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Regardie let me copy these letters

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A.C. to Israel Regardie

March 1929 to Oct. 1930

34 letters. <sup>21</sup>18 pages. (2 of them to Frieda Harris  
in 1936) in 1936

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(Number 22 from Marka Kuntzil)

Boxed in the Mandrake Grass  
& the suicide stunt at Boca do Inferno  
are covered. Also in Marie, A.C.'s deserted wife

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A.G. to Israel "regardie." "T" in a bracket means 874

Die Veneris ( March 1929)

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Miracles now happening daily. Sending you 1000 fr on Tuesday. Please let de M(irammar) have the little things she needs, or that please her. Do feel yourself appointed to look after her, to see that she is as happy as possible. Don't let her see that you are downcast. Take her to places of amusement- if there are any in that rotten town (Brussels.T)

I think I should try Gand-Ghent- or Bruges. Cheaper and more interesting. Or perhaps a small fishing village- The sea is a great tonic-at times! But- I bet you a sou you'll be back in Paris by the 15th at latest. Can't give you all details; am fearfully busy. Still pretty sick, too- the least effort knocks me out. "Magick" should be ready 1st part by end of next week. The one trouble is Yorke's cowardice. I fear he'll have to go through a nice little hell if he's to become a Magician. So you keep your tail up.

It's been absolutely bloody awful for me here, needing to be looked after and to get letters done and calls made etc etc etc. Very good for me: I have seen once more the Salvation of the Lord!

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13 Mar (29) 55 (Avenue de Suffren)

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[on fault Hunt]

Glad of your letter: sorry you didn't wire, and save time and money. I wire you 1000 francs this A.M. early: hope you can manage for say 15 days- or till things go right. *A journalist & an American 2. Think 874 1979*

Claude Farrière back in Paris to-night

Slocombe do to-morrow. Hope these will make trouble.

Expect see a really first class lawyer with political pull to-morrow: one who can phone the Prefecture and get you both back within 24 hours. (Note They and A.C. had been served with a 'refus de sejour' in France. A.C. hung on for a while on doctor's certificates. T) But the one and only plan is to get after Hundt, as I told that manling long ago. Yes- you put the Fear of God into him! I've written him some myself.

I think my certificate (of health.T) will keep me safe here until the 23rd. I am really pretty damn sick: coughing all night etc.

Yes: get your consuls to protest formally against expulsion. Say it's a death sentence, and that no one dare even pretend that you have done anything wrong

Make Snorah (T. Corax) laugh on the wrong side of her mouth by cabling you 200 dollars (? refers to regardie's sister).

If de M(irammar) can't stay in Belgium, send her to Frau Eastlake 60 allée Guntersburg Frankfurt & M. with a letter demanding hospitality for her in the Name of the Order. [*She was soooo fidelis in the Golden Dawn*]

I am pulling many strings; one or other will ring the bell. But I'm dead tired, and really rather worried- till I am sure that I can make a public scandal and sell a million copies of the Memoirs.

I'm glad you're acting so rightly in this ordeal. And Y(orke) ought to feel what a piece of soft shit he is. "e don't want money; we want blood! So tired: good-night.

93 93/93 F..ly 666

P.S. I do think the Gods are looking out p(retty) d(amn) well for you, giving you all this hell at 21!

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You might go and see Paul at the Palace Hotel (Brussels.T) he used to be night porter at the Berkeley London. He has a string of little country pubs, one of which might suit you while you vegetate and retype the Memoirs. This will be very useful, as a man from Hearst came to-day, and proposed to buy a long contract which should bring in £50 a week. And if things should go wrong, I'd have to furnish him with a full duplicate.

If Paul fails, the yowner of 'The Sliver Grill' might serve your turn. The main thing for you is to keep your head, and not worry one bit, and leave me to do the fighting. de M(iramam) ought to be working at something- embroidery or what not- to keep her from worrying. Lawyer out of town till Monday: so-bar disasters-no news till then

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Undated .But some months later than the previous letter, Probably September  
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[Yorkt]

Nothing last night: may be to-day. In any case V.I. will send you £10 next week; so you can send the trunk and axe; and live for another week or two. Keep up the good work! Any more from Delville and Co? My wife much better, but has still some days in bed. Crisis hourly more chronic. Ish habibble!

de Miramar

93 93/93 F..ly 666

I Sept (29) Geo(rgian) House / (London). 5  
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Yrs of 27th. If you know enough about Rothermere to send him up for 14 years, the Mail will publish your letter. But it's the Star in the East that is dissolved. Your letter to Jiddu (Krishnamurti.T) is nearly very good. Perhaps I may omit that 'nearly'. Keep in close touch with the movement and with his doings and sayings and missionary journeys: and keep me posted.

