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Ivy Cottage,

Knockholt, Kent,

Feb. 8th, 1950.

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✓ Dear Carter:

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

Very good. Shall we say 1 o'clock at
the Indian Restaurant on Friday? If not, please
let me know at Oddenino's Hotel. I shall be back
there on Tuesday afternoon.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours ever,

AC/ir

Ivy Cottage,

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Feb. 9th, 1930.

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Yours fraternally,

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Feb. 10th, 1930. 107

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is that ~~of~~ of the £500 required to clear the edition, I should
be paid £250 ^{at once} in cash, and the balance on delivery of the
edition, which could be arranged in London within a few days.

I regard this ^{book?} ~~as~~ ^{for} an essential point of my publicity
programme, and I think that it is a good test of the genuine-
ness of the belief in the success of my work that this, the
corner-stone of the whole of my occult publications, should
be well and truly laid without any further delay.

Yours faithfully,

AC/ir

The Banned
lecture

Ivy Cottage,

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Knockholt, Kent,

Feb. 11th, 1930.

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Care Frater:

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

I enclose herewith a booklet, the facts in con-
nection with which are as follows.

One of the students at Oxford University, inter-
ested in Magick, and in communication with 666, was a member
of the Oxford University Poetry Society. He persuaded the
Society to invite The Master Therion to lecture, and the
subject chosen was "Gilles de Rais." 666 accepted the
invitation, and his lecture was already prepared when -- a
letter arrived from the Secretary of the Society cancelling
the meeting, on the grounds that disciplinary action had
been threatened by the University if 666 spoke.

I need not remark, I feel sure, that 666 did
not let the grass grow under his feet. The lecture was sent
hurriedly to the press and printed, and was sold on the
streets of Oxford the morning following the date of the
proposed lecture. Placards were painted, and various news-
papers contained columns in connection with the banned
lecture. In short, while the lecture would have been heard
by only some 50 students at the most, the booklet was seen
and read by several hundreds.

It appears, however, that the University had

nothing to do with the matter at all. There is a Jesuit, a Father Ronald Knox -- restriction be unto him -- at Oxford for the purpose of bringing undergraduates to Rome in the manner which is well known. He tried to bluff the secretary of the Society into cancelling the lecture. 666 having exposed the machinations of this schemester, we leave him to the gentle reproofs of the University authorities.

I do not think that this affair will be permitted to drop here. Certain developments are taking place, which perhaps it is inopportune to relate at the moment. But should anything of any real importance take place, I will make it a point of keeping you advised.

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Secretary

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Walker Durant

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Dear Wally: reporter in Moscow. 98

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

Thanks so much for your letter. I have delayed answering it till now because I wanted to check up with one or two things here.

I am very glad indeed of what you tell me, especially about the five day week. We are all rather rejoicing about the sacriligious outrages, and only hope it is true. We wish something could be done to stamp out the Christians here. They are becoming a perfect nuisance. For instance, Frather Ronald Knox had the nerve to bluff the Oxford University Poetry Society into cancelling my lecture on the ground that the proctors would make trouble if they did not. I exposed the whole thing; and now Knox is getting it in the neck from the Varsity, for the proctors will not hold him guiltless who taketh their name in vain.

But I should like very much to have another look at Russia. It seems to me that the old stories about eyewash must be completely false as apparently the Soviets are trying to run Russia as a tourist country. It would really be a very good thing if a large number of independent people travelled round the country on their own.

But at present the general impression is that anyone would be liable to be thrown into prison and tortured for any or no reason as soon as he crossed the frontier. I think it is up to the Soviets to make it impossible for the Mail to publish the rubbish it does, and this seems to me the way to do it.

I am hoping to get my big business through this week, and if so I might take a little holiday in your direction.

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Yours ever,

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Feb. 15th, 1930.

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Care Frater-

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the Law.

Thanks for your little note about Dickens.
I believe you are right, now that I come to think of
it. But it is easy to mix up Millais and Holman Hunt,
the two worst painters of all time.

I shall be up again in London on Wednesday,
and I hope, with luck, that we will find an hour
for lunch or dinner.

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Yours fraternally,

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I will deal with your diary in course of time.

At present I am appallingly busy. The whole week has been filled with auditors, chartered accountants, and so on. The work has been prolonged and difficult because Goldston has falsified everything. But we think that the new company can be registered between now and Wednesday, and then I hope that things will be a little easier. For the past fortnight they have been in very bad condition indeed. I don't know how we have pulled through. It has been particularly bad for the Woman and the Serpent from a physical point of view. I suppose that I have had more than my share of the worry.

