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your dear words?

516 June Wolfe  
Lester Smiths wife & mother 1928

I 11.1.

Letters between Aleister Crowley  
and W.T. Smith (Pater 132) and vice versa

1926 to 1947

231 items including Libel CXXIII complete. 164 pp typescript.

Copied Jan 1955 from the originals carbons and drafts in the possession of  
W.T. Smith

Leah Hirsig to W.T.S.

25 Apr 1926

Goldem, Hasliberg, Switzerland.

Care Frater

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I herewith enclose the Word of the Equinox. We have not had your address this past year or more, so could not send it to you. I hear from headquarters that they are writing you also.

93 93/93 Yours fraternally

Alostrael 31-666-31.

The Word is FU

This is the name of the earliest known of the Great Chinese Adepts.

Its number (Φ) is 506 = 8.80.418 (See AL)

There is an implication of Singularity putting the Work on a firm basis: a return of the current from its downward curve. Great changes may be expected: they may seem evil, but are necessary to Progress.

The Oracle is Liber VII 3. 46 "Let me smother them with roses". (Note the context V. 45 in connection with the entry of Herschel into Aries March 31)

The Yi symbol is



Kwei huei

The spirit brooding on the waters; the beginning of the Creative Movement. Unlikely subversions.

March 20/27.

Jane Wolfe to W.T.S.

20 Apr 27

Bankers Trust Company, Place Vendome, Paris.

Care Frater V.O.V.N.

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

Soror Alostrael has sent on your letter to her of March 28th with the request for the Word. She will send it to you. 666 would be very glad if you would write him fully as to what you have done, and are doing, towards the achievement of the Great Work - a full account of yourself.

Love is the law, love under will

With all fraternal greetings

Estai Jane Wolfe  
Secretary to 666.

W.T.S to A.C.  
To Mega Therion  
Care Frater

P.O. Box 1574. Station C. Los Angeles . California.

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My lack of any special endowments or ability prevent me from lecturing for instance, but also that does not appeal to me as a method of promulgation. The O.T.O. with its system of initiation is much more to my liking but although I was willing to help the man at the helm, doubt if I could steer the ship myself. Again past experience seems to indicate that to put it over without financial backing is impossible in face also of the opposition to engender.

All this, however, does not concern the first half of the equation "Solve" which as yet I have not accomplished. The dryness of the task through lack of any results to give enthusiasm makes one <sup>travel</sup> along the path from weariness, and through barrenness of the view ahead one ~~who~~ seeks other distractions; so what little I do I am afraid is very intermittent.

My interest in Liber Stellae Rubrae and the like no doubt turned me from the dryness of Yoga but the finding of a suitable Q (yoni, cunt, T) has deterred me from a proper attempt, as far as <sup>I</sup> understand them, at rituals of that nature. No doubt my own limitations have been the cause of my not having made the best use of those who have crossed my path. It is difficult, of course, to perform exercises of that kind and not lose ones self in the senses. In addition, the <sup>achtm</sup> attachment of my mind to one particular manifestation of Muata (sic) has perhaps created an illusion that none other is so ~~quite~~ suitable. From somertrite remarks you once made in a shocking diary you may remember that conjunction was found to be very difficult in that ~~direction~~ <sup>direction</sup> at the time; five years and three thousand miles of space make the attempt more difficult. I have now been by myself in Los Angeles five years, having spent one year in Vancouver after I left Frater A(chad) in Chicago. ....

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W. Stansfeld Jones

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Wansfield Jones

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Very fraternally

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Kasimira Bass to W.T.S. A. C.'s mistress

2 Sept 27

Dear Wilfred.

A week ago I left Paris and I am now home in Poland. I met the whole family, but mother who is in her country place with my two nieces, one of them got measles, so I am going to see her a little later. I am just fine and very glad to have met our great Crowley. (Note. Smith had given her a letter of introduction to A.C. T) In Paris I tried to get the address you gave me and got chance to reach him one day before my trip to Poland. This address is only a Bank, so they forwarded me on your letter and Crowley wrote a card giving me address and invited me to dine. I went there, he has a nice place in the outskirts of Paris, he has a jap butler and a female housekeeper. He received me with great attention on the door and served me a new cocktail "Maya" strong as himself. We chatted and smoked fine cigarettes and after an hour he took me to some funny people in a studio for dinner. He loves to as you know adventure and he likes to go to observe life of unbalanced human beings - So we stayed there for some time and then we came back to his home. He gave me some answers on my questions I was asking and we talked all sorts of things till 3 o'clock a.m. It was very very charming and he is very interested and enthusiastic about my person. He want me to work with him. Now Wilfred I am going to tell you something more. Do not faint! He proposed 4 times to me and want me to marry him. He wanted me to marry him next day in Paris it is not so easy. I was so surprised with the whole that I could not give him my answer. He came next day to visit me, met Marion (her daughter.T) and asked me again. He is very wonderful and you never exaggerated (sic) telling me about him. I was frank with him and asked about his finances he said, he has plenty to make a nice home for me and make me happy, he said as I will be "the Queen of Sheba". He got crazy about me. He want me to come to Paris soon and is waiting for my decision. He said, that he want me for his wife, but not for his mistress. He got a lot from your letter, he likes you and spoke very nicely about you. I do the same. You helped me very very much to adjust myself and I will always consider you as my good friend. Tell me, Wilfred, what shall I do ? I mean your suggestion even If I do not take- use it. But, I believe in your wonderful common sense and would like to hear your

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opinion about the marriage or better the proposal. What do you think about? I say that it needs time to think it over but I liked to hear your word about you know more about him. I handle the thing strictly confidentially you know.

Hope to hear soon your answer and I would like to hear a lot about you. How was your meeting. Send me please continental airmail registered so I get earlier as usualy. With love and my best wishes to you from

Kasimira.

A.C. to W.T.S.

5 c/o Bankers Trust Co. Place Vendome. Paris.

(Sept 1927)

C. P. F.

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I thank you for the galleon of Treasure (Kasimira Bass.T) which came under full sail into port here last week.

Unfortunately she was chartered to make more distant shores.

But I have just had a word that there are hopes of Lloyds reporting her all well here in October.

This may be for the Great Work a most important move.

And I am relying on you to keep in close touch with me from now on. Also of course with the Bb in N(ew) I(ork).

I will send you the Word in due course, after Sol in Libra.

93 93/93 May- July 666

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Kasimira Bass to W.T.S.  
1 Nov 27

Dear Wilfied

...I am still here on account of a mistake with my money, but I hope to get soon the money and fly to Paris or better to A.C. who is terribly impatient to have me there. He rented already a house in Fontainebleau and keeps one in Paris and tells me that everything is ready and waiting for me. He is really great, I am so anxious to see him! I am certain I will be very happy. We exchange letters very often, he tells me that he is only a quarter human without me. He plans to live in Paris till spring and after we are going to Egypt. Imagine my great excitement about all those wonderful promises. I am so happy, seeing live (sic) from the best side. I believe that the best is always kept hidden till we use brains to discover it. ....

Do you know about his second marriage? He said to me that he had a girl. 7

her the best at 6 p.m. Thanks in advance to your kindness. Merry Xmas and the happiest New Year you ever had my dear. With love from  
Kasimira.

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A.C. to W.T.S. 1 March (26)

Hotel Restaurant Foyot. Paris.

C.F. 93 Been sick and busy: hence delay to answer yours of Jan 19. K(asimira) should be here within a week.

I can't take epileptic cases. Leave them to grow into St Pauls or Mohammeds. Or strangle 'em. Tell him it's a purely medical matter, and outside my province.

I never heard of C Jacobi. Use your old Exam(inatio)n paper, only change the names of things asked about. E.g put Scorpio for ~~Aries~~ etc etc.

My unpublished work. Write to Mr G.J. Yorke 9 Mansfield St. W.l. Tell him ~~about~~ what market there would be in California.

So glad your in touch with Estai (Jane Wolfe.T). I miss her badly. Look after her as well as you can. Tell her I'll write next mail.

Take all the Oaths you can think of, and plunge into the Work head first. We want lots of support of all kinds. New G.H.Q. getting into shape at last.

93 93/93 F..ly 666

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6 Mar 28

c/o Bankers Trust. Paris

C.F..

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The 10 dollars is very kind of you and just at the critical moment. It would indeed be helpful to be able to rely on that every month. It's not the shortage so much as the uncertainty that prevents me putting over big things. No K(asimira) yet. Hope for this week.

4 93 93/93 F..ly 666

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C.F. 93 1<sup>st</sup> March (28) a note to ask you not to send money orders. I haven't been able to cash that 10 dollars yet!! The P.O. here is insane and malignant. Send currency in registered letter.

K(asimira) and I have been down at Fontainebleau. We are in the throes of a great crisis - getting rid of the dead wood and starting new plans of very great importance.

She sends you her fondest undying love.

Further bulletins will be issued in due course.

Please let Jane Wolfe have enclosed.

93 93/93 Fr.ly 666

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20 Mar 29

Care Frater

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Jane Wolfe

This is for you to talk over with Soror Estai, as I have a letter from her this A.M. with suggestions. The problem of getting a regular income is destroying the work. I propose <sup>that</sup> everybody interested should contract to send 10 dollars ~~per~~ month. You collect and transfer the amount by cable to my account at the Bankers' Trust.

For this we supply courses of instruction as we can get them ready. Begin by typing out the Official Instructions of A.F.A. from The Equinox, and I will supplement with unpublished M.S.S. "Little Essays" "Liber Aleph" etc etc. I'll have things printed as soon as funds permit. You can, further <sup>and</sup> apart from this, collect 10 dollars apiece from people for the special private edition of Book 4 Pt III, <sup>Magick in Theory & Practice</sup> the complete treatise on Magick. (A man in London has promised to have this printed in the course of the year.) These subscription copies will be signed by me.

K(asimira) is taking up this problem with practical energy and good sense.

To put the Work in proper shape, we want 200 dollars monthly from California and the Coast. The matter is urgent, too. I hope you will not lose a moment in getting people interested. Larger sums, donations etc would be set aside for a special fund to build a proper Headquarters

93 93/93 Fraternally 666

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Palm Oil Sunday

C.I.F. 93

Thanks for M(oney) O(rder) just in. Hope you have the Word by now. K sends you her love. P.S. Possible big new changes. There <sup>has</sup> been a smash, thanks to the foolishness of a worthy sister. But in other directions the prospects are A. 1.

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W.T.S. to A.C.  
21 Mar 28

Box 1574 Stn C. Los Angeles, Calif.

C..F..

93. Greetings for the Equinox ....

I got your letters Monday. In the evening I got the idea from your remarks re Oaths, that the Oath of the Abyss was suggested. At some early hour this morning I awoke with that conviction. This, no doubt, is no light matter, more than I realize, but what odds. All the ~~shape~~ steps one takes are in the dark. Better be another ~~copys~~ (sic) among those that strew the Path that (sic) of as little use as I have been and am.

So then: - I will interpret every phenomenon as a particular dealing of God with my soul, and by this one not loose his head and prove a failure. Yes I hope I shall not be another disappointment to you. Lord you must have had a rough time.