About passport, I should simply get an application form from the Consulate, fill it in, and send to Yorke for the 'recommendation'. This might work quite naturally. I'll ask him to put it through by influence (Of which in fact he had none.T). Excuse more! v busy.

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Please keep up that 'desperation' and the rest of it. Best thing you've turned out yet, that letter! And the letter with cutting may be useful- so I'll keep it awhile. Yorke sent your passport application to Office with a covering letter. Terribly busy, and quite broke; but hope to send you cash to-morrow.

Trustees of A.C.'s family trust / J.F.C. is disreputable & cutting Major General

93 93/93 F..ly 666

P.S. Yrs of 18th. Cecil Jones- just an old family fogey. Fuller-plain mule, I guess. Don't talk American bollocks to me! She (Marie de Miramar.T) can take



only liquid food, and has the doctor 2 or 3 times a day, and a nurse. You do look such an ass when you apply general theories (those of imbeciles at that!) to all particular cases. You might be better yourself if you used bananas properly: and you deserve pine-apples!

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II Sept 29  
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Dear Serpent.

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15 May (30?) Hotel Metropole Brussels.  
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publishers. Cable Yorke thousand. Therion.

26 July (30, ? 31)

C.F.F.

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There are two Germers. One you don't know. A subconscious Qliphoth of Saturn and Virgo - the most loathsome fiend I have ever encountered. I could have exorcised it, but he hates to be cured: it is his deepest curse that he delights in his anguish and filth.

There are periodic outbursts of this - and, thanks partly to Cora, partly to the actual depression, they seem more frequent of late. The above is very strictly confidential. Also severely condensed. The facts are frightful. It has been good for me, though it has nearly killed me, to have had to endure this ordure. And no way out yet!

I think I see clearly that it is all against the real need of the Time to try to do anything with Art and Literature. Even with Magic as generally (sic.). I think we have got to concentrate on one thing and one thing only - the Law of Thelema as the sole way out for the World, threatened as it is by universal collapse, revolution, anarchy of all kinds. All I am is the Prophet as in the Book of the Law.

It is possible that Lloyd ~~might~~ be brought to understand this and to organize and back ~~ax~~ movement. I wish you could get him to come to Berlin. His mind was poisoned by the hapless Yorke - which is absurd, he is a solid man of real business experience, and the other an obvious hysteric.

I want to warn you of one thing about yourself. You have far more ability and experience than most men of your age, but you are still that age. And people won't take seriously any one much below 40, whatever brilliant qualities he has: that is, in negotiations. You show the defect (e.g.) in talking of a 'mere secretarial position'. You were getting much more inside information that way than you could have in any other; and you ought to have thought it a supreme privilege, instead of repining (? T) What else was there for you to do? So don't be in such a hurry to appear as a Magus 9<sup>o</sup> - 2<sup>o</sup>. Good Lord, what a fool of myself I made by my ~~impatience-te--~~ own impatience to wear epaulettes!

I think you should manage to look up Foreman who is sticking gallantly to his guns in a - meet the most dreadful trouble. Also, do your utmost to get Lloyd to toe the line. He is really a sane and serious man, only perhaps too easily influenced by sham pomp - the Walte Regalia Racket. If you we had him once, with us quite whole-heartedly, I think the word of the Equinox would be justified.

93 93/93 F.F.ly 666

II Sep (30) From Hotel Paris, Estoril, Portugal. You may show this to Yorke Dear Scorpio. (Alphred's ? Think

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Not one word from any of you! I'm annoyed and worried about it, or should be but for those matters which occupy my mind still more. In fact, I've no time or inclination to do anything but the G.: (reat' w.: (ork) in its present forms. But I have to think about cash, and there will be a crisis on Sept 23 at the very latest unless succour arrives. I expected the John (Augustus John's portrait of him as published in The Equinox. T) to be sold before now: Hanchant (give him and Jean Gorman my love) said he could do it in a week.



The London-Brussels position of last year is now reversed, so I hope you'll work as hard now as I did then. In particular, I should like a weekly report of how things are moving.

