wanted to know all about matter. and number 3.

As I got older, I began to feel that science is like the snake with the tail in its mouth. (all this talk is to keep you off my back you will say.) Systematic knowledge is circuitous, and by appearing to be circular seems to be perfect, but it really never goes anywhere. So I started to ignore the work of the mathematician and spent years with systems of thinking that actually could not validate by reason, but which appealed to my intuition (subtle ego?)

In both cases we get weary. I could see that it would take a century or more for me to cut the Gordian knot with the analysis of atoms or brain synapses. On the other hand I could not trust my intuition as I had been. I saw other people clinging to rationalizations that I had recognized and discarded, so knew that the present fad or intuition-path might later be discarded for one more appealing.

In readings, on yoga and by Guspensky and others, we find this business of the ego as an interfering deterrent. I know that a man has many faces and should get rid of all but one. (It has never occurred to me to think that there should be less than one.) Of course we may have trouble getting rid of all the faces if we cannot determine which is the false face and which is the real.

After a while we either make decisions or confusion results. We cannot follow both science and intuition. y that I mean that we cannot devote all our time to studying science, and at the same time devote all our time to studying yoga. So we either focus on one with a little one eye on the other or we

plan more than we can undertake and get confused and drift away from both.

Another thing I notice as time accumulates. I have built in a sort of safety valve, from too much pressure. When things material upset me I tend to walk away mentally, while pursuing the thing that I do not want upset.

Like wanting to shoot the crooked cop on the corner. You may well believe that the world will be better and safer for the children without the cop, and you will be able to live in dignity and respect until they electrocute you at least....but you worry about what will happen to the kid after you go. And you walk away mentally from mayhem. The same with this business of soulseeking.

We may have assurance that children are born of ego. Along comes a teacher who says, --go up on the hill and build an altar and sacrifice your child (ego?). We cannot do it even though the child is a liability because of deeply ingrained patterns.

Long before I married I knew that man made love only to himself. I sensed that pleasure was imaginative....but imagination may well be the matrix of creation.

You become confused and in the mental welter one day say, "Oh, what the hell. I could be kidding myself either way." How do I know whether I am less pawn, by either method,- doing or not doing.

Thus the dilemma here. I sincerely wish to be ONI. I do not sincerely wish to be none or nothing. I may sense intuitively that I am nothing, but there is a loud whisper from the pretended void that says, "Don't worry old man, something can never desire to be nothing. you are at least a fact."

Now to go on and say "How do you know you are a fact. How do you know you know. How do you know you. How do you know anything." Give it another turn..... "All this chatter is to keep from really thinking. This is -clever chatter to show that you know how to be complicated. Give it still another turn.....and all of this is further proud chatter to pretend that Ego one has got the bead ~~and~~ on ego two.

and where does it get you. "So what!" soon becomes the least commendable actor.

Are we not to have any attachment? Should we take a gun and blow our brains out to show our non-attachment for life.

I know nothing about God. or god. How can I when I do not really know what I am or if I am. At this point it seems difficult for me to know something as meaningless and meaningful as God until I know my own limitations.

I want to know the Truth. And if the Truth is that man has no existence after Death I will still work toward understanding that. But I will not live with any great enthusiasm. I will not care if I have ten thousand egos. In other words, I think, that until we have exhausted the last faculties of knowledge, it would be foolish to take someone else's word for it that there is a God and that that God wanted us to give up our craving for survival.....for that craving in itself may well be the needed factor for survival.

Another point and then I will shut up. In correspondence we must either have words or no words. We must have definitions or no definitions. I can say ub-club. And how far will we get. You ~~mentioned~~ mentioned in the beginning that you hoped for not too much "back and forth wrangle". You also mentioned that M usually knows "That one too." Now you propose that I write something besides ub-club so that we can have something to wrangle about.

When you say that the M knows that one too, then I presume that anything I might say would be superfluous. So I keep my words to a minimum. I am not tempted with the prospects of knowing God by your aid because I do not know what you are talking about. You do not define It or it. I do understand that you may be trying to clarify my thinking processes so that I can think or know something and I will appreciate this if that is the aim.