By the way it was reported to you when I was in Chicago that I had taken the O(ath) of the A(byss), but that was purely an idea of J(one)s' <sup>Achad</sup> on the strength of a chance remark I made when he was seeing everything symbolical.

I do hope K(asimira) will be of real value. Give her my love.

Fraternally. 93- 93 93/93  
V.O.V.N.

A.C. to W.T.S.  
27 Apr 28.  
C..F..

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Hotel restaurant Foyot.

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Just a line to tell you how wonderfully the new Work is going. Kasimira is getting into her strides; and things are beginning to happen accordingly. The trouble is that we have hardly any time for conversation or writing letters.

But from something that she has obtained it would seem that you may prove to be the one important man in putting the U(rest) W(ork) on a new firm basis. It may be through you - perhaps by way of Mrs Reynolds - that AL III. 51 may come to pass. (There is another matter even more important which I cannot deal with now.) I would keep my eyes open if I were you. To be quite frank, I expected you to come right to the front long ago, and wondered why you didn't. Of course the Achad connection was very bad, at the end.

Everything here is moving ahead as it has not done for years, despite the immediate crises. But Kasimira's coming had to lay everything in ruins, in order to 'rebuild it nearer to the heart's desire'. Whatever comes of all this, I shall owe you an

unthinkably great debt for the most marvellous experience of my life.

By the way, how much do you know have of O.T.O. secrets? Did you see the secret MSS?

93 93/93 Fraternally

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### Hotel Restaurant Foyer.

4 May 26

C. J. F. 5

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93 10 dollars duly to hand. But 'twere safest to register the letter.

I'm convinced you <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>Jane Wofsy</sup> ~~Estai~~, with Mrs Reynolds' help, can arrange something big. The fact is that although K(asimir) is immensely courageous, she is so accustomed to have everything she wants without even asking for it, that she gets moods of great and severe depression when she has time to remember the situation.

This must be put right. She is the one possible Magical Partner for me, and she is perfect. Already, despite the greatest difficulties, we have succeeded beyond all my hopes in awakening a current of creative energy of enormously high potential. It would be utterly disastrous if this Work should break down on the brink of achieving the most stupendous gain for poor humanity. And that for the sake of sheer stupidity!

So you see what you can do to set her mind at rest. For myself I am quite calm and confident; but this is her first experience of living under Magical laws, so that the funny little ways of the Gods get rather on her nerves.

I'm so grateful to you over 777. Perhaps 516 (Jane Wolfe, T) has helped you to fill in some ~~is emplacuas~~ in typescript - my copy is defective, and I can't always fix it up from memory.

Oh so busy, excuse hats!

93 93/93 P.oly

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Love from Kasimira.

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c/o Bankers Trust, Paris

6 June (28)

C. F. 93 Young of May 16.

It is all messed up with Achad nonsense yet. It is true that any lunatic may be a God, but that is no reason to argue that all Gods must be lunatics.

Is it not the same camiflower Egg which destroyed ~~that~~ Chad.

If you are going to have anything to do with me, you have to wash your mind clean of all this rubbish. You have to make a clean break with the past - don't even

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yourself to think of it! Don't think of yourself and your relations with me or anyone else.

Start an entirely ~~new~~<sup>new</sup> habit of life. Ingratiate yourself with some people, people of importance. Put over the Law of Thelema as a spiritual, social, and political movement. Get men interested in its economic advantages first of all - and so on.

Cut out all this Leota stuff (Smith's wife or mistress. T); you have work to do, and no time for wireless fornication.

Forget about the Marks of a Buddha!

What we want is a G.H.Q. - a loan of 10,000 dollars secured on mortgage and the stock of books.

And then, more like 100,000 dollars, a Temple of the Spirit of the Living God. The money's right under your nose, and you need only to get in with the right ~~people~~ to have it handed to you on a tray.

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June 8 (28)

Cassis

C..F..

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Ask Metai about the Mediterranean Manifesto etc; <sup>and</sup> tell that twin (? T) Jesus where she gets off.

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Kasimira Bass to W.T.S.

Cassis.

Undated

Dear "ilfred.

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A.C. to W.T.S.  
27 July 28  
C.F.

c/o Bankers Trust, Paris

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Glad of your letter of July 9. Arrangements have now been made for K and me to be able to live without worry for the rest of this year. This has been done almost entirely through the miraculous efforts of one man - who has been ~~sends~~ sending over <sup>Karl Gurner</sup> 100 dollars a month~~s~~ out of a salary of 45 dollars a week!

Now money is wanted more than ever; for we are now free of debt, free of anxiety, and ready to start a big publication campaign. This, if properly handled done, should put us absolutely on the map. Part III of Hk 4 will be the one classic of Magick: we shall get lots of people to come along with loads of cash, and be able to take the critical step of getting the Island, and save the wreckage of the present civilization.

In the mean while, note this well. I have a man who may become the (Rich) Man from the West at any moment. We must confirm and increase his confidence. The essential point just now is to pour every cent available into the Publication Fund. It will all be repaid by foundation shares in the parent Company now being formed. So if you have to sell your car and live on sandwiches for a year, don't hesitate. It should help you enormously, by demonstrating your sincerity, earnestness etc. Be a fanatic, and fools will follow you. (The other man sold his house, realized his prospects of inheritance, etc. etc. Now, three years later, he is getting it all back thick and threefold!) A year will certainly see us on Easy Street, if every one goes all out now. Send all cash to

G.J. Yorke Esq, 9 Mansfield Str.

<sup>X</sup> Karl Gurner, I think. P.P.Y.

Cavendish Sq. W.1.

He has started a bank account for this job. We can already guarantee 6% interest on any loan of 10,000 dollars. But this 6% is merely the safeguard; if we win, we can pay up to 25%. So put this over quick!

Love to the two sisters! Why should you think I would mind? I haven't got to work overtime! 93 93/93 F.1.7 666

P.S. I have someone in view over here who would put up the first 10,000 dollars right away, if there was a little good encouragement: i.e. fair sums coming into the Publication Fund all the time, and prospects of a fellow-lender at your end. This fact will help you to persuade somebody.

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10 Oct 28

55 Avenue de Suffren. Paris . VII.

C.F..

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Thanks for your news. Go right ahead! Your contributions have been very useful - and encouraging to others too. But we expect you to come forward, and show the value of your training by putting all California in your pocket and presenting it to the Great Work.

Things are moving splendidly. In a month or so you will have a lot of good publicity to help you.

Therefore, make speed, lest they say that you got on the band-wagon!

K sends her love. Last night I dreamt that she had a baby by you!

93 93/93 F..ly 666

W.T.S. to A.C.

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29 Oct 28

C.F..

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Very pleased to get your letter. ~~just~~ <sup>cannot</sup> gauge by your letters just what is happening on this mundane plane on account of your supreme optimism, but letter from York does seem to indicate matters are beginning to move in a favorable way. ....

...Feeling that O Jacobi displayed a considerable ineptitude I gave him a straight talk. It appears afterwards that I turned him inside out <sup>and</sup> upside down. He claims to have had a very miserable time. He has got over it alright and there is a marked change in him for the better remarked by Estai. He was all balled up about sex.

Likewise the Blym's household has been badly ~~etc~~ stirred up by the introduction to of (sic) what the mother of the two girls calls a black magician.

I mentioned the two girls in a former letter. At first I alternated but B either got jealous over my attention to H or else peaved because I would not foot the whole bill when she got pregnant. Leaving aside details, H moved out and lives alone.

B has considerable warmth of nature but is full of inhibitions. H on the other hand is most exceptionally free but quite a problem in other respects. With nine years of married life to her credit, now getting a divorce, she had never known the pleasure of love. So disliked the man that she would never give way. I almost always sweat blood, so to speak, before I break in spite of mental willingness on her part. And so far have only succeeded when I make a "little boat of my tongue".

She shows tractability and is very anxious to do just what I tell her, partly, as she says, not to disappoint you. Send a message, she will be pleased.

Which would you consider the best conditions from a magical point of view. Little nat

passion but union mainly through free of will (sic) and experimental interest. Or passionate desire towards union. Perhaps the will effort is equal in both cases; in the one to drive on the steed in the other to prevent it running away. Anyhow I've found on one occasion of 2 hours the effort in the first case considerable.

I hope you will not find this all very wearying. I don't know but that I would just as soon you found fault as commend me I think they are equally good.

I have always had a idea that some day I would be of real use to the cause, so I hope there will be some real news to give you some time.... I sent York £5 to day and promised £10 every first from now on and I may do better than that. I sent him the 20 dollars promised because I had it saved for my vacation.

93 93/93 Very fraternally

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C.F.F.

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I am afraid I have no news to give you which you would really like to receive such as that we had met with the R(ich) M(an f on the) W(est). I am merely writing because I want to.

After all this time and many efforts...I saw Mrs Reynolds... She merely made lots of prognostications in regard to myself which were doubtless very bad for my Cauliflower Egg

I am shortly going to do great things. In fact eclipse the achievement of any single individual since time was. Or pretty nearly so. I am going to do a great work for humanity, travel very widely and lots of money is coming my way. The combination of me with you is of great import and she tells me that I am in communication with you unconsciously in the early mornings which later I shall be aware of. A great vision will be given me and I shall suddenly touch the right button, so to speak, and wonder why I never did it before.... I suppose you will wonder why I am giving you all this ravings, but I have nothing else to tell you ....

The affair with ~~Q~~ seems to ~~now~~ come to an end <sup>now</sup> suddenly as it started. I think I was too much of a strain ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> her. So now I shall have to find another lady. Oh yes, Mrs Reynolds told me I was going to meet a dark lady. I get on with brunettes best anyhow.....

Which is the most important chapter in Liber 333? Oh yes, I know, "Below the Abyss reason is lord, therefore seek by experiment and not by questioning. Alright, but this is the first question I ever asked you. How about 76 Phaiton (s.c.).

Give my love to K(asimira) and I hope things are going well with you both. I do most sincerely hope I shall be of material use to the cause some fine day.

Very fraternally 93 93/93  
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A.C. to W.T.S.  
16 Dec 28

55 Avenue de Suffren Paris VII

Care Frater

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

Thanks for your letter of November 26th. Your account of Mrs Reynolds corresponds with ~~seem~~ remarkable accuracy to my estimate. At the same time I am terribly depressed at the amount of insanity which is outside the walls of asylums. I suppose the only thing to do is to make use of it somehow. Why not tell her that you are in communication with a great Red Indian Chief (or Squaw) who belongs to the 77th Circle, and that unless she hands out a million dollars she will perish miserably?

I am really so, so tired, that I could ~~curl~~ up to a rattlesnake instead of having to do with <sup>human</sup> ~~other~~ <sup>not away, away</sup> all one's moral stamina to feel that justice and decency and common sense meet with nothing but ravings, and that you have only got to disguise yourself ~~as~~ something incredible to bring home the bacon!

I have to tell you the truth about Kasimira. It is not a final truth, because everything is still in the balance; but you had better know the facts as far as we have them, and act accordingly as far as is possible.

I believe, and her lawyer believes, that there is something wrong with her mind.