I hope you have survived the 'nature cure'. My scalp is clearing up fine, but my kidneys seem worse, perhaps because of the strain of reducing etc. In any case, if I am to live, it will be a long cure, and I must have conditions of fresh air, plenty of sun and sea and no worries. The last is very important: to spend the day in Lisbon running about means instant relapse.

I hope the Mandrake (Press) has weathered the storm, and means to do a little publishing for a change. (It went bankrupt. T). If my serials could be sold, even for a lower figure, I should be glad now that I am fighting for my life. It was that accursed winter in Knockholt that did me in.

Will you ring Meyer and Mortimer in Conduit Street and ask if they have sent my knickerbocker suit out yet? It should have been here Tuesday. I enclose key of Cabin Trunk, in case things are wanted. I hope you collected it safe from the Langham. I wish I could hear definitely about the Sullivan book. All my plans depend on that. Let me know all your news, especially if you are O.K. in health now.

*He was to have written a book about A.C.*

93 93/93 F.:ly 660

P.S. What about Marie? (Note. A.C. had deserted her without funds to go to Portugal with Hanni Jaeger, alias The Monster, Anu. T) Please send me 2 copies of Magick by return; also 2 of the 'Legend'. Wake up Yorke! I am especially eager to get Liber Aleph in the press.

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An Ia Sol in Libra. Hotel de L'Europe Lisbon.

C.:F.: 93

So glad of yours. Yorke is deliberately trying once more to murder me. (Note. I had power of attorney over his bank account. There was a balance of some £70. I refused to send him any, but doled it out as a weekly allowance to his wife Marie, whom he had left penniless in London. T). I suspend him from all his functions. Please take possession of all documents, books, pictures etc in his possession. See him instantly - via Kerman - if he refuses. (Note. I handed all the diaries etc over to Kerman, from whom I bought them on A.C.'s death in 1947. T)

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An Ia Sol in 0 degrees Libra.

Care Frater A.N.L.

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

The Greetings of the Equinox of Autumn!

The Word of the Equinox is ANU

The Oracle is AL.I.46

The Yi symbol is Moon of Moon (xxix)

The implication of all is of a mysterious Birth in secret. It is improper to divulge details, but the Working transcends the material plane more than usual.

(Please communicate to all worthy persons as usual; notify also the suspension of Frater V.I. to them)

Love is the law, love under will.

Fraternally yours

TO MEGA THERION 666 9° = 2° A.:A.:.

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Lithograph of me as Augustus Julius... of A.C.

Replaced 6 Stephenson at 12 Hardrake Street Press 6

Undated.

C.F.: Scorpio

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[Typical of the old sinner 474]

Yrs of Sept 22. Yes, I want the hankies-I've a hell of a cold. I'm sorry you can't find the Watson Turner Letters: they must be somewhere. Explain to Hanchant that the firm is under contract with me. Did Marie seduce Yorke? He writes as if he were fucking her. I wish you'd see her and say I'm very friendly and will do all I can to help her. But if she won't answer my letters I can only suppose she wants trouble. It would be better for her to confess her adultery with Yorke. I should prefer to be plaintiff in the divorce. (Alas for this phantasy. Nicaraguans were not my type even then.)

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Osiris 666

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A typescript signed by Regardie.

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15 Oct 30 19 Finsbury Park Road, N.4.

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Yet certain developments within the last few days arouse innumerable doubts as to whether this is simply another attempt on his part to pull the leg of a gullible public, or whether he really has played his last stunt and departed to rejoin the Devil whose territorial emissary it is alleged, he most seriously acclaimed himself since he openly acknowledged the self-chosen title of 'THE BEAST 666'-the lover of 'The Scarlet woman' of whom we read in the apocalypse.

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*Lithograph of one of Augustus John's pencil portraits of A.C.*

*Replaced 6 Stephens at 12 Mardrake Street Press*

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*[Typical of the old sinner 477]*

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I came to know and revere this remarkable man of genius because of prolonged personal contact, and having come under the influence of his intriguing sophistry and his delightful manner (I actually enrolled as a student in his so-called Black Magical Rites, employing the mystical signature of "The Serpent 358")-although his present end, if suicide it be, is hardly compatible with the philosophy he always preached (but then he always was a joker). I sought audience with a local medium, Mr Alfred V Peters, who was recommended to me by the Marylebone Spiritualist Association, in order to fulfill Miss Jaeger's request.

I made an appointment for Tuesday evening, and, accompanied by a local journalist of repute, went to the house of Mr Peters, who permitted the reporter to make numerous copious notes of the communications as they came while the medium was 'under control'. (I might remark curiously that Crowley has written that students of Magick should avoid all Spiritualists as one should syphilis.)