You speak of money. Houses. A farm. A wife. What will happen to them when the universe goes up in smoke?

I know very little about Zen. I have a book here about it. It makes no sense to me. (The book, not Zen.) I do not know what you mean by guarantee. Guaranteed that they are telling you the truth. That you will be awakened, --that you will know something meaning everything. Encountered one Master (hindu) who would put me on same frequency with his eternal one, and would guarantee me within three incarnations to awaken me forever. Rather embarrassing though when we start asking for definitions.

Thanking you for your efforts,

R. Rose

So much for a general analysis of the position (in cold blood) and for (a), (b), (c), where the student attempts to divine the process & to help it along.

QUESTIONS I have asked some & suggested some things to examine. These will give you pegs to hang your discourse upon.

But you asked some questions too! So:

"What will happen to money, houses, farm, wife when the universe goes up in smoke?" [What will happen to you & me anyway eventually?]

This is a Zen koan & the M. does not attempt to answer it verbally. He may - as regards himself, say, - remark that he will be on his back with his face to the sky or variants of this....

① "Psychic research" & the less respectable religion of Spiritualism attempt to answer this. So does the Western group of religions & some of the Eastern ones (like Shin-shu & its "happy Western land" presided over by Amida or Amitayus who helps us to the 'awakening' we have missed on earth.)

② So does Theosophy & the school of rebirth, transmigration & reincarnation.

These things ① & ② are not very compatible! Researchers try to get messages through - via a medium - from their loved ones deceased, but rarely look around in society to find where their loved one has "reincarnated"!! Of course there may be a longer time between incarnations... As a factual matter Spiritualism fights Reincarnation - & so does Christianity.

This is your only real question & so I must comment on some statements you make.

COMMENTS "I do not know what you mean by guarantee."

✓ Did you trust your Hindu 'master'? Or were there reservations? long before I 'got anywhere' I sensed what my teacher was & had. It is essential even if it does not immediately 'do what has to be done'. In the "Buddha" Gautama men sensed a curious plus-value & evidently in Jesus there was "something" beyond normal personality, even though the disciples may have maintained the idea that he was some ~~post~~ ~~phase~~

sort of a "Messiah" & a wonder-worker.
Transcendence goes beyond miracles & all phenomena.
If you only find my "personality" you will have found
nothing unusual. It is as "unique" as yours is, or
for that matter anything in Nature whatever, since we all
pick up different odds & ends for our memory - boxes as
we live & experience. As such it is interesting, but so
is your own. The "wonderful thing" is NOT UNIQUE, it
is not prized for its unusual nature as compared
with other things. It is common to all, even if buried
under metaphorical tons of rubble.

MASKS

We seek what is common to all, not what is unique.
You mention "personalities" or "faces" — all are "real"
as such & that is awkward, isn't it?! Listen to a
man's voice change as he gets a "female" voice on the
phone, or a salesman trying to sell him a Canadian
copper-mine stock or an old friend or his wife
or "the priest", or the boss, or a child ---

So you ask — how in the name of God does he
talk when alone? Try it — feels awkward doesn't it?
Afraid of two men in white with a butterfly net?

You can always talk to "God"! But apart from the fact
that you do not know what you are addressing (& what
language it talks!) it would involve "sincerity" — and
that is very tiring, rather objectionable ---

Similarly when we lose memory (amnesia). Then there is
confusion.

THE MASK
OR ONE
WHAT?

Do we have "one" something? Oh yes! Ever since you
became self-conscious (awakening No 1!) as a child you
have had this. It is overlaid but recoverable.

I do not say that this process (of recovering the preet
aeternitatis) is directly a technique for awakening, but it has
a relation to it, as his envisaging the same thing in the
M. As far as the student is concerned the work is
NOT, NOT, NOT to "improve" his God-damn
understanding (item (c)). Charmingly fatuous (the sweet odor
of decay). If you will allow me to make reference to God &

would put it that this will not help you as far as God is concerned!! "Look! Me Richard. Me smart boy, no?" (No)

The
E.P.