The arrangement was that we were to combine our forces. This went on very well up to a certain point. On August 26th, we were in Gap - which you can find on the map ~~of~~ - and while we had plenty of money to live on in Gap, we could not go on to Paris because of having no clothes etc. She then volunteered to put up 10,000 dollars which she said was owed by a Mr Saiger, or some such name, and Mrs Reynolds was collecting it for her. She therefore wrote to Mr Yorks to say that she would put up this money and would he kindly authorize the expenditure of the money, that we already had for the purpose of the general fund, to buy her clothes and all sorts of things, and install her in a flat in Paris. He said "yes". She wrote him a promissory note for 1,000 dollars as well as signing contract letters, and recapitulating her statement before witnesses. By these manœuvres she obtained ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup> money, and she then disappeared secretly. She is still

in hiding, but those who hide from men can't hide from the Gods, and she is a pretty sick woman. I also think she is completely crazy. The last letter of hers that I received is that of an animal in pain, and the whole trouble is her own stupidity. The worst of the whole business is that she appears before the world as a prostitute, swindler and blackmailer, and she is nothing of the sort. I am backing my judgement of her against all the facts. But it is going to be quite ~~impossible~~ <sup>impossible</sup> for her to go back to California until she honours her signature in every respect, and if it turns out she had no 10,000 dollars at all, she is most assuredly going to prison, and there is no corner of the world where she can hide herself. In her ignorance of French law, she has done things which condemn her infallibly in the eyes of French justice.

I have not in the least changed my views ~~of~~ <sup>about</sup> her, and I am doing everything I can to protect her, but naturally the people she has done out of their money are ~~as~~ mad as hornets, and at any moment the claws may catch her by the part which you know as well as I do — at least I suppose so.

She is really a most stupid ~~woman~~ person. You send me a letter in which you tell me, as plainly as anything can possibly do, that she has been your mistress. She presents me this letter and imagines that I will not understand anything by it, and dismiss the whole thing for weeks and months, until, in a burst of confidence, the cat comes out of the bag. I am now looking like Diogenes, with a lantern of much greater power, to find somebody whose mistress she has ~~not~~ been. Why women should make such asses of themselves, I cannot tell. But they are all the same, and if it were not for the <sup>assassination</sup> of Mr Herman Goldschmidt (by his boy, T) I should say that it would be much better to make one's Bible of the Ragh-i-Muatter.

I congratulate you on the affair with M. James Branch Cabell said that a thing done has an end, or words to that effect. You say you are going to find another lady. But good heavens, what is the <sup>matter</sup> with Mrs Reynolds? Divide her age by two, take away the number you first thought of, and what is the <sup>matter</sup> with her? The only trouble is that you may lose one or two per cent of that 100% physical well being.

Chapter 76 (of the Book of Lies, T) is of great importance, but in your painful position, I think I should look at Chapter 61. "Dyath to all fishes".

I really wish, quite seriously, that you would do what you can, I don't care in the least by what means, to straighten out this matter of our lady friend by putting one over on this crazy old codfish, Mrs Reynolds.

Love is the law, love under will

Your fraternally. 666

17 Jan 29.

55 Avenue de Suffren

Care Frater.

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

Your letter dated December 26th to Yorke. I wrote you on the 16th of December, telling you of the Kasimira catastrophe. We are still very much upset, in a business way about this. She must have gone completely off her head. She sneaked away with every kind of precaution that a professional criminal usually takes. However there are compensations.

I hope you realize how invaluable your loyal help is. If we had half a dozen like you, we could go ahead to victory with every kind of splash.

I wrote to Jane (Wolfe) about you, moreover. I hope that you have by now taken the advice I conveyed in that letter. It is of vital importance if you are to put things over with any one. Please write ~~me~~ regularly. I always reply to letters immediately on receipt.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally 666

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19 Jan 29

c/o Bankers Trust Co. Paris.

Care Frater

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

Thanks for your long and very informative letter of the 18th. I don't think you can say I was definitely mistaken about Kasimira. Nor were we bothering her in any way. On the contrary, we were offering to help her. It was ~~she~~ that mischief (sic), by starting to act queerly.

I did not suggest that you should undertake any practices for which you have no inclination or aptitude. I only said that sometimes women were so idiotic that one wished on her.

I am afraid there is no chance of getting a copy of the B(agh) - i - M(uattar) for you.

Mrs Reynolds is obviously a mischievous old hag. She certainly did influence Kasimira for ~~harm~~, and though I do not know, I bet Kasimira is pretty sick about it now. Nobody would have bothered about the cheque. She could have renewed it for as long as she liked. What annoyed, was her <sup>aking</sup> ~~undertaking~~ all sorts of criminal intrigues; apparently under a quite insane fear that something quite terrible was going to happen to her unless she succeeded in covering her traces with the police!

You ought really to have more sense than to give ~~any~~ advice to people afflicted with

fits, except to go and see a doctor on the subject. Otherwise, if you say that you think a little walk will do them good, they go out round the block, catch cold, neglect it, die of pneumonia, and leave you to foot the bill and the blame.

The same applies to Bylalie. You are perhaps unfortunate in not knowing Madame la Duchesse Blanche la Grande, who bore twins to the Prince of Wales, and was blown up with a bi-cycle pump by her first husband, I am not sure, with the result that she got partial paralysis. I am not taking people like that for disciples.

What on earth makes you imagine that the people of California are not a bunch of savages? You should not exactly refuse to look after people of the kind of Ericson, but there are ways of getting rid of them, and it is simply no good wasting time on this sort of business.

Love is the <sup>law</sup> lawunder will.

Yours fraternally 666

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13 Feb 29

55 Avenue de Suffren

Care Frater

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

Thanks for your letters with Ericson's enclosure. It confirms me on the path which I had chosen.

The whole of ~~your success, so far as is humanly~~ possible to see, depends upon the immediate subscriptions of large numbers of "Magick" "Magick". A copy of the prospectus is being sent under separate cover. But I suppose that Gemer will be in communication with you. There is no objection to your getting an enterprising bookseller to reprint this prospectus and issue it to all his clients. And you can also get advertisements and preliminary puffs. Booksellers get 33 and a third <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> discount.

Love is the law, loveunder will

Yours fraternally 666

P.S. If you can't get K(asimira) B(ass)'s actual address, get that of the school or convent where Moan (Marion) is. We've got to pinch her fat bottom.

K's dauphin —

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18 Feb 29

55 Avenue de Suffren

Care Frater

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

*My* Your letter of January 30th. I now believe that Kasimira was deceived by this <sup>husband</sup> <sup>agent</sup> thief and blackmailist Runt (A <sup>big</sup> publicity agent in Paris, T) who is going to set it

where the camel got his. It may appear that Kasimira is no longer in France, but I was informed, more or less credibly, by an octogenarian whom I esteem, that she was in Paris on Saturday afternoon, and indeed sustained a conversation more fatiguing to the listener than the speaker of — you know what.

I think that you should point out to Mrs R(eynolds) that the devil will certainly get her by the short hairs unless she acts honestly. She has done the most dreadful mischief to Kasimira by acting as she has. Sooner or later we shall get Kasimira; and when we do it will be a very unpleasant awakening for Kasimira and Joan. I have been trying all along to save Kasimira from the consequences of her stupidity. If she had merely been stealing my money, I should not have turned a hair, but she was stealing the money of my friends, who cannot afford to lose it, and I am going after her tooth and nail.

At the same time I note your manuscript last paragraph. I will not make any move to make your chances with her (you do not say whether you mean Mrs R(eynolds) or Mrs B.) more difficult. I however — always believed in K's essential integrity. It is entirely her own fault that she has been suspected of swindling. But she <sup>will</sup> certainly be convicted of swindling if we can lay our hands on her, unless she starts a totally different line of conduct.

Of course I have the conviction that as soon as she understands we are serious, and that we will hound her to earth if it takes us fifty years, she will decide that honesty is the best policy after all.

Love is the law, love under will

Yours fraternally 666

P.S. Please don't misunderstand this — I personally want to clear K.

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24 Feb 29

55 Avenue de Suffren

Care Frater.

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

Thanks for yours of the 4th instant. By the same post arrived your letter forwarded by Yerke. I don't think that Mrs R(eynolds) is wholly responsible for the trouble. I think that this blackguard Hunt influenced K against going on with the business, perhaps with the idea that he could get some influence over her himself, and employ her in one of the dirty games by which he lives and moves and has his being.

I enclose you a copy of a fake letter that she wrote to K to show to Yerke. Unfortunately the typescript is not really adequate. The manuscript bears on the face of it the

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evidence of the fake. It is so obviously the fair copy of a carefully drafted letter, calculated to mislead, and K. actually admitted that it was sent under cover of another letter couched in quite contradictory terms for the definite purpose of throwing dust in our eyes.

I think you might easily bluff Mrs R into a confession. If she thought that the covering letter was in our hands, she would probably be scared stiff.

The mystery about Julius Caesar and the rest is very simple, and I may as well treat you as a ~~real~~ friend and tell you the whole story. Jane (Wolfe) wrote me that some of your difficulty in getting things over <sup>with</sup> people was due to the fact that you were a little careless about your personal appearance and general presentation to the average boob. It is extremely important that you should always look and act like a Banker who came over on the Mayflower. It makes all the difference as to how people treat you. Of course it does not ~~mean~~ do you very much good to be manicured every three days, but it does you a lot of harm if you are not manicured every three days.

I feel very cheap talking this way. It seems as if I were compromising with the most stupid form of vanity, but the fact is that if you are working with snobs you have to humour their sensibilities. So put in the next few weeks with the dentist and the beauty parlour, and you will find it all improves your credit, and thereby your cash.

As far as I can make out, by dint of using credit <sup>as</sup> well as cash, we shall be able to get Magick published. But as far as working expenses are concerned, we are likely to run dry in about a month's time. That is the urgency of the matter of K.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally 666

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W.T.S. to A.C.

25 Feb 29

C.F. 93

....Nothing much to say just now... I played the part of a maiden and lost my maidenhood so to speak Saturday. I don't think however there is any danger of my becoming a mother. It was a very novel experience for me but as far as I can judge I carried off the part fairly well of course Jack Marchon might really be thinking otherwise I suppose I acted very green after all. I positively got no sexual reaction myself at all. All the actual time the pain experienced may have been the cause of that. But in the

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preliminaries it was just the will to go through with it without any feelings sexual desires on my part. If the chance arises I will try again and perhaps take a more personal interest.

Jack I think has possibilities in your hands. I can't tell you very much about him, for I frankly don't place him myself. He is a better class man than I have generally met with in this benighted country. He tells me he has never had any experience with a woman. He is about 28 or 30. A dancer. His professional Brother takes the part of a woman on the stage. He finds it all too easy to get on the astral plane. Both of them in that respect. In your hands with training he might be very useful. Jack has had so many unpleasant experiences that he is scared and had kept away from it for some time now. His belief in a gold cross that he always wears is his medium for checking involuntary journeys. No I can't get at his mind too to speak because he will flit, barely light on a subject before he is off on another.

I think Estai is right in one part, that he has a desire to experience the diabolical. I don't think he would take much from me. He hardly appears to notice a remark I might make. I am rather conscious of having given you a damned poor idea of the man; but I just get don't get him myself except in a very vague kind of way.