The communications came a little slowly at first. There were attempts at identification of the personality of Aleister Crowley, which, I must say, were fairly close. Then prompted by questionings, Mr Peters 'guide' disclosed that information that Crowley had probably been in Spain and Italy and went out for a walk into the country. He came to some cliffs against which rough waters were lashing- a fair identification of the coast of Portugal and the Bay of Biscay. He then proceeded to describe some peculiar crater, funnel-shaped, (this does seem like a description of the 'Boco da Inferno') into which Mr Crowley had been violently pushed by enemies, presumably of Roman Catholic persuasion or with Free Masonic connections. Moreover he prophesied that the body would never be recovered; that it had been pushed into this crater, washed into the Bay of Biscay, and apparently carried out to sea.

It is interesting at least, to note here that in the course of his troubled life, Crowley has made innumerable enemies in both these sects. Among the Roman Catholics, but his violent and frenzied attacks on Christianity; and among the Freemasons by publishing, in his former periodical, the EQUINOX, the rituals of a secret Rosicrucian Society, of which many powerful Masons were members. For this exposure of their secrets he was never forgiven. It is claimed by his friends, that his expulsion from Italy in 1922, and from France last year, were pre-eminently due to Roman Catholic influence. This is, naturally, pure speculation, but it is borne out most peculiarly by the reports of the medium.

The Portuguese police, nevertheless, confess themselves entirely puzzled by the disappearance, and I feel that they will continue to be so puzzled, for the dead body of Aleister Crowley will never be found.

Yet, although Aleister Crowley is gone, his work will live for ever. He was a writer of extraordinary strength, vitality, and versatility. His poems have stamped him as one of the greatest poets with which these Isles of Great Britain have been blessed. The English Review stated in 1912, that "Mr Crowley is one of our few real poets. He has written things which will never die". The Occult Review declared that "Aleister Crowley is among the first of living English poets. It will not be many years before this fact is generally recognised and duly appreciated".



He has also written novels of no inconsiderable merit. His DIARY OF A DRUG FIEND is a book which will provide discussion for several years to come. That it has been attacked by certain elements in the Press does not damage its value. His Magical Works are, naturally, for a smaller circle of readers, but here too, he has written portions which will be referred to for many years--particularlry with regard to the problem of the mind, and its training.

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I wish you would send me an independent account of what is going on in London. I very specially want all press cuttings for the last few months. I can return them if you wish, but it is very important that I should have them. Suicide, of course, included.

I am very glad Thynne has put you on the 'medium' stunt. But use the wire to him signed Hanni Jaeger as well as your disciple rôle. You might well get a number of "messages". We can concoct a damn good article on this: and sell it too!

We are on a sort of G(reat) M(agical) R(etirement) under most shockingly difficult conditions. Too little money and too many maniacs. Monster sends you-well, I'd better not write what.

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Get Marie to be sensible. I am friendly as ever, and will help whenever I can. At the same time, point out that she was never willing to accept the duty of a wife. The best thing would be for her to go to Paris and take up life there-again where she left it. I'll pay her passage to Nicaragua (if she wants) when I can. But I can't do the impossible. We live by pawning things at present.

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I never urge any one to sign any Oath. I expect them to assert their will to do so. I never even notice. I thought you had signed in the U.S.A. You passed the Exam. didn't you? [I.C. Substitution: call in the A.A.]

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1. The story of the enclosed letter has got to be believed.
2. You have also got to sell it for a jolly stiff figure. I don't know how to do this myself without giving it away; but I think the Oxford Mail man is trustworthy, and he would certainly know how to do it. Wire or 'phone him at once on receipt of this and get him to call. He gets a rake-off, of course. (Send Marie some of the proceeds-and me too, please!) This is urgent, as at any moment Pessoa may spring some other solution, with the murder of a taxi-driver in it. This is going to be one damn big story. I send by next mail the synopsis of
3. Monster's yarn. You must get some one to write this up (Or could you do it?)
4. You must also get a man (don't tell him publisher's name) to write the novel of the ~~story~~ whole story, 80,000 words, which I am offering to Duckworth. I enclose the letter. You had better see Powell-Duckworth's manager-yourself at once. I want that £500, and his weak mind may fail to grasp the inwardness of the letter. (He gave £500 to Betty May. Get a better man than Gerald Armitage) He may make a counter-proposition. If so, make him telegraph it. If Duckworth refuses, try other likely sources of confidence. (Paris has just cabled a man there to track Monster and get photos). We are having some taken. Hustle! take a day off if need be.
5. Further, you must find a really first-class press agent and publicity man, tell him the whole A.C. story and proposition, and ask him to make you a written report of the prospects and his plans to beat the boycott etc.