Christ Jesus - - - - oh well . . . (one thing you cannot fool)

You have as many spikes as an ancient 'mace' or as the spiked sphere (the centrosome) which is crucial to mitosis (cell-division) - and which by the way "calmly" divides & "sits" one on each side of the nucleus of the cell-to-be-split! Such spikes are the obstacles to being a warm, high-minded human-being. The true process of awakening therapy is more like house-breaking a cat or explaining to an "underprivileged" child that there are good reasons why he should not casually expectorate on the carpet.

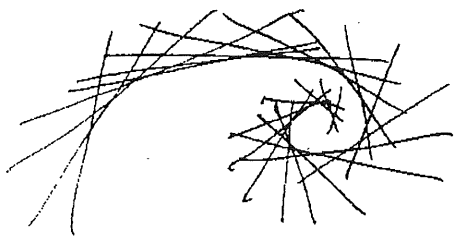
The pride of an Einstein or a Sir Julian Huxley or a C G Jung or an Erich Fromm (who ALREADY "know it all") would not endure such a process for one moment. I know. And add the "urbane" (well armed!) third Earl Russell, Bertrand Russell, under whom I once studied briefly. Such humor, such Ajax-like "resting on a foundation of unyielding despair" (!)

And that of course suggests Sartre who has made a good thing out of plays, articles, books -- on that same "despair."

Not only are you in numerous company but, as these names show, in excellent company!

The
M.

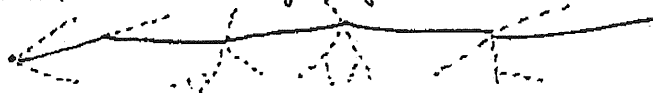
As for "envisaging the same thing in the M." Zen calls this "the transmission." Words do not "transmit" it, but negatively they can show the way. Tangents may define a curve although not one tangent is part of the curve:



In this case a spiral.

[Altho' I am a mathematician I have forgotten the word for the curve which is enveloped by the tangents. There is a word.]

Neti, neti. "Not this way." As Lao-Tse says "men love by-paths". More accurately ego seeks at every moment the easy by-path that corresponds to his inclination & makes him "pass". One must go against this tendency:



& ignore dotted alternatives.

Am I speaking vaguely & 'generally'? Oh no! Each dotted line represents an occasion where the student flights by one means or another, he 'changes' the subject under discussion to a more 'satisfactory' one, he ignores a remark, he counterattacks ("let's stop squabbling", "say something definite", "we are not getting anywhere", "what I would do is ...", "you don't understand me", "most of what you say is wrong", etc), or he withdraws.

~~I asked you to give the 3000~~

When you say "you are making a thousand guesses" I would naturally say "give three". Guessing at what? Need I 'guess' when you can enlighten me so easily? So - please give three. However you may have changed a little since you wrote that. But "there is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed". (Curious statement - but I mean it literally - don't hint, talk out.)

This is not a contest. The usual dirty fighting (of everyday intercourse) doesn't 'go'. This is not for my benefit. When I was myself "working" there was also physical work (which you are spared) & here ego's shrieks rose to a crescendo so to say!

You may say - "have I got to keep putting my chin up for your fist?". To that I would say - if that were true & the "way", then: "Yes, by all means."

But actually you have a certain 'nature' right now. It needs to be changed ($\gamma\omega\omega\sigma\iota\ \sigma\epsilon\alpha\upsilon\tau\omicron\upsilon$ - "know thyself") Psychoanalysis goes into minute detail but no synthesis appears even after five years. Other 'therapies' are usually gentle - & so very long. No doubt a kid-glove technique might be possible - but the same result requires the same 'pain' - either to take the tooth out with one yank or to play with it for hours!

The Gestapo or SS men would be ideal - but maybe too much for our purposes! We need to desensitize ego. These urbane & polished people & many others have actually a raw & inflamed ego that cannot bear the gentlest touch. If a waiter says "Not that fork, sir"

they would never recover. 'Actually the pain is absurd and quite unreal. In business some pretty crude terms are used (tricky old son-of-a-bitch & so forth) but a smile makes them a compliment. Suppose there were no smile?