I must now give you a full account of the question of Yorke. We had dinner together on Tuesday night. I should have written you before, but I had not anyone to take the letter, and I wanted to get things very accurate and full.

The crisis had been precipitated at a previous dinner about a week earlier when I had brought Yorke to meet Major Thynne, one of the capitalists who is putting up money for the New Mandrake. Major Thynne did not turn up till later, and during the dinner Yorke suddenly vol-

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Well, last Tuesday, I tackled the subject rather abruptly, and ~~cross~~ examined the poor bleeder quite mercilessly, when I thought of the disgusting way in which he has behaved to you. He had repeatedly said that he possessed no capital whatever, that he was in debt in every direction, that his credit at the bank was gone, and so on.

He told this to me; he told it to you; he even told it to people like Goldston. ^{My detailed account of all this is in my letters to my solicitors when A.C. wrote me for damages. At the end of G.J.Y to A.C. letters} 674

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an allowance at all, that his father had handed over £5,000 of shares in the business. He was in full legal control of this money, so that when he wanted the £500 to give to Tattersall, he could do it without difficulty. His excuse for giving money to Tattersall at all was childish.

He then explained that although the capital was legally his, his father regarded it as a sort of trust money, and had made a row threatening to alter his will, disinheriting him as heir, partially, in favour of his younger brother. I asked the most timid of the brethren about this, and he said "Why didn't he tell the old man to stick his will up his arse." I do not know what the most courageous of the brethren would have said.

Anyway, here we see how his original moral weakness in knuckling under to his parents has led him to the breach of his oath, to a display of the most contemptible moral cowardice, and to a systematized campaign of deception. I think it particularly disgusting that he should have persuaded you to hand out money, you being a poor man and he a rich one, when he could perfectly well have done it himself. I think that your course is to demand that Yorke should immediately repay you the whole of the loan, and if he does not do so, write to his father explaining the whole of the circumstances.

I am extremely sorry for Yorke, because I like him very much, and I consider that he has the very greatest abilities for the Great Work. But all these go to waste un-

less we can make a man of him, and I think that to force him into a fight to the finish with his family is perhaps the kindest thing one can do to him.

Well, so much for Lord Raspberry!

If things go well this week, I may possibly come over to Berlin to see Birven and the others, and to arrange about the pictures. I will let you know in good time.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

P. S. About Handel's letter, I have no authority about price of the books, and I do not think it would be reduced. But arrangements could be made for easy payments.

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Ivy Cottage,

Knockholt, Kent,

Feb. 16th, 1930.

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to former

Care Frater:

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

I am enclosing you herewith the diary sheets you sent a few days ago together with the comments of 666. I have refrained, this time, from cutting them and pasting them to the page to which they have reference. I believe you will find it just as easy for reference this way, as if I had cut them, the affair would have become quite complicated, with the original note, then your reply, and finally the new note.

I trust you will find the same in order.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

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A. N. /ir

Ivy Cottage,

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Knockholt, Kent,

Feb. 16th, 1930.

To Mrs Farmer

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My dear Cora:

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

I am assuming that Karl will have shown you my letter to him written earlier to-day. But I feel that I owe it to you to write you independently.

I cannot tell you how shocked I have been about these revelations, and I cannot express myself too strongly about it. To make such false representations of his own position, while he was asking you for the loan that he could perfectly well have put through himself, is in the last degree disgraceful. It is not as if we had been urging him to contribute. We took his word for it that he was really in the position that he said. I am really horrified at ~~making~~ a party, however innocent, to so iniquitous a transaction. But I think the time has now come to clear up the situation thoroughly, and make a fresh start.

To turn to pleasanter subjects. The reconstruction of the Mandrake Press seems to be going through quite all right, and we hope to have everything in perfect order by Tuesday or Wednesday, at the latest. I hope to make arrangements which will release me from the terrible situation into which Yorke has put us all, and I shall probably come over to Berlin myself to arrange for an exhibition of

✓ pictures and attend to matters of translation, etc. etc. Of course, as far as -doing actual business is concerned, we have had more or less to mark time while we were getting Goldston out of the business. He is a very stupid thief. In fact, so stupid that he did not know enough to get out without delay or fuss. As it is, ~~he~~ is going through it on Monday morning with one of the shrewdest business men in England. All the same, it has kept back our publishing programme.

Well, here's hoping that everything turns out all right, and that I shall be able to come and lock you up in a few days time.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours ever,

o AC/ir

Ivy Cottage,

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Knockholt, Kent,

Feb. 16th, 1930.