93 93/93 F.ly 666

Love to you. ANU

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A.C. liked to distinguish himself between  
A.C. and what he called 666 and or  
the great beast - (To mya Sypion)  
and or Raphael.

29 Oct (30) I A Wurtzburgerstrasse. Berlin. My dear Mr Regardie.

Now that poor Aleister has been cut off in the midst of his sins, there is no reason for concealing the strange truth any longer. It must often have struck you as remarkable that he should have been brought up at two public schools, chosen both a diplomatic and a medical career, been so saintly and so deboshed (sic) a character, so liked and so detested, seen in London while he was lying ill in Sicily- and so on.

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Dear Scorio.

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1. The story of the enclosed letter has got to be believed.
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3. Monster's yarn. You must get some one to write this up (Or could you do it?)
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Love to you. ANU

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29 Oct (30) I A Wurtzburgerstrasse. Berlin.

My dear Mr Regardie.

Now that poor Aleister has been cut off in the midst of his sins, there is no reason for concealing the strange truth any longer. It must often have struck you as remarkable that he should have been brought up at two public schools, chosen both a diplomatic and a medical career, been so saintly and so debosched (sic) a character, so liked and so detested, seen in London while he was lying ill in Sicily- and so on.

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3 Nov (30)

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That letter was from the twin. This idea lets us out of all holes. Recd cheque for Monster.

Yours of Oct 31. Great about Violet-but her husband is more important. Yes: try to place Little Essays. Good about Gabriel (Dee.). Betty and Ethel. I dunno. My joke: Ethel Mannin (as usual). A.I. about Cape's nephew. Get him to convince that man, who really nearly (? really. T) fell for the Confessions and may be in immediate need of a spectacular move. This Movie show will go far.

First. You are wrong about my status. Publishers know I'm a serious author. Look at the clippings.

Second. Powell will know at once that I wrote that letter. Contract made with me, of course. You confuse the synopsis-for a yellow Hearst story, written up by you or a journalist- with the book, which is a truthful account of the whole love-story. Do please do what I ask, P.D.Q. and don't argue. I know Powell (Betty May got 2500, I hear)

Third. It won't blow the gaff, because (a) the twins save us (b) nobody will say publicly that I am alive (c) it comes out when I come to life and not before.

Fourth. I don't. The worse it is, the better chance for a big man to bust it. It's a sort of copyright.

Fifth. Collins (at least) knows I'm reliable. But don't see him because of Pessoa's book.

Good idea about Abramelin demons! Shall write Foreman. No money available here yet. Hell!

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5 Nov 30 Leipzig (scratched out by A.C.)

Dear Big Lion (altered by A.C. to 'Care Frater' )

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[in Kuntz om 6/27] <sup>6ax]</sup>

Thank you very much indeed for the hint about the Word you were good enough to give me in your last letter of the 25th October. I seem to understand a little more about it now and can feel that behind the stress and darkness on the material plane and the mental one perhaps too, there is that great Light of Binah, the Great Supernal Mother, which to those below the Abyss must be darkness indeed. In the 'Wake World' this 3rd house is called the House of Sorrow, a House of utmost Darkness, and by and by there is coming a tremendous blaze of a new sun in the sixth House and a new Prince is born. And its planetary sign is Saturn, 'the aged God, the venerable God, the Lord of Time, bearing a sharp sickle'. He brings death on all planes, that of the gross forms on the material plane, for is He not Understanding Intuition, and Divine Intelligence? Shiva the Destroyer?

Nothing can be destroyed but what is destroyable. So we may calmly let go what is taken from us and be ready to give all we have and all we are to the Great Work.

You can hardly imagine how thankful I am that I was- (Martha Kuntzle T) was allowed to translate for you and thereby get to understand more than I dared to hope formerly. Even the numbers 8, 80, and 418 begin to become understandable. If 8 is the great number of Redemption, because ChITH = 418, it points out that through 80, the 'lightning struck Tower' of the Tarot, which means Ruin in its most material form, we shall come to 418, to Abrahadabra, the Word of the Aeon, and the Expression of the Goal.