The ego does not surrender "in vacuo". There are attendant circumstances. Otherwise it would be open theoretically for the most unlikely people to 'go over the hump' all of a sudden. However intelligence is requisite, even cunning, or "discrimination" (which sounds better). Also the highest of 'standards', a deep love of beauty (although not of a 'formal' nature - you will know what I mean, no pretentious yak-yak) ---- so that the "change-over" occurs because for a moment you are already there anyway. That is why 'bhakti' or devotion is considered so good a 'way' by the Hindus (& myself, since if 'bhakti' is sufficiently pure it is the very experience we seek --)

I am really speaking of "feeling" as additional to "knowing"; of "spontaneity" as opposed to a "system"; of a full man.

If you asked for examples (now living) I could give no more than a couple of dozen of my own knowledge.

If you say "do you regard me, Dick, as a yahoo?" I would say - I rank you with the great ones of the earth, the great psychologists, scientists, etc. etc., the most perceptive, scholarly, charming, kindly men ----

If you then said "in other words a yahoo" it would be embarrassing! After all between them such persons have all the virtues, a wonderful personality, great kindness, a fine appearance, ---- & so why this pejorative comparison with a mere horse? Well, I didn't do it; it was Swift.

AIM

For our first aim then let us see if we can agree. Not verbally because that is a mere nothing, but in detail. Thus you would investigate, analyze or attack vigorously anything not clear - but use legitimate arguments (not devices!)

Have not given up
smoking. This is a pipe.

me - from an oil
painting.

Al.

Oct 3 - 1960

Benwood W. Va.

Friend Pulyan —

In answer to your checked items —
regards the Hunder Master. He is not, was not
my master, as I had not sufficient time to
study whether he or his antagonistic opponent
were the true descendent (legal) of the original
Master of that line. A schism left about ten
groups each proclaiming to be "it". So much
for the reservations of which you asked.

What attracted me to the first group I
met was a hunch that the whole idea behind
the concentration (adoration) on a human figure may
well amount to creation (via material of many
human minds = imagination) of lasting existence for
the master — who in turn drags his
imitators over behind him. This hunch came
from sifting (for a least common denominator)
thru many of the worlds religions. Kyo ygo.

As to the latter two checked items I will answer them jointly. I know that you expect me to sense your value but I have no way of knowing much. As you need material (talk) for what you call "transmission" I also need material to get a vague idea of what is expected and what you are trying to put across. I have asked you some questions in reaction to certain statements you have made. I realize that facts may have no bearing upon your transmission but it will help to determine some eagerness in your direction.

Now I know that are complex — much more so than myself — and you know that I have no way of knowing much more than that. I must reiterate that I have no great eagerness to bandy endless words (although they may show how complicated we are) — if there is no objective.

"Change-over" to what?

I do not doubt your sincerity but if I read you literally and read it as given in sincerity — then there is no use worrying about anything.

You do however mention reincarnation.

Gautama Buddha (according to what I have read) referred to re-birth. What do you mean by reincarnation? Re-occurrence? Do you believe in reincarnation? Do you view it as a "theory-must-be-true" or is it an ability to remember? When a person awakes, is he aware of such incarnations.

You ask me to define words. There can be no feeling, intuition or imagination until the feeler, intuer and imaginator are known. (Really pretzeled that one).

I am not so curious to investigate your techniques as I am to understand you. Understanding (God-damned or otherwise, all I have) may well be the kind of friendship that will account for confidence. Friendship must have some definition else we can dispense with the words. It is hard to pin it down & disagree from it.

Thanking you for your time
Richard Rose

Sept 28, 1960.

Dear Dick,

FLIP ANALYSIS

You have understood me very clearly. We have given a name to our problem - egocentricity. You have this disease & I see you have it. I am the doctor and have cured cases before. So the thing to do is clear - cure it. And you "thank me for my efforts". And you say that prior to my last letter you "made statements" & my treatment consisted in saying "you are full of bologna". (a)

You make the widest (& truest!!) generalization: "The M. knows that one too", but IN DETAIL you are (probably of necessity, my poor friend!!) forced to act against your own words because you are, as we all are, self-conscious & so OBSERVING and so trying to watch the process of your own deliverance!

Hence the "analysis" like (a) above (knocking down all statements).