Sallason

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Dear Pat:

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

I am still not in receipt of your esteemed slice of wedding cake. At least you might have told me of the tragic act you contemplated. But I am very glad to hear that you are coming to England, and I shall hope to see you in London at an early date.

By the way, who do I have to congratulate? Van Dongen?

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Yours ever,

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Ivy Cottage,

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Feb. 19th, 1930.

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To former

Care Frater:

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

Thanks for your letter of the 17th with enclosure from Cora to Yorke. I think her letter is very good indeed. I must say, though, that she might have dropped me a couple of lines to set my mind at rest, as I am frightfully ashamed of myself for being mixed up in this. I am sure she understands that I was never ~~in~~ my party to deception. Not that I believed Yorke's statement. Even Marie was quite sure that he was playing a double game. I am seeing him today at lunch and will rub it in.

It is frightfully decent of you to write as you do in your last paragraph. In point of fact, things have been ~~terribl~~^a down at the cottage. There has been something very much like a shortage of feed; ~~all credit is gone~~, and every thing is as bad as it well can be. I am in urgent need of medical treatment, and have had to postpone that, and damn the consequences. On top of this, the Haymarket Stores have started legal action against us for about £30. I am hoping to square all these matters in the course of the day with the New Mandrake Syndicate. But in case I do not succeed, it will be just as well to have at least a small sum to carry on from day to day through the catastrophe.

I made it a point of honour not to write to you about this in view of the Yorke development. Goldston swindled us out of some £60 on the accounts. I may have to sue him and should probably want you as a witness. I think the much best plan will be [redacted] can come to Berlin for a few days. Reply to me at Oddeninge's Hotel, Regent Street, W. 1. If you can enclose £50, please do, but not via Yorke. A banker's draft will be the best way.

The general situation, apart from this, appears to be very good. The new company has apparently got £12,000 and the preference shares will be definitely secured on real estate, or so they tell me. The new man ^{Thynne?} says quite clearly that Crowley is the greatest ~~firm~~ ^{man} in the firm, and is prepared to spend money on breaking the boycott and advertising me generally. I should not be surprised if we were all swimming in money in a very short time.

Marie joins me in sending love to you and Cora. She is much better, though naturally she has been terribly tried by the discomfort of the cottage and the complete absence of all distraction. But she has done wonderful work. If I can come to Berlin, I shall bring a couple of her pictures as well as my own. Her new work is really quite remarkable. My own has gone temporarily flat. There is a dearth of painting materials, and I have not felt like working at all. I have been far too much worried by the mis-behaviour of Yorke.

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To forward
Care Frater:

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Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the
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Yours of the 16th, acknowledging receipt of pamphlet. The latest developments show that Father Knox at Oxford is not a Jesuit, although he is some kind of priest with which the Church abounds -- probably a member of the Paulist Society. Anyway, his method of propagating Roman doctrinalia among the undergraduates is via sodomy. Suff sed!

As to the pamphlet being printed under the name of Stephensen, the facts are these. Goldston developed a streak of quite a deep yellow, and so the business came to a standstill, pending its purchase by Major Thynne. When the excitement came, it was decided to print the pamphlet privately, Major Thynne paying for it, under Stephensen's name, and not that of the Mandrake. It is hoped that the negotiations will have reached their climax today, resulting in the complete disruption of Goldston, so that the Mandrake Press can continue without any further drawbacks in the development of its programme. *Liber Corus Cincti Superfluit, Equinoct. XI.*

Re: Comment on Liber LKW. The manuscript I sent you is labelled "The Preliminary Analysis" but it covers, as you will discover all the chapters. There is no

second part.

If there is anything I can do at any time here
for you, please do not hesitate to call on me. Kindest
regards to both you and your wife, from

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

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Ivy Cottage,

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Knockholt, Kent,

Feb. 24th, 1930.

Henry Poole & Co.,

37 Savile Row,

W. 1.

Gentlemen:

Yours of the 19th instant.

The matter concerning which I wrote you on the 7th instant has been greatly delayed by the considerations of legal contracts and agreements, etc., and during this delay the finances of the firm have been ~~taken~~ up. I beg to advise however that Mr. Crowley is now in town and he fully expects the business to be closed this week, at which time he will take pleasure in forwarding you his cheque on his over due account with you.

May I therefore request another short extension in credit?

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Secretary

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Dear Karl:

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

Another week has dragged on, and there is no change in our sector. So I came down here for the weekend to forget it. Apparently the papers will be signed on Monday and we can get down to business on Tuesday. It has been terrible, all this, and the worst of it is that we have lost about four months business. However, provided these new people act as they have promised to do, we shall be able to go ahead very strongly from now on.

I will let you know further in a day or two.

Yours fraternally,

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