So with calm courage and firm resolution I will hold out in whatever may come. It is only the Path we are shown, and my heart is singing with gratefulness against you who brought all these glories about.

93 93 / 93 . In deepest love and reverence ever

Your little sister

I.W.E. (Martha Kuntzle)

Much love to the dear Mosnster

*Hanni Jäger known as Anu, the Monster.*

(Note. A.C. has scored through 'I.W.E.' and 'Much love to the dear Mosnster' and added in his own hand: -) [Anu]

This letter, as altered by me, should be copied, and the Bb (brethren. T) circularized, as with the word of the Eqx. Add a letter of your own to say that this Eqx means a severe test of all the Bb to see who is good enough to build onto the Work of Reconstruction. Explain about the 'defile', the nature of the Moon as restriction etc, Cunt etc, and the High Priestess. (Hence the word ANU = all this.

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Translation by Martha Kuntzle of part of her letter to Germer and sent by her to A.C.

It has deeply moved me to see how every incautious or ill-considered action is apt to shake all that has been built up with difficulty as soon as vicious hands get hold of it. The pillars of foundation are, however, dear Brother Saturnus, these are cut from the hard rock and stand unshaken, otherwise crumble off what may! I have vowed myself to the Great Work and am repeating this Vow every day ever so many times, and my will has become so one-pointed and so unshakeably strong being constantly nourished by the spiritual power of the Great Work, so that it too will endure to the end, through millions of years, from one incarnation to the other. Victory is bound to come once, not of the personality, but of the cause, for it is a cosmic necessity from which nobody can withdraw permanently.

It is from this consideration that I want to reincarnate at once, because in my subconsciousness there will then revive, and grow effective, the remembrance of what I willed in this life.

Therefore I stand unmoved and firmly cling to the Great Work, come what may. If at present, our work is seemingly buried this need not hinder us to go on doing what is our true will. Whoever is disloyal to his Highest Self, his Holy Guardian Angel, is the only one to be forsaken, miserable and in disunion for ever.

Conscious of this joyful endurance gained by strength, I am;...

I.W.E.

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Undated.

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Dear Scorpio

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Scribbled a hasty line yesterday about new developments possible in the 'story'. The next point is to put the Monster's pictures in storage, quietly. If asked about them by anybody except me (even Monster herself who sends love - she's been ill for 2 days, but is better now) say with surprise, "Why, I handed them over long ago to a man called Klaus, who said he was a friend, and would take them with him to Berlin that night" (Of course you aren't sure of the date). This Klaus is a desperate character - a forger etc.

You've got to be careful about working Mrs N.H. You mustn't obtain money under false pretences! But your scheme with Mandrake is almost exact exactly my own. Now, on what you say, I don't think the majors will show

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The chairman of Mandrake 6/27

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15 Nov (30)  
Dear Scorpio.

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I can't bother at present with the stolen Titian, and the violated tomb of the Egyptian Priest with the curse on it - so ----

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I know for sure that you can send them on-being paid for here as they arrive. I need them so badly and cannot go on painting without them. Please do this little service to the little monster

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20 Nov (30) I A Wurtszbug strasse. Berlin.  
Dear Scorpio

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You say nothing of Duckworth. Is Lloyd putting you off from week to week? Its rather a trick of his.

Mrs ~~Hogg~~. Sexually starved and over-boisterous. A terrible jumble. A social climber. Was eager to learn Magick and to put the whole show over, but was put off by Yorke's insane conduct at Bandol. a few carefully veiled hints re O.T.O. might bring her in again; but she must be pledged not to bring her husband- who (Yorke says) lost his balls in the war - into it at all

R.T(hyne) £1000 cash specially put up for my work, and not one penny of of it spent on that. *[it went into publishing 3 of his books 8-7-9] A.C.*

Cape. Be careful about signing contract. There's no reason I shouldn't see it first. Glad he likes your 93. But then do simplify it down to the level of the ordinary ass.

Cash. Very tight, but hopes of floating A.C. Ltd.

Marie. She doesn't write me, nor do you mention her (of Thomas Harries Bayley) Why don't you live in her flat, or has she fixed up with some man? I'm rather hopeless about everything. Show here-

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Undated  
Dear Scorpio

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Thanks enormously- but I wish the cash were sent direct. I don't want Yorke to know any of the business of the Order at present. There's snags about sending cash out of Germany just now. Please pay tobacco out of next funds that come in. I've written L and T to this effect.