But IF WHAT YOU SAY WERE TRUE then any Tom, Dick or Harry - & in particular the "Dick" that is you, could set up in business as an A.P. (not "Alfred Pulyan" but "awakened person"!) and have an orgy of destruction, name-calling, epithet-inventing, ~~etc~~ & so forth, while looking hopefully to CURING his dupes. But, physician heal thyself!! It might not work. In rare cases it might! But, oh boy, what a mess... what a fight! However there are quite a number of people who do habitually act this way; in a mild degree Broncho Marx, Alexander King, Alexander Woollcott, - in fact most intellectuals, especially those just emerged from the egg - & even you with your "dialectical attack" & "analytical affront" on the fairer & pleasanter sex.

COMMENT

Everything above may be true & we may both know it. "The M. knows that one too" however means that he can thread his way with ease & assurance in the most god-awful tangle the ingenious mind can throw up!!

over
pleas

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.

Oct 6, 1960.

Dear Dick,

I do not remember past lives, I do not know if I had any or will have future ones. I can not levitate & even if I could it would prove something with regard to gravity but nothing transcendental.

It is desirable not to lose oneself in this field of magic and the false "occult."

Your "sifting many of the world's religions" would not help you unless you recognized that they did not spring from an extension of primitive fertility rites (both sex and agriculture!) but rather, around. BC 850-500, from INDIVIDUALS who brought direct experience into the various practices so well described by anthropologists like Frazer, Haddon (under whom I studied) and others.

Such INDIVIDUALS were Jesus, Santama, Lao Tse, Moses etc.

They could not verbalize their "experience", but they did say something - which was a compromise and thus containing popular, crude & in fact false elements along with some hints of what they could not put into words.

They described the mystery they found as God, Brahman, the Tao, Jehovah, & so on. Names merely. Only in experience is the meaning or 'referent' known.

So this is WHAT they found.

The next question is HOW they found it & HOW others can find it.

Again there is UNANIMITY world-wide.

[No amount of examination of the outside world, scientific or otherwise will do this. Every discovery man makes leads him only to the next & so on without end. Molecules to atoms to protons to mesons - and what smaller thing will come next - - - Planets to suns to galaxies to a universe - - - Fascinating & endless. In fact the "nature" of things is not arrived at. We find that all is "energy" or "mind" but cannot define such things - - -]

Thus the search is into ONESELF: "γινώσκει σεαυτόν"
"know thyself."

Then it was found all over the world, in all ages, that the SELF acts as an OBSTACLE to the light coming in. Can we remove the SELF? No! only by dying. But the SELF in itself is not the obstacle, it is the FIERCE CONTENTION of the SELF that it is the FINAL COURT OF APPEAL, the final JUDGE, the "owner" of the organism, the boss, & so forth.

It was found that to remove this DECIDING & JUDGING FUNCTION by a DECISION or a JUDGMENT is RIDICULOUS because we cannot DECIDE NOT TO DECIDE because we are STILL "deciding" even in that.

PROBLEM!

So people tried ~~austerities~~, starvation, flogging themselves, over
hell

sitting in meditation & contemplation so as to forget or drop the deciding function, --- & then found that they were still DECIDING to be austere, to meditate & so forth --

It is like trying to lift oneself up by one's own bootstraps or to see one's eye, or for a sword to cut itself.

Jesus said "with man it is impossible."

However it wasn't impossible with Jesus or Santama & some few people may have had such a strong impulse that little was needed to produce the abnegation of the self & the surrender of the "I" which leads to the "experience" (of satori, of awakening, of "seeing & knowing God directly")

Yet for all other people, who are not such heroic figures, a master or guru is necessary.

His function is to help the student to surrender, to the removal of ego-dominance, "bossiness" ---

Just as we need an outside point to rest a lever on if we are to move the earth (as Archimedes said) so we need a friend to help our ego-fight FROM AN EXTERIOR POINT OF VIEW FROM OURSELVES.

It is necessary that this "master" be "awakened" himself, because this is NOT a mechanical system and this mystery, this "God" is very much alive, conscious, & directs the process (& everything else) even though in the student it is still HIDDEN. (Our little consciousness hides this big Consciousness like a penny hides the Sun)

Since the ego must be DETHRONED in the student it is a disagreeable, unsatisfying, hard, up-hill process all the way.