93 93/93 Fraternally

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W.T.S. to A.C.

18 Mar 29.

Care Frater

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Mrs Reynolds

Have not got much out of R. after a couple of calls... The copy of the letter you sent me she declares is none of her writing. I can't help thinking she is telling the truth. She says that it contains something she has written, but swears she did not write such a letter.

Got a cable from Yorke Saturday night (It read: "Therion being deported France Send money if possible". T) and cabled him £40 Monday morning. The best I could rassle up. Tried to borrow a couple of hundred dollars but was unsuccessful.

Say, listen old boy, how can a fellow look like a banker that came over in the Mayflower with 1.85 dollar shirts and 1 dollar ties, 25 dollar suits etc and most of the time eating in 3rd rate restaurants and living in a 10 by 10 bedroom in a bum quarter of the town. However despite impressions you may have gathered I have white teeth and nails and my collars are clean.

The trouble with me is deeper a soul quality... No but I <sup>though</sup> don't know what it is I am nevertheless in a blind way trying to correct it. All my life I have always travelled very much alone and had but the fewest of friends. Jane may be right about the Cockie part, however....

Well I'd better end or <sup>else</sup> otherwise you will be calling this another Manuscript. Kindly remember however, we are not all born with your ability; for instance to sum up in 7 words Knowledge. "Knowledge is experience made conscious of itself" in case you have forgotten what you ~~wrote~~ have written.

Lets hope Magic will get out by the Equinox and that a new Word starts a new current.

93 93/93 Fraternally

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A.C. to W.T.S.

16 Mar (29)

c/o Bankers Trust. Paris.

C..F..

(Should be 1928-9-?)

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By a deplorable mistake your letter was totally destroyed by fire only 3 minutes after its receipt. I quite forget its contents, except for a vague idea that I ought to convey compliments to Mrs M. The pain of which you complain during your reducing exercises is due to lack of practice - and skill. Avoid writer's cramp!

You've heard, I suppose, something from Yorke, and should get a memo from Gennar, as to the latest developments of the magical attack against the production of the Book. I'm sick, but hope to have a stenog. tomorrow, and write you more at length.

93 93/93 Irs F..ly 666

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(1 Apr 29)

c/o Bankers Trust. Paris

C.. F..

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A compliment to begin with! You are the only person whose letters I cannot answer off-hand; they make me think. Hence delay.

1. I quite forget how your name came up - if it did? - in the Shoecraft correspondence (Shoecraft vs Kasimira's lawyer, T). Hope no harm done, anyhow.

2. The forged letter was in ink. I don't know Mrs R's handwriting well enough to swear to, but there was enough general resemblance to my vague memory of letters of hers to make me quite ~~sure~~ - unsuspicious. But the letter looked like a fair copy carefully written from a draft. This matter must be followed up.

3. I quite understand about contributions. If only 'Magick' goes with a bang, we'll be able to return everything, and you can look like that Banker!

4. I do not want K. for revenge, but to get her to be her own decent self again.

otherwise I should have been arrested.

5. The situation here is going strong. The ~~Gods~~ have come into the game with a smashing blow. All is cleaning up.

93 93/93 F. ly 666

Love to Jane. It's hard to write without a ~~secretary~~, esp. when weak after gripp. 666.

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10 Apr 49

Will you send me an authenticated specimen of Mrs Reynolds handwriting and signature? (Witnessed by notary public). Excuse further remarks, but I'm ill in bed

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30 Apr 29  
Care Frater

The Hotel Metropole. Bruxelles.

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

Thanks for copy of letter which you sent to Yorke. He was here yesterday and has gone back to England this morning. You seem to be under grave misconceptions about the trouble having blown away in Paris - which we ~~have~~ not even started, and what you mean by Yorke's staying with us, I cannot imagine.

I am sending by this mail a copy of Magick, Volume 1. The general dust-up has delayed the printer from going ahead with the other parts, and you will have to apologize to the subscribers for this delay. In the meanwhile Yorke has refrained from cashing your cheque

Everything is going astonishingly well, except my health. I am physically nervous, and go from one spell of chill and fever to another with unrefreshing regularity.

Concealed in the volume of Magick, you will find photographic copies of the blackmailing letter to Yorke (~~from Hunt~~) by your friend Karl Hundt and a copy of the whole Kasimira correspondence. The next step will be to put this whole matter before the ~~ecclesiast~~ courts as accusers. Kasimira really acted in a most extraordinary way, quite outside anything in my experience, and in the course of fading away behind her shyster, she must have had the house watched, for no sooner had I gone down to Fontainebleau for the weekend, than she boarded an autobus and started to threaten my fiancee (Marie Ferrari de Miramar, whom he later ~~married~~. T) whom she had watched get on board.

I want you to show the photograph of the letter signed Rosa Reynolds to that lady and let me have a statement sworn before a notary public that she did or did not write it, as the case may be. Our present ~~there~~ theory is that she ~~hurt~~ turned this forgery which had been prepared for her by Hunt, and of course this is a very much more serious matter than any

simple theft or swindle, which is all we have against these worthy people at present.

You will readily understand the supremely important task of getting a complete vindication of our actions. The press in France has been uniformly sympathetic, with a single exception, and we are going to raise trouble for that paper. A very little now, and we will swing public opinion over onto our side and that of course will mean that making good contracts for all our work and enabling us to repay the people who have staked this in our hours of distress.

Let me add for your comfort that we are in no need of money, but by about the time you get this letter, we may find ourselves requiring something for legal expenses and such things. I think you might do something in this matter. If that letter turns out to be a forgery, Mrs Reynolds ought to be pretty annoyed that her name should have been taken in vain. It is a case of great ingratitude, for she was extremely good to Kasimira, and even if the letter were genuine, it is perfectly clear that Kasimira was a thief and it annoys people to find that they have lavished affection on folk of that type. A little thing like that often leads to big results.

If you can get anything going in this way, you might send me a night letter.

Love is the law, love under will

Yours fraternally 666

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17 May 29

C.F.

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I agree to 50 - 50 on the songs. Of course draw up proper agreement. I am doubtful about that seal : ask your local museum expert. No : I like to hear from you. But I do want news of that Reynolds letter! Frightfully busy with all this tangle: forgive short scribble.

93 93/93 F.I.ly 666

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W.T.S. to A.C.

31 May 29

C.F.

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....Mrs R(eynolds) is impossible. I don't think I told you she was furious at the letter you wrote her and sent to me some time ago. Since receipt of the photographs I called and endeavoured to get her to make a declaration that she had not written the one bearing her signature. She just was frantic and I really thought she was going to have a fit. She would on no account take the least look at it let alone make any statement. From

the fact that she particularly declared she had not written such a letter when I shewed her the first typewritten copy you sent, you can draw your own conclusions. She has no very kindly feeling towards you mainly I suppose from letters K(asimira) has written, though her mediumistic impressions account for some of it. K also sent back to her the letter I wrote and as I had said something about emotional mediums, she was not pleased. She stated that K was safe happy and in business for herself in South America and as this seemed to slip out I am inclined to think it is the truth....

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A.C. to W.T.S. (postcard)  
(27 Sept 29)

C.F..

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So glad of your note of Aug 20. All well here, but contemplating great new move, and need munitions badly till publishers start sending in cheques. This is very delightful about Omcla (?) (Note ? in original. T) but I lack details. Up to eyes in work

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20 Jan (30)

C.F..

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Yours of Jan 2 was welcome beyond words. That little lever may yet knock this old coach out of the mud. You don't know how totally paralyzed I've been for months.

Congratulations on your new treasure! I should <sup>indeed</sup> like to meet her, and wish travelling were a bit simpler.

Know thou, I seriously want to hitch up permanently to a suitable partner, Kasimira would have been perfect, but she turned into such a crazy fool crank once we left Paris, and she wasn't playing the straight game. I do need good temper and a reasonable income, enough to potter about without worrying. Given that, I can make the big money myself. But the live and let live spirit is essential. I wouldn't mind marriage; it might add piquancy, the pilgrimage to Cuba, and making my Nicaraguan side-hick (Marei de Miramar. T) walk the plank. My last escapade ("the <sup>Home</sup> fabulou<sup>ie</sup> Monster") is now quite over. You may quote the gross record to intending candidates! Opera LXXX in about 100 possible days. So she need not worry about the supply of the Medicine of the Wise!

There is also the advantage of the Romantic Life with the Career.

So just forward something This Side Up With Care.

I find the joint record (diary of <sup>letters or</sup> Smith and Jane Wolfe. T) very hard to interpret.

516's (Jane Wolfe. T) accursed kittenishness interjects remarks which I find obscure. But original cold-bloodedness is all wrong. What is needed is violent attraction while doing the formalities, then letting it loose as the dam breaks. The Latin Grimoire printed in "Magick" is the best ritual. Lord! I wish we could talk it out; I'd fix you right in an hour. Atwood is no good to you folks; she's on a quite different stunt. I think v black mgic.

Am sending you copies of rituals Minerval - III<sup>o</sup>. The 'Oak' thing is no special interest.

I'm having a picture show here (in Berlin. T) Feb 22 will send you cuttings may be useful to arouse interest.

Jane Wolfe 93 93/93 F. ly 666

Love to 516 - hope to write her specially soon. 666

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11 Feb 30 Ivy Cottage Knockholt Kent  
Care Frater V.O.V.N.

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

I enclose herewith a booklet (Gilles-de - Rais. T) The facts in the matter briefly are these. One of the students at Oxford, interested in Magick and in communication with 666 (Hugh Speaight. T), was also 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 printed, and various newspapers 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, the the University had nothing to do with it at all. There is a Jesuit, a Father Ronald Knox - restriction be unto him - at Oxford for the purpose of bringing the undergraduates to Rome in the manner which is well known. Well, he tried to bluff the secretary of the Society into cancelling the lecture. 666 having exposed the machinations of this schemster, we leave him to the gentle reproofs of the University

authorities.

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

Love is the law, love under will. With all good wishes. Yours fraternally

NChSh (in Hebrew.T) - 358 (Israel Regardie. T)

Secretary

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A.C. to W.T.S.

Sol in 2° ~~Sc~~ (1931)

Berlin.

C.F.F.

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There has been delay in forwarding finding the (O.T.O.) rituals, but I hope they will leave London next week. Love to dear Vagina! (Regina Kahl. T) And do send me a R(ich) W(oman from the) West quick, if there's no R. M(an). W. on the shelves. God! I'm as mad as hell at everything and painting to beat cock-sucking.

93 93/93 F.ily 666

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W.T.S. to A.C.

11 March 31

To Mega Therion

Care Frater

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

Sorry, but I can't send the Regina (Kahl.T), and she seems so completely satisfied that it might be even difficult to drive her away. She is getting into the Magical stride at a prodigious rate, and if no mis-cue is made some thing big should occur on the outer in proportion to the inner event.

This week-end was in the nature of a climax indeed, culminating on this plane with in a fire which - fortunately or unfortunately according to the point of view - destroyed your letter to her and a photo with superinscription. However, as no alien element should intrude however pure in itself, I am of the opinion that it was all to the good.