I got into form again Thursday night. All my powers returned in full force; solved an AL pic puzzle after 27 years! I 45-46, I'll soon get 47, 48 now. So cheer up! *- Book of the Law*

The one dreadful feature of the time is the too frequent obsession of Saturnus. There is really little I can do for him. So every penny that comes this way means just so many hours or days release from the most abominable torture. Of course, he's not always bad, only every so often some trifle starts him on one of his manias, and he lectures angrily about the German spirit, or the price of soap, or the wickedness of the French. The ravings are incredible: and one cannot possibly tell what may switch on the current.

Talking of lunatics, I expect Marie is O.K. Probably just their way of admitting that they cannot manage her temper by any ordinary disciplinary means. I couldn't do it myself! (She had been committed to Colney Hatch lunatic asylum, where she still was in 1949. T) Of course, I don't admit that it is she at all. I have no scraps of evidence about the identity. (I however visited her there and wrote to A.C. about it. T)

Well, I'm very much encouraged, by the thelema revival. Floreat.

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Dear Scorpio

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Yours of 11th very welcome. I only got it yesterday: it was forwarded to the country, while I had gone back to Berlin. I am ashamed of myself for not having written before-bar that P.C.-but I have had a dreadful month

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one I can tell you. What with the German crisis and the World Markets, there has not been a penny to spare for constructive work of any kind. We have all been undergoing all sorts of privations; in particular, myself, because I live only the life of the Spirit, so that if I cannot work, or if I feel that the cause is hopeless, I perish. It makes me physically ill. I have been far worse in the last week than you ever saw me. But Eagles have ministered unto me - alas! that it should not suffice the soul.

It is a poor consolation that my prophecies are being fulfilled - see enclosed. You might call, see the medical officer, explain financial stringency, let me have your own report of her condition (This refers to Marie in Colney Hatch Mental Home. T) I have of course no idea: can only surmise it is the natural result of insisting upon her royal ancestry etc. You might help the doctor greatly by giving him your personal experience of the way she always acted.

As to the Great Work, your one duty for the moment seems to be to keep the MSS etc intact. Of course, if you see an opening any place, insert your Tau.

Forgive me if I don't write more legibly and intelligibly; but I spend about 6 hours a day in the Yoga Practice of Coughing - and shall do so until the weather becomes dry again. Excuse me too if I'm depressed: in fact, I do rely upon your youth and courage to give me a swift kick in the pants, and boost me back to the heavens where I belong.

93 93/93 Fraternally 666

*His pipe tobacco from Dunhill's*

P.S. I wish you could attend to the Perique matter. This foul German tobacco is responsible for more than half my cough. Please mail letter to Albemarle Street.

Undated.

Dear Scorpio

Well I hope the book is as good as you say. I shall very much like to see the MSS. Thanks about Jacobi. It would save lots of time if he mailed currency to me direct by registered post c/o Germer. Tell him, please. Please call at Silkes (? Sulkas T) 37, Old Bond Street and collect some stuff to bring out to me. Please fix a date with me for your arrival, and I will make arrangements as best I can. *[This just before being taken to Colney Hatch]*

Yorke reports Marie in Swaffield Road Institution Wandsworth S.W.8 (the workhouse. T). I think you should see her: I want to know about my yellow suitcase, which had some important things in it. Get her to the Menmwer's (? T) Bench, too; if she owns up to everything, I might do something for her, though of course I could never condone so detestable an offence as adultery. She ought to be able to keep herself well by her embroidery. I wish I could do something useful like that. Can we get her things for her from Belsize Avenue?

Please arrange with a tobacconist living east of Regent St to send to me, to Germer, and to Louise Zschaelrassch 17 Wielandstr Berlin, plain packages of genuine Perique tobacco, medium coarse cut, 1/2 lb in each, every week. Bill to me. This is important. Bring out 1/2 lb with you too, if you don't mind. Sorry to give you so much trouble.

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A.C. to Frieda Harris

The Gardens

Dec 17. (about 1936 ?)

Dear Frieda

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Yours of Dec 17.

The Yi was your own choice from several. I approved highly, because it is the key to the kind of painting after which you were groping when I first met you.

By hard and soft rimes, I meant (wrongly no doubt) this: hard end in consonantal sounds, as 'dog' and 'frog'. Also double rimes, as 'highway' and 'by-way'; soft in vowel sounds as 'doe' and 'roe'. Thus, the rime tells you the hexagram.

e.g. e.g. hide	---	The first line is the base:
thee	- -	hence 49 is - -
untried	---	---
guide	---	---
sincerity	- -	---
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You are doing divination when you ask me a question. Divination is NOT getting an answer mechanically from "Napoleon's Dream Book". It is a method of ~~seeing-the-mind~~ rendering the mind lucid, "opened unto the Higher".