WHY?

Because the definition of "agreeable", "pleasant" etc is what we like, what we want, what the "I" desires, what makes it "putt" and happy!

But we wish to act AGAINST it, it is our enemy while it has the boss-complex. It must realize it is an efficient executive officer but not the boss.

Thus the student must do as the master says and agree to do so while the "work" lasts.

(Even with a psychotherapist or surgeon or doctor you are in this position).

The "master" does NOT ENJOY this task, except in so far as the RESULT is so wonderful if achieved.

He is not a sadist, he is not doing this to satisfy

his impulses for domination & so forth. The reason is of course that he has been through the mill himself & has had that knocked out of him - it is the very ego-domination we are discussing. Thus you must only work with an "awakened" person.

Now the Zen Masters are "guaranteed" so to say each by their own Master all the way back to the "Buddha" Gotama (via Hui-neng & Bodhidharma). I accept this, although I do not know the precise nature of their saviors. There is one Master in New York - Meira roshi - but one has first to become a Buddhist properly & then to "work" with him personally. There is NO easy way, no "royal road".

I myself wish to help everybody but it is no use "casting pearls before swine, AS THEY WILL TURN AND REND YOU." I try to reach those who are ready & "accessible" to this "work", but at present I have few correspondents & some of those will I think drop away.

So what is of the greatest value in the whole universe IS NOT DESIRED. Jesus said he "found all men ASLEEP." He might have added - "and they resist being awakened."

I myself recognized the extreme value of this "work", and was very fortunate in finding a brave teacher. I was as obstinate & "smart alecky" as you and for a little coconut I talked very BIG, as do you.

Now you can buy paper backs & other books that have all sorts of fascinating & glittering insights & marvels, you can meet remarkable & interesting people, have many more or less good "friends", have interesting hobbies and professions or avocation, join various societies & organizations, but I doubt very much if this will ultimately satisfy you or content your restlessness. If it does, well and good.

People wish to sit on their fannies and languidly toy with some doctrine or other. Their contribution in time & attention is the minimum. A push-button system or a pill is their ideal. Sacrifice is not even contemplated but IT IS THE ONLY WAY. There is a price-tag on everything & to get all you must give all; for less you only get a substitute.

My position is a difficult one. I cannot look for students or persuade them because I cannot debauch or debase this great thing by huckstering & advertising methods, BUT I do wish to meet those who earnestly

4

seek a teacher or master to help them. Such people exist (I was one myself) but most people have been so solicited by creeds & organizations & TV advertising that they are languid & demanding. As for "famous" & well-known men & women they are kept from the truth by the adulation they receive & rarely have genuine humility. Jesus said this & it is so. (Hidden from the "wise" & revealed to the simple.) Nicodemus came to him secretly, by night, & even then was helplessly confused, as are you or pretend to be. I have however stated the facts so that a child could understand them (& shall not restate them.) To humble oneself & find God is all. I will not dangle a carrot by giving you the advantages of the "awakened" life & the dangers of the normal life.

If you were a personal friend I meet every day or a relative I should probably be biased enough by affection to stress these things. But you have not yet become a friend & I have not even your photograph & so you are one out of 3,000,000,000 people, of whom most are obstinate, dangerous, & unreliable when tested ever so slightly. Indeed they are on the verge of the most awful agony the world (& you) have ever known.

Your letter is mostly dialectic, cool intellectual discussion, & seems to get us no further. How do you expect to "understand" me ultimately? To understand me you would have to have arrived at a certain point yourself. As I've said exactly that.

But then so did Jesus. In the parable of the sower he mentions the various types of people & the way they "understand" him - some like good ground for the "seed" he sowed, some shallow ground, some rocks -

There are very few awakened people around. The horseman rides past the window. One glance - or you have missed seeing. In later life this could be recognized as a major ~~loss~~ tragedy.

Suppose I was trying to give away a \$10,000 bill. Should I hold somebody down, tie his hands and shove it in his pocket & then sew it up? How foolish can people be?