Pan's most benign influence is being showered upon me at this period, so that I am very busy keeping three little yonis, with prospects of two more in the offing. Have patience, and may be the time is not far away distant when I shall join you with a company of at least partially initiated priestesses. Don't take umbrage if however I should have a favourite who does not herself elect to be more than looked upon by another than myself. However this is

speculation, and more often than not change is as good as a rest.

Saturday afternoon there was a preliminary bout with Leona. This at the moment is in a very uncertain stage, but unless I can get hold of ~~her~~ the vitals of the lady, I shall not be able to do much for her. However, though I feel sure there is somewhat for me to do for the lady, the main job may be ~~for~~ other hands, etc. She ought to suit you being Titian haired. She ~~has~~ some excellent qualifications and some dangerous ones besides, which will need careful handling.

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Love is the law, love under will. Fraternally.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

8 June (31.)

C.F..

Berlin.

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Then there is the question of the charter (for an O.T.O. Lodge. T) - a matter of £25. And the words etc - ? You had better use the old words, using this as a lever to get some one to arrange for a personal visit (you to me, or me to you) to get them communicated in due form, as is essential by the terms of the Oath - esp. the III<sup>o</sup> Word.

You must think big about this - don't waste your time on cheap people, however high their "Eagles fly". We have to put over a plan to save civilization from the collapse now imminent and to get an Island where we can work on, when it does come in spite of us!

I can't send IX<sup>o</sup> MS at present. All is in confusion till we reconstruct with a proper G.H.Q.

I wish to God you people would send along some cash. I could get £2000 here, if only I were in a position to negotiate. As it is, I have to stay in the mud. If you folks could guarantee 300 dollars a month for a year, I could raise any amount of capital. And I'm in good form too!

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Undated postcard (1931)

I really wish I could see you personally. I think you can make good. There is a very great deal in the O.T.O. <sup>transferred to me</sup> about which I was particularly careful ~~not~~ to keep Achad in the dark. I always thought he was crazy over that 8-3 adventure and I did not let him into the really important secrets of sex-magic. It's useful, when you are 55 $\frac{1}{2}$  to have them all still crazy about you, and to be able to supply the goods.

A. 666

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W.T.S. to A.C.  
21 June 31.  
C.F.

93

The rituals came to hand the other day... There ~~should~~ be no difficulties <sup>at</sup> this end to which would be (sic) mainly overcome if we could get hold of this illusive cash...

I have been figuring for some time on getting Jane, Regina and any others we can get to join forces in one establishment for economy and the advantage of a bigger establishment. Everyone has some problem ~~byt~~ myself that for the moment prevents the starting of a profess house ....

Regina is a dear good girl and gads around among these fine morons in the hopes of meeting with a man or woman with the necessary. She would be an excellent asset in either case having many very desirable quallifications (sic),

Your letter (of June 8 T) also states my sentiments that I have nothing to say... We certainly need a 'new heaven' and new earth', you have furnished the former but we certainly have to create the latter .... (only 2 sheets of the letter survive.T)

A.C. to W.T.S.  
27 July 31.  
C.F.

45  
c/o Karl Germer. Berlin.

93

I have been delayed in answering yours of June 21 by utter uncertainty - what should I write ? It is not a question of cash in the ordinary sense - at least it has not been so far, though whether a general smash will come who can say ? - but of escaping from an intolerable situation, which gets worse daily. I do really need a medium to large-sized miracle if I am ever to get out and do any work again.

You seem all right on the ritual question. I expect you have the words up to the V<sup>o</sup> at least.

Your Profess-House idea is a dangerous one. It takes a very special temperament to

run one - I'm afraid I get more hopeless about everything the more I see how people are incapable of doing anything out of the ordinary. They start, usually with a fine burst of speed, and presently the invisible fetters of old custom drag them down to the routine.

However, you seem to me the most likely person to succeed me when I turn up my toes - a not remote event unless some miracle comes off - and far from an unwelcome one. I feel that I am a bit of a handicap alive, while dead I should be a whale of an asset.

At least, I'll put it another way. I'm pretty well convinced that my mistake has been that I have let myself be distracted by Literature, Art and Magick ; that I ought to have cut all this out, and been the plain Prophet (etc) of the Book of the Law. Well, it may be that this year of crisis for the world is my real year to come forward. Then do you say to all : Here is the Law which shall make a new heaven and a new earth. If we delay we are doomed. The one chance is to accept the Law, and organize the world anew on those lines. Etc Etc.

Now I am sure that this can be put over; the one obstacle with you as with me is that we both happen to be particularly rational men. And to succeed one must be transfigured into a Whirlwind of Fiery Flying Serpents. Here the O.T.O. could help you. I myself am without an adequate partner for those high works at the moment. (I have a hunch that Vagina might be the woman for me, if I can be brought to encourage her enthusiasm - i.e to accomplish this Great Work.) Aimee McPherson gets away with every kind of murder; that is because of the Cunt behind all her theatricals and nonsense.

But the Book of the Law itself must be our sole Light. We must bow to it where we most disagree with it. And we mustn't mind making mistakes. Nothing must matter but success.

Love to Jane, Vagina, & Co 93 93/93 F.ily 666

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W.T.S. to A.C.

7/28/31 (sic)

C.F. 93

I would write more often only I know how frightfully irritated you are by my verbose style of MSS. I just want to tell you that our Magick is working and enclose the cuttings as evidence of a little beginning of a big idea which will blossom in the O.T.O. have patience.

My devoted ~~Regina~~ is consecrated to the work, and excellent and apt Chela, bending over my shoulder as I write she bids me say her new found purity of intent in respect to myself is giving her a power and inspiration never before known during her lifetime liberality with her person. I am doubly favoured in that no restriction is

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imposed upon my actions through her own one pointed determination. Her homm conditions are steadily being disintegrated by the force of the A.A. Leona will not stand it much longer.. By the first of the-month Jan a definite move will be made by Regina and several of us hope to get together in some oneplace and save among other things a lot of lost motion. It must be, for Leona is most certainly a distructive (sic) 333 element.

V Frat. 93 93/93

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A.C. to W.T.S.

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16 Aug (31)

C.F..

93

Yours of July 28. I am not irritated.: write often.

Vagina. You seem to be going strong. But go stronger. "Influence thyself in praying!" Also, inflame her! She must become as a prophetess of the old time - which is always new. With her magnetism she can sweep California, to begin with. Use all means without fear, but direct the course with your own Wisdom.

Don't let her dissipate energy by that 'liberality with her person'. She must use every drop of the Elixir to the full, transmuting all to the G.W..

I think Leona is the evil genius. 516's tale of her was very Left Hand Pathish. Glad you see it.

Cut short! Strike hard! Mercy let be off! Let nothing stand between you and a world-wide camapign for Thelema.

Up, guards, and at 'em!

93 93/93 F.tly 666

(6 Aug 31)

Karlsruherstrasse 2. Berlin-Halensee.

C.f..

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Yours of Oct 2. Things here hellish; all but S(carlet) W(oman, Frau Bill Busche.T) in whom I have found Hell - see Liber Aleph.

But there are hopes. We have at last got rid of Germer, whose mania has been responsible for the crash - that and the unspeakable stupidity of his miserly old wife.

I do not know how far you and Estai have been in communiction with him; but there must be no further d~~g~~alings with him of any kind. We expect him to commit suicide - possibly murder as well - within a few days. It is a really great tragedy: in its essence an unbelievable one.

"e are out after the great bankers and captains of industry ourselves. W. knows lots

of 'em. 516 can help you here. Show 'em the world is going bust because of neglect of of Thelema; get them to put up a few million insurance against being strung up by the mob. Do not talk Occult Stuff, and try to teach Qabalah. Proclaim the Prophet! That is your wanted "miracle". So do it. The world is drowning - that is exactly why it will clutch at a straw.

Keys: prepare Elixir with object of roping in Mayor - or whoever you have - and give it to him in a cocktail!

93 93/93 F. ly 666

10 Sept 31 49 Berlin  
C..F..  
93

Yrs of Aug 30. Pity mine of July 27 missed you. Came back by same post. It says practically all I need to say now - except this.

All is now changed : I have got the O (cunt. T) I need at last. I must say something very serious indeed. You must absolutely get your spelling correct. Work daily with a dictionary: don't take lessons. Try to get an idea of the general principles underlying orthography. Speed's Etymological Dictionary can be a vast help.

In great haste. 93 93/93 F. ly 666

30 Sept 31 50 Berlin.  
Care Frater  
93

Yrs of no date, written by Elizabeth, with clippings. I was very glad and the S(carlet) W(oman) is very much impressed by your atmosphere. But I shouldn't wait for new (books, etc.) music to put on the Mass. I should start it at once without furniture, as you did for O.T.O. in Vancouver, get some people to attend, and when they get warmed up, make them buy you a Temple.

Remember it is the IX<sup>th</sup> that pulls. You can do anything with people once you get hold of their Unconscious.

I am afraid things here are very bad. Germer, completely obsessed for months, has squandered all the funds : now he is sane again - for the moment! - but it is too late. He will probably have to go to live with his family in Leipzig. The SW and I are "going to fight it out on this line, if it takes all winter"; but how to get past October 15 we just don't know. If it gets too bad - we don't want to lose the books and MSS which are our one hope of connecting with cash - I shall send you a W.E. letter.

Now get busy and put on that Mass. Adapt it for the time being to your necessities, but put it on! The practice in bad conditions will help you enormously to have confidence when

you can do it well. And the Mass is itself Great Magick  
Love to Wag[ina] Elizabeth and all of you.

93 93/93 Fraternally 666

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Undated postcard.

The Greetings of the Equinox of Autumn! Oh Lordie, Lordie. Enclosed for Jane. Love to Vagina and the rest

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8 Nov (31) (? should be 1930. T) c/o Mandrake.

C.F..

93

Mours of Oct 16. The Word and Oracle seem to imply a total reconstruction of personnel. We are each one being most severely tested - Yorke broke down, and has gone for a G.M.R. I hope he ~~will~~ pull through and come back sane in January. Meanwhile we are in very severe financial straits. Can you help at all? If so, do it by cable.

I don't think you are far wrong about the Eucharist. But (I judge) the bond between the Lion and the Eagle should be intense, or where is the energy to come from? But Experience is the only good teacher. So go to it ahead.

Love to 156. I have been missing her letters of late. Terribly busy trying to stave off disaster.

93 93/93 F.ly 666

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Cable. 8 Jan 32

Therion seriously ill penniless please cable hundred dollars any sacrifice full recovery probably if crisis averted. Scarlet Woman. (Note. Smith did so. T)

1 Jan 32

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2 Karlsruherstrase, Berlin.

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An I . Sol in Capricorn.

Wilfred T Smith Esq.

Very Illustrious and Very Dear Brother.

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

In the event of my sudden death I appoint you to be my successor in the O.T.O. as Frater Superior and O.H.O. conferring upon you officially the IX<sup>o</sup> of which secrets you already possess the essential knowledge and the X<sup>o</sup> Supreme Holy King.