I am personally successful in Astrology because I ~~don't~~ do elaborate calculations that are usual. I put up a simple figure, and let my mind move over it, until light comes.

Divination is an Art like painting. You must raise the mind from Ruach to Neschamah. See Little Essays toward Truth, and No 1 and study the Map. You must master, not obey, the 'rules'. Van Gogh is just as 'classic' as Greco. But deliberately to break or to ignore the rules in order to be 'original' is mere laziness and incompetence and impudence; it always leads to disaster. You have been led far astray by the bounce of these humbugs.

Your only way forward and upward (with the late Ramsay McDonald) is to liberate your mind from its chains. The Ruach is a closely-knit machine. There are three ways of escape: the path of Gimel, the Knowledge and Conversation of the Holy Guardian Angel; the path of He, mysticism; and the path of Zayin, Inspiration or Divination. Ruach hates it all. "The carnal mind is Enmity against God". Cross out 'carnal': the intellect is far worse.

If you are to make a new mark in Art, you need a new mind, a mind enlightened from the "upernal Triad. Divination is the best way for you: that is why your Ruach hates it so much. You do it in some things, notably when you contemplate a Cock, saying: "What is thy message to me, O Lord of my backyard? For I would transmit it, by means of thy painted image, to the world of men". For the Aspirant, there must be Nothing, however mean, insignificant, vile, and loathsome, that is not the Voice of the Most High, music and beauty to the Neschamah. Then, not before, your Ruach may construct (by means of its machinery) a mortal intellectual image of the Truth you have won.

Therefore; I want you to study the Yi, not as it happens to have been



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been interpreted by King Wu and the Duke of Chao; to wring from it by the sweat of your brow its inmost meaning in terms of the Absolute.

You must practice constantly. When your eye is caught by a scrap of paper on the road, a cloud in the sky, a dewdrop on a leaf, anything, stop and wonder: "All these ages have I travelled, and the worlds have rolled on, to achieve this climax: what is this Message to me?" To this very constantly and earnestly, very lovingly, and one day, probably when you are in the depths of dryness, the answer will come.

Love is the law, love under will  
F..ly 666

P.S.

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On Dec 28 there came to me a possible solution of the very mysterious puzzle of the Yi, which has so far baffled me altogether. (The 'musical' solution in the MS table is not unique. M' and F' are followed by F plus M / : why not (just as well) by F plus M for, as would seem natural, by a simple decline of one step in one of M or F . e.g. M plus F )

I chanced to see in H.G. Wells "The Fate of Homo Sapiens" Chap 18 "Shintoism", the Japanese account of the Beginnings of this world. M = Isanagi F = Isanami. Their union produces Sun Moon and Fire-or pretty nearly, just as one Hindu system.

Should there be some very ancient Chinese tradition to the same effect, (as is probable, the Jap having got all his culture from China) it might well account for the first result of the union of --- and ---  
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being --- . We could assume that King Wu accepted this tradition, and based his account of the course of the change (i.e the will-plan) of this upon it. Can you find it out for me ?  
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A.C.

I am really very anxious that I do not hear from you. A.C.

To the same. I Nov 11.

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Did you really suppose that Mercury could allow your meanness about the tea-cup to go unpunished? "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered unto himself". I (and Mr Alfred Spero) gave you the opportunity of making a royal gesture: you reacted like Michael Juste! In your place I should have said nothing, but hurried to 134 Bond St New Bond St and reappeared next day with the "Jewelled Sévres" cup and saucer. That grandeur-if it kept me broke for a month-would have been re-paid eightfold. I'm telling you this, for it a magical formula of enormous virtue to accept a challenge in the royal manner.

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A.C. to Lady Harris. 57 (Petersham Road. London).

11. Aug.

Dear Frieda

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Very many happy returns of the day. Well, you can look back on a very full year very well spent. I always thought that what you needed was direction and discipline: attachment to Reality through ordered forms. You seemed to be groping after Truth and Beauty, feeling your way through paint; now you are masterfully expressing ideas making your ? You know what to do now, and when you next sit down to a big picture, you will have Being flowering into Form instead of trying to reach Being through experiments with Form.

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