You should claim all documents etc etc from my executor Mr Gerald Yorke 49 Oxford

[I would have refused the office 8.7.47]

Mansions Market Place London W 1.

Love is the law, loveunder will

Yours in the Bonds of the Order

Baphomet

XI° O.H.O.

W.T.S to A.C.

56

Jan 1932 (Only part of the draft survives. T)

Very Illustrious and Very Dear Brother.

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Your cable of Jan 8th and letter of Jan 5 came as a shock and a surprise. I am very sorry you have been so ill, I say have been, for I ~~am~~ <sup>feel</sup> sure I would have heard again had you not improved. Do let me have further news as soon as you get this. I have been expecting a letter in answer to my cable.

I cannot feel that it is yet time for you to shuffle off this mortal coil. There is so much to do and we need you. There are so few.

I bow my head with the signal honour you confer upon me, but it is to be hoped that when the time ~~comes~~ arrives, it may be long deferred, one more nearly approaching your attainments and qualifications will come forward to assume your robe and sceptre. Needless to say if it should fall to my lot I would do my best to preserve and carry forward for posterity the fruit of your colossal labours.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

10 Feb (32)

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Thanks for the 100 dollars. Better, but need nursing. (Note. Bill Busch, the Scarlet Woman had stuck him with the carving knife. T) S.W. wired you today to ask you to repeat the dose. Provided we can turn the corner, there are good hopes of putting things over big.

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Three cables from the Scarlet Woman dated 10, 29 and 25 Feb.

Therion recovering but anxious careful nursing necessary avoid relapse another hundred urgently required please try. Scarlet Woman.

Therion relapsed hundred may save life please cable instantly ever our (sic) counts. S W.

Therions state critical everything depends your prompt ~~apply~~ help expect permanent relief next month hope repay you punctually S W

1 Apr 32

Sybel Str 68, Berlin Charlottenberg

Care Frater

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Long ago I wanted to write to you - you were kind enough to cable the hundred ~~debtors~~ at the most critical moment. Therion is never real well and I am very much anxious indeed about him. We hardly get a night real ~~sleepy~~ rest. Lately I made him go to a specialist. I do hope he will help him. He had 7 polyps taken out of his nose - but it has not removed his asthma altogether. I wonder how the Great Work shall go on. You people over there dont seem to have too much success either. Why dont you carry out instructions - think less of sex - get to business a great mans life is at stake - think that we all need him alive - the world critical position must make us work all the more. We all have to do our duty now - to keep his body and soul together - if we do not want to fail.

Succeed we must - therefore please do anything you possibly can. Use (?!) your sex but do not forget to go to business we can not afford to lose the master trough (sic) anybody's negligence.

Hope to hear from you soon

93 93/93 S.W.

Yes : I do want to hear of your putting on the Gnostic Mass etc etc instead of these interminable escapades which Jane so furiously reports. But we need men and money.

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11 July 32

c/o Denness and Co

C..F..

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22 Chancery Lane. W.C. 2.

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This had better be my address until I have a more permanent headquarters. I was glad of your letter indeed. I think you ought to write regularly, as the distance is

so great, even if you have not much to report. Try to make it once a fortnight, will you? I wrote 'frivolously' not 'furiously'.

I started O.T.O. with candles in saucers in an office about 10 x 6. When you start things, ingenuity soon solves all problems as they arise. You need no children till you've got going. Trust to the beauty and the magical power of the ritual itself to interest people. Ask Jane - why doesn't she write ~~by~~ more? - how well it worked in Cefalù, only doing bits of it.

You'll soon build up if you persevere, doing it regularly; your enthusiasm will be contagious. You might get in Einstein himself on the Collects and the Anthem.

I am heartily in accord with what you say about that poor pricked bladder of the U.S.A. What I could never understand was why apparently sensible men were fooled by the bluff. A chance for you to push your way to the top.

Love to Jane and Regina - Good Lord! you don't seem to have any more ~~yet~~ at all after 5 years' work there. So get a move on.

93 93/93 F..ly 666

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30 Sept (32). (Note. On the back of the programme for the Twenty third 'Foyle's Literary Luncheon, Sept 15th 1932. "Mr Aleister Crowley will speak on "The Philosophy of Magick". Arthur Rackham propose the toast of Literature. J.D.Beresford replied. Charles E.Cochrane was Chairman.)

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Get something going at least! I've lots in hand. Do things. You ~~haven~~ have definitely turned tail. I am suing him. You people have got to send monthly contributions somehow. It will help your self respect and make you keener to get something done.

93 93/93 F..ly 666

24 Nov (32)

C..F..

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Yours of Nov 3. Glad to hear. Your trouble is quite simply that you don't get in with the right people. You and Regina should each be using O.T.O. formulae on those worth while. There must be lots of folk at a loose end who only need intelligent and firm direction.

By all means publish "Little Essays" under any name you like. Insist upon a fair

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London

advance - 250 dollars to 500. Royalties 10% rising to 15% after the first 2000 copies are sold.

Let's know more about Palmer (? T) and John Bamber. Make them understand that they must put their shoulders to the wheel.

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Love to Jane and Regina.

93 93/93 Fr.ly 666

18 Dec 32

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London

C..F..

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So glad of your good news of Nov 25 and Dec 5. You can give Jacobi the exam for Neophytes. Doubtless you have one of the old papers by you.

The Mass can be quite public. Indeed I want a Temple in L(es) A(ngles) to hold 500,000. You can use signs and steps; only don't explain them, or refer them to O.T.O. work. I think the Blue Equinox is correct for text.

I am utterly fed up with people who take weeks and months of my time, and let me down at every turn. Any new people who want training must pay 100 dollars on the first of every month to Headquarters. You get 50% - and get more work done!

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A.C. to O Jacobi.

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29 Jan (33)

C..F..

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I think your insurance man was pretty smart to sell his integrity for 300 dollars - it wasn't worth a nickel.

Great Work

You must expect strange things to happen when you get important in the G.. W..

The uncanny has many ways of hampering the work

I am still more pleased that you should have been able to contribute the monthly contribution despite their attacks; its arrival is always a tremendous stimulus, its value out of all proportion to the actual amount (10 dollars T). It is true spiritual gold.

Things look to be a little better here. I am expecting equally good news of the Mass.

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A.C. to W.T.S.  
2 Jan 33  
C.F..

On paper of 'Haymarket Court. 31/32 Haymarket, S.W.1.

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Very glad to get yours of Dec 15 with its good news. <sup>B7</sup> Test ~~his~~ reliability by making him send a monthly contribution. I've come to the very firm conclusion that this is the one genuine best. If they don't (or can't or won't) you're wasting time on them.

I've no comment here - or anything else. I am tired of the succession of petty miracles which just keep me alive, but leave me weaker after every crisis. Don't pay too much attention to talk about the social stricture tottering. Love to all, and a happy and successful New Year.

93 93/93 F..ly 666

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29 <sup>Apr</sup> 33. Cable.

Heartiest congratulations success Gnostic Mass but situation headquarters absolutely desperate 300 needed cable maximum available emergency Crowley.

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Undated (1933)  
C.F..

Park Lane Hotel

93

I lost your address in some confusion here, so sent the Word etc to you via Jacobi. I am very glad indeed that all has gone so well. But I should not bother with the O.T.O. stuff: you ought to concentrate absolutely on the Mass until we get enough money for a decent H.Q. Remember that ~~even~~ one man or woman may be enough to work the whole show. You can argue - see what we can do in public: that's nothing! Start us an Initiation Scheme - etc etc. Love to 156 and Vagina and Jacobi and Uncle Bill Smithkins and all!

93 93/93 F..ly 666

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22 Apr (33)  
C.F..

Paper of Piccadilly Hotel

of the Mass. I have copies in 12 big red scrap books p 77

93. I am pleased beyond measure at the photographs. Your work has been splendid: it is all far better than I had dared hope. En avant mes enfants.

One month later!! Interval occupied by lying at the point of death from mushroom poisoning. Dead broke, too, and wired you frantically and vainly a S.O.S., luckily

some friends put me up till I was better; but I'm going into the battle again on Monday with less than £10 - an advance on that!

I am sure you people have no idea of the straits through which I have been passing. A dozen times in the last 9 months I have not known whether I should have a bed to sleep in or a meal. True, the Gods have always come along at the very last moment, but I am stripped of every possession bar the clothes I stand up in and a change of linen; so that I'm getting tired of being trained to handle big things bigly, as I have had to assume to be the case in order to keep sane.

Now that you are getting 45 people to the Mass, you ought to be able to raise money easily enough, both to start a fund for a permanent temple for your selves, and to help me to help you. I could do a lot in that way if I were to come over to California in the Fall. Via Panama all sea should not be too frightfully dear.

If you play your cards well, you can do it. As you say, the priestess more than W.T.S. But be dreadfully careful not to waste the Lance on pewter mugs! Watch for the big opportunity, and jump with both feet!

I'm still ill, so no more now.

Love and all blessings to all of you - and still more heartiest congratulations on having established the Mass.

93 93/93 Fraternally 666

69

W.T.S. to A.C.  
23 June 33.  
To Mega Therion  
C.F.

93

You will be heartily welcomed by all in the fall, but this is all I can say now; for I cannot yet see how we shall get the funds for your trip....

In re lance and pewter mugs; it is curious that for the past many months I have been very quiescent in respect to their mundane and sublime use. A little to the discomfort of the priestess - who has, nevertheless, been staying at home.

I am pleased with the progress of the Mass as far as its performance is concerned, and the little Temple we have fixed up, furnishings etc will, I believe fulfill your expectations. Your vision of the attendance has, however, run ahead of our present accomplishments. Seventeen is the greatest number we have had at one time attending the Mass; six of these ourselves, exclusive of the (priest Smith) (priestess Regina Kahl) and (deacon, Jacobi). Also to date only four or five of the outsiders have partaken of

the sacrament. While the outsiders have been a fair sample, they are not able to give material support. I cannot stoop to nickel and dime collections, nor dollar for that matter. I am waiting for much bigger fish.

But for Regina and Lecta's careful shopping we could not keep the household going on my small pittance, John and Max (Schneider)'s contribution. I can do more than most on a few dollars, also my mechanical ability makes up for lack of intellect when it comes to fixing an attic into a Temple etc.

and Lecta

Max, Roland and John have a streak of inertia. Regina and Lecta know how to work. My faults? Well, they say I drive and wear them down. Seeing that most people I have met dislike me it is rather remarkable that this crowd seem fond of me, notwithstanding, Regina's occasional remark that she feels like killing me at times".

I have a notion that I have a definite job and I am doing my best to keep things going here as a start. We just must not let this break up, as everything else has done in the past. The Mass and O.T.O. just on paper is not enough. We must DO them. And this seems to me more important than the progress of the individual just now, or I might say his progress depends on DOING.

Having been twice in my life entirely without funds I know what you have been through, in your case the suffering is probably intensified by your having experienced affluence the like of which I never knew. Sorry I could not help, but I have got to keep things going here.

By the way a Mr Nick Bolan has written music for the Mass, we have yet to make multigraph copies. It is not a Wagner masterpiece, but he has caught the spirit and it is better than selections of published music, and will serve until a greater comes along.

Magick arrived, but Lord knows how I shall dispose of them. Three sets are still unsold of those received years ago, two with a bookseller and one set here.

All send their love. The spare room is now termed "Crowley's room", and when anyone misbehaves, some-one generally remarks, "I'll tell Crowley".

93 93/93. Fraternally.

A.C. to W.T.S.

16 June 35

C. F. .

93

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Paper of The Queens Hotel, Leicester Square.

Not here ~~as~~ with you! Gorgeous! But I do think I should come to see A this fall. I am very good at getting people to do things, and my prestige is a good pull. So don't be distracted. Keep on very steadily at the Mass etc as you are doing.

Send me lots of good photographs, not just snaps. Arrange for illustrated Magazine Articles. Get people interested in me personally; make them want to see me; get an agent to fix me with a lecture contract.

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W.T.S. to A.C.  
3 July 33  
C.F..

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as being oppositions, which stayed him not at all, but the thought rose, "It is lucky I am going instead of Smith as the oppositions would be real to him. Arriving at a great city, peopled and lighted, his course down a broad street led him to a Palace or Temple. Here he was met by two lights, Orange and Green, (the green on the right). Entering he travelled through many passages to what he was understood to be the throne room. No throne was visible, but a vast veil of unusual but elaborate design. A dais was before it and the Orange and Green lights focussed across in front of the ~~the~~ veil. Each ray of the lights reflected in its self the whole interior scene on and on ad infinitum. The ~~the~~ walls, pillars etc were vibrant with an intense force, intensified in the veil, which shimmered with it. He stepped onto the dais and was impressed with the idea that it was unusual and audacious. He gave some kind of sign and announced the object of his presence, calling me by some name, other than he knows me by. This message was received to deliver to me : "When he uses the Eye of Ra, he will gain the Eye of ? (The word he could not grasp, but recollects it had several syllables, was of an ancient language. He visualised it as of Siamese, Burmese, Easter Isle, or Indio (sic) China origin). The word was the name of a god, but, he was impressed that it meant or comprised the ideas of Wisdom, Articulation and Demonstrability".

Note. The only excuse that for his having the dream that I can think of is the showing to him of a ring made for me by Max (Schneid:r.) some two months ago; a cartouche of the Eye of Ra that I have had about twelve years. Max set it in the disk of the Sun, three points of the triangle showing, in red enamel, as the rays of the Sun are in orange. The shank is formed of two lotuses, and the bezel beneath in blue enamel with the initials of my two mottoes on either side.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

9 July (33)

C.F.F.

93

Paper of The Queen's Hotel, Leicester Square.

Yours of June 23. This is a hell of a let down! You wrote of 80 and again of 100 people at the Mass; and now its 17 - 6 - 11 ! And you don't seem to have any idea of the technique of getting money for a cause.

I don't see any chance of getting to you in October, or any other time, unless you raise the cash. You miss the point that if you raise it over ~~here~~ there, you lay up the whole place to expectation - "What are we going to get for our money?" and they go all out to tell their friends what fine folk they are, and what sacrifices they have made, and how wonderful it all is - and then I turn up and say "Christ! what a crowd of

of mutts!" and they all cry "Master! Master!" and the whole world rings with the Message  
I'm tired!

-94 93 93/93 F. ly 666  
Love to all. But do get (sic) lots of photos of the Mass.

73

W.T.S. to A.C.  
Sir Aleister Crowley  
Care Frater

93

Christ you are like a child and Regina. Listen, I may write rotten letters as far as spelling and <sup>a</sup> literary style, but I don't misrepresent or exaggerate. I never said or intimated that 80 or 100 people attended the Mass. I merely said we had two social affairs which that number attended.

My attic temple is 36 ft by 16 ft and at the most, if the floor would stand it it could not contain more than 30 people. I don't sit on my arse all day but leave the house at 8.00 in the morning to return at 5.30 p.m. if I don't stay at the office till 10 p.m. as I did twice last week. In my spare time when not too worn out I endeavour to make social contacts in the hope that they may be of use to us. "My adepts have their head in the highest heavens and their feet in the lowest hells". But, if we are ever going to put things over in the world someone has to be quite practical and deal with matters as they are betwixt heaven and hell.

Three times I have built a temple on this continent. There is nothing to it I know, for any dumb carpenter could have done the same if we had had the money to pay him. The point is, we did not <sup>a</sup> have it. So far the happy combination of the mundaneability and interest does not seem to have existed at one and the same time in the same individual. No, I don't have much ability to subtract money from the mutts, which is unfortunate, and no one in all these years has been able to do so either. When I intimated we would get you here in October I intended to do it, but, if you need 1000 dollars for a trip that I figure only costs 250 well, I can't see how I shall do it. However if you do not get here we shall keep on steadily with the Mass. I have nothing to sell of myself, I am trying to sell to Mega Therion and A E Crowley. I am quite aware that I am a poor salesman, but I shall keep right on even after we pick up a better.

You do not seem to understand that if I spend 5 dollars for photographs it takes until the next two weeks pay check comes round to recover from it. Nevertheless, I am endeavoring to save up for your trip, so is Jacoby, Bamber, and even Max said he would try and save something out of the small stipend he gets from his brother. Regina also has sworn to

get hold of some cash too, and Leota does double work while Regina works at her one small job.

...After several weeks of endeavour Regina made contact with one of the Movie directors and the next day delivered to him "Mortadello" and "Ercildoune". We are hoping something will come of it....

I get Christly tired too. The Mass is running very successfully in a small way, just because Smith was a handy man, and interested; because Regina became interested and could wash dishes and cook; because Leota was interested and cooks and washes dishes likewise. Tell Jane to forget her mystical development and work and Max to quit writing poetry and work. Crowley wrote enough poetry for the time being and successfully conquered the good mystical Path.

Jane's mother died yesterday, and she won't join us for fear we work her too hard.

You have not made much money out of your talent with a pen and paper. I have not made money out of my talent with a hammer and nails, perhaps together we may yet become bloated capitalists for the world's good.

I am working on the process of registering and getting a charter for the Church of Thelema.

93 93/93 Fraternally

P.S. I will send the photographs along as soon as finished. At this is my first reaction to the first reading of your letter, just jotted down in spare moments at the office. Don't take me too seriously, I understand and we will talk things over this October in Los Angeles.

74

A.C. to W.T.S.

19 July (33)

C.F.

93

The Queen's Hotel. Leicester Square.

Your attitude about money is all wrong. When you think in terms of 2nd class, you insult the Fluidity of Wealth, and dry up the sources. Also, It's easy to economize on an adequate estimate; if you try to do things on a shoestring it means that unforeseen expenses, which always turn up, wreck your whole plan.

Besides I want to make contacts on the voyage itself, and arrive in L.A. with a lot of ~~passage~~. So set your target at 1000 dollars. Mrs Dinsmore has probably got this tucked away somewhere. Represent it as a loan to me personally, for which I'll let her in on the ground floor. Represent it as a colossal and almost incredible piece of luck to have the unique chance etc etc.

I'm working press methods here, and may be able to do great things; but I must arrive in L.A. as a Star. Very busy with articles, libel actions etc etc. (My dates depend very much on what happens in these. I can't leave London till they're over.)

93 93/93 Fr. ly 666

Love to you all.

75

20 July (33)  
C.F.

The Queens Hotel

93

I have been thinking some more over your letter. You seem to connect lectures with passing round the hat. People with any reputation at all work on contract. I should ~~not~~ <sup>want</sup> 1st class travelling ex(pense)s and 250 dollars per lecture. Let Regina send the 3 Despatch articles and any other suitable stuff to a lecture agent and get him to put it over. I might come down a little on these terms, but not much

93 93/93 Fr. ly 666

A.C. to Jacobi  
31 July 33.  
C.F.

76

93

I am very sorry to hear your news, but I hope something can be done about it. I have always thought that it was very shameful of the others to leave the whole burden of contributions to Headquarters on your shoulders.

The time has come when they must do their bit. I think that you had better act as Grand Treasurer General pending my arrival. And my message is that any person who doesn't think the work worth-while 1 dollar a week had better go over to Aimée MacPherson.

So do you collect this from everybody who purports to be working for us, and take no excuses.

93 93/93 Fraternally 666

P.S. You had better send me a hight letter as soon as you have put this before the gang.

77

Regina Kahl to A.C.  
13 Aug 33  
Dear 666

93

I don't know how you judge devotion to a cause, but by your letter to ~~Take~~ (see 76 above. T), I take it it's by a dollar and cent basis. If there's one thing I hate about this age of commercialism and ballyhoo it is that gilt (sic) complex and I don't give a damn who manifests it - it's still the shits! If there is no other thing bred in

the brethren (sic) of the House of Thelema in Los Angeles there is loyalty to our head here and a devotion to the Master Therion - but when he gets the big idea that we are all sitting on our arses doing nothing he is mistaken and in my very best American slang "and how".

You can jolly well bet we are not doing a christly lot of ballyhooing. We are leaving that to Amy MacPherson and her kind. Being born in this country of hot air and big noise, bluff and bull shit I prefer to have no part in that sort of propaganda.

Personally, and for Leota, Jake and Wilfred especially, and the others as well as they can, all are doing what can be done to put what we all consider the greatest work of the age by the greatest genius, to a mass of people who are suffering for the need of a new Ethics, true morality, sane values and spiritual outlook. This is not to be done over night by a publicity campaign <sup>ala</sup> (sic) Bob Schuler method. The <sup>whole</sup> country is fed up to the gills on this crap now, we can only hope to succeed by loyalty and tenacity.

I pray God we can get you here soon, <sup>am</sup> sure the time's ripe and still I would like to beat the hell out of you and may use a horse whip when I see you. I love you devotedly never-the-less. Now kick me out of the Order of you like, but you will still find me hanging on the tail of the A A kite.

93 93/93 Fraternally and with Love

A.C. to W.T.S.  
10 Aug (33)  
C.F..

On paper of The Queens Hotel

78

93

Yours of July 24. I quite understand how you feel. But your own figures disprove your case. Call fare £60. That is £120 return - I'm not going to chance being stuck. Then £80 is not much for 2 or 3 months living. And that leaves nothing for my preliminary expenses here, before I can leave at all. (There's nearly everything in hock, and would be <sup>as</sup> finally lost if I just went off.) Nor is there any provision for business ~~excess~~ <sup>excess</sup> expenses, necessary if success is to be more than a wild fluke. Its taking a grave risk to start even on 1000 dollars ; I'd take it, because I think it's the right thing to do. But it would be utterly insane just to jump off.

All the same, if you <sup>can</sup> collect 250 dollars do so, as I may be able to pull off something here. In fact, if I do, as I hope to do this week or next, I shall just rip across. Alternatively an extra 250 dollars might just make up enough to encourage me to risk it.

When it happens wire. I enclose a note for Estai. Love to Vagina and all

93 93/93 F..ly 666

29 Aug 33

Savoy Hotel writingpaper.

C.F..

93

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93 93/93 F..ly 666

W.T.S. to A.C.

80

14 Sept 33

C.F..

93

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93 93/93 Fraternally 132

81

A.C. to W.T.S.

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W.T.S. to A.C.

85

1 Feb 34

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A.C. to W.T.S.

(25 Mar 34)

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W.T.S. to A.C.

(Apr 1934)

Care Frater 666

Church of Thelema registered

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

Most glad to hear that you are in better health and certainly shall welcome you when you come out here.

Enclosed is a copy of the incorporations papers (of the Church of Thelema.T), which have been signed, sealed and recorded. Also a copy of the program of "Crowley Night", held on April 11th.

We feel that the incorporation is a very definite milestone passed, and will on the one hand enable us to collect donations of any and every kind, and on the other free us from taxation at many points.

The Mass goes steadily along and I have improved much in my ability to talk afterwards, though still far from an orator. Twenty seven attended last Sunday, and the business of trying to find enough seats drove us to expend some of our little cash in hand, so we now have thirty folding chairs; which will save us the no light task of dragging all the household chairs up three flights of stairs each Sunday.

The Crowley Night was most successful, and an enthusiastic crowd of over 150 came. 137 signed the guest book. We are gradually building up a mailing list which will serve us one of these days.

... Max Schneider must have some literary ability or he could make anything appear reasonable in respect of his conduct while here. Did he tell you that he tried to make most everyone of the good looking <sup>young</sup> girls who came along and that, always failing, he made life unbearable for the household by sulking for ~~one~~ week or ~~two~~ after each failure; and that if anyone reproved him most ill brought up son we all had to put up with a similar attitude.

Of course John Bamber and Self(sic) did not suffer quite so badly as the four women in the house with him most of the day. Did he tell you we did not like his idea of stating that the Mass was amateur theatricals, and quoting you as authority for the statement? We felt it was poor advertising, besides not being true.

The whole household months before he left grumbled about his ill manners and perpetual grrouch and sulking. Frankly there was nothing reasonable about it. Further he wanted to go, and we wanted him to go. He does not want to return, and no one wants him back.

We have all got to work to maintain this place, empty garbage cans, cut lawns, scrub floors, cook etc. Any one too stiff necked to do his <sup>or her</sup> share graciously, just ~~don't~~ <sup>don't</sup> fit.

Max Schneider

Max Schneider

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Birds of a feather learn to flock together after all. He is a first rate jeweller, however, and when money is more plentiful he will be useful.

It is our suspicion that the main gripe of the person was due to the fact that never before in his life did he pay in full his obligations. This time it would seem he felt morally compelled to do so, but how it hurt. This is the one time he left no debts behind him. Of course, this may be all right for his advanced view-point (sic in ext. in original. T) as expressed to Mrs Dinsmore that "when one is occultly connected, one does not have to worry about money, it just comes". Yes, via a younger brother, who is fool enough to keep him.

However, it won't work with us. We are going to put this over and "all must be done in well and with business way." And we will one day make the people bow to the Big Beast (Revelations). Those who are not for us are against us.

I have been very much under the wind for nearly two years myself. Fierce case of acidosis, it seems... I have about decided I shall have to get glasses, soon. Oh yes, I got a nice little jolt in the office and a 40 dollar drop in salary. However I really don't care. It was damned good for me, and just brings home to me what a fool I have been to stick there so long. Reginahas got a bit of a job - or will have in a fortnight. So matters will <sup>about</sup> even up, and I will try to re-establish the regularity of the 25 dollars a month.

The Word came to hand the other day, and certainly seems most interesting.

Love is the law, love under will

Fraternally 132.

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W.T.S. to A.C.

6 Sept 34

.... The Mass keeps on steadily and uninterruptedly. "Invoke often". Attendance increases... There are several steady "hangers-on" but no real use to us yet. I want 5 or 6 more good people to join us, and then move to a bigger place. I am trying to enthuse a rather good sample of the feline species who has much in common with Reginah, but I have not got her by the short hairs yet. Also a young fellow I like well has possibilities. For the rest that flounce around I can't say much. Everyone is so frightfully dumb I get fiercely fed up at times. Enclosed find draft for 5 pounds, the best I can do just now....

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Pearl Brooke-Smith to W.T.S.

12 Aug 34

C.F.

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21 Upper Montagu Str. W.1

Many thanks for the draft you sent last month. It came in just at the moment when we literally didn't know where the next penny was coming from to buy food. As you know The Beast has a terrible amount of expense lately with both the civil and criminal trials - every penny we could raise has gone into them - anyhow I now think the tide is turning and his ennemis will be vanquished completely in about six months time.

Meanwhile he has to live, so we should be terribly grateful for any draft that you can send along. You know that he is appealing against both convictions. The last one at the Old Bailey was simply a 'fame-up' but I think his ennemis there have just overstepped the mark and I sincerely hope (tho' I probably shouldn't) that we shall get them shortly for perjury. Anyhow will let you know how things progress. Of course during (or rather while waiting) for the appeals to be heard no publisher will touch the Beast's books as they are frightened of the Courts so no money can be made and the Beast is really in a very bad way financially.

From your letter you seem to be having a pretty stiff time yourself. This money question is the devil isn't it? The Beast had hoped to come out and see you in the fall - but unless some miracle happens I'm afraid it won't be possible. At the moment everything is in the lap of the Gods. So we hope on!

The Beast himself is not too well - I think all the worry of the last nine months is telling on him - but he is so perfectly white and true <sup>in</sup> <sub>in</sub> that shortly things will go right for him. All these d---d jackals sniffing at his hocks drive me crazy - but being cunning devils one has to fight them on their own ground - But we will succeed sometime or other. What he has done for me I can never repay - and may add that I admire you people the other side of the water for doing the same and sticking up for him when most of the world are against him.

Yours fraternally

93 93/93 S(carlet) W(oman).

A.C to W.T.S.

(Sept 1934)

C.F..

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Northlands House. Westrow Road. Southampton.

You should have Word and Greeting before this. Yours of Sept 6 very welcome indeed. I do ~~wish~~ hope you could make this £5 regular, even if you can't increase it. You have no idea what a difference it makes.

I like the true spirit of your letter very much.

But you must correct that "egistration". How can you describe an Order as "Rex S.S." ? Supreme Most Holy King!!! The name of the Order is O.T.O.. Ordo Templi Orientis. All matters of this sort should be submitted to me before committing yourself.

I've been on the sick list for some time days : back to London Sunday, I guess. Give my blessings to all the B.B. and S.S.. I'm rather feeble to write much more just now.

93 93/93 666

Hope The Beast ~~has~~ acknowledged your cheque. At the moment he is in a nursing home with phlebitis - pretty bad - so I can't tell you how grateful we were to you

Good luck to the G.W.

S(carlet) W(oman) Pearl Brooke-Smith.T)

Care Frater

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law

The Greetings of the Equinox of Autumn

The Word of the Equinox is Q U A M A H  
Q A B L A S

The words sound like running water. The meaning is "rejuvenate".

The Oracle of Thelema is "Conquer! that is enough".

The Omen of the Yi King is — "Regulations". It is a time to plan carefully and to organise, and to do everything by rule. But avoid inelasticity.

W.T.S. to A.C.

21 Oct 34

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Care Frater

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Glad to get your letter and the Word but sorry you ~~are~~ not well. I quite appreciate your views re the drafts, and assure you my attentions are in accordance, but I have difficulties at this end to contend with. The last time I started to make the contributions regular, Homer left the house and I have been frightfully short since. I badly need, for instance, shoes and shirts for myself.

We have had a housecleaning. Just before the Equinox John (Bamber) blew up, or rather whined, and left us on the 20th, selling his books and forswearing himself all along the line. Leota left a few days later, not being able to endure without him. Notwithstanding her usefulness, after she had left we all found it a relief, for her continual disgruntled state more than balanced her good points.

Ruby and Stewart The new inmates are Andre de Forest a young energetic boy of about 25, not an occultist but very useful; one who works instead of sleeps like Max (Schneider) and John (Bamber) did. Having no job at the moment he pays me nothing, but he is very helpful and I am sure he will pay up when he can.

Ruby and Stewart, mother and son, boy about 25. Also not occultists. They pay, and on the strength of their joining us I sent another Five Pounds. If they stay, and I feel they will, the draft will be regular. I will do my best, if I have it you shall get it.

Jacobi is finding the 120 mile drive (from San Bernardino, T) to take the deacon's part at the Mass a bit of a strain. However, I am prepared. I have Andre and Tony learning the part in the event of his begging off. We are just going to carry it on.

The Word proved very interesting, fitting in with our reformulated plan of campaign. It was quite strange the way it fitted in with my expressed intentions right after John left.

To form a corporation sole, and not to be dependent upon a vote to select its head, we had to draw the papers up in <sup>that</sup> manner in this State. It is practically the same as that drawn up for the Catholics who hold property etc for the church. It is not intended to be incorporation of the O.T.O. but the Church of Thelema, to give us some protection and enable us to collect moneys etc.

You really are the limit. You say I should have submitted the plan to you first. Damn it, I write you three separate times about it before going ahead. You answered none of my letters, though each held a draft. After about a year, just as the notion was fading out, I pushed the thing through in desperation.

I could not then, or now, do much with the O.T.O. a secret society, and you had advised keeping on with the Mass and leaving the O.T.O. out of it for the time. When we start that, the Church ~~is~~ can fade out of the picture, if advisable.

The Equinox has started out well for us; an emptying and filling up of the house. I am optimistic, we all are. Other plans are being formulated to try and put ourselves on the map financially. It all rather lacks like results from a 9<sup>o</sup> on "Allegiance and financial support for the O.T.O.", which operation was done on September 20th.

93 93/93 Fraternally.

A.C. to W.T.S.  
15 Dec 34  
C.F.

Mapleton House, 39 Coventry Str, W.1.

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I have tried for a month to write this letter : always futile. *relief*

The truth is that the situation is always desperate: but with big hopes. Then ~~somewhat~~ arrives - never nearly enough; and as the old hopes fade away, or get hung up, new prospects open. I have every chance of being thrown out into the street to-morrow : but then on Wednesday I may find myself in control of a nice publishing house; and at any moment I may find a big contract for a film. And so it goes.

But I weep when any one says ~~that~~ "Shirts and shoes" - they are just the two serious wants!

Anyhow, your contribution<sup>s</sup> is always very welcome indeed. It always seems to arrive when the crisis is most acute.

About the registration. Your form is all right; but why didn't you send me the papers for approval ? As it is, you have called the Order ~~the~~ "Supreme Holy King"! Absurd : enough to send any educated man to the next planet but six in horror! My own private title too!

I shall send you word immediately if any thing worth while happens ; don't think I'm neglecting you folk! But it is infernally hard to write when the next 24 hours may falsify every word of the letter.

Give my love and blessings<sup>s</sup> to all the B.B.

93 93/93 F.ly 666

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(March 1935)

An I. Sol in Aries.  
Care Frater

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

The Greetings of the Equinox of Spring.

The Word of the Equinox is ARMAGEDDON

(This is associated with a vision of a plain full of dead men. An adept is on the watch.)  
The Oracle and the Omen are silent.

Love is the law, love under will

Fraternally Yours

TO MEGA THERION 'in Greek.T) 666

$9^{\circ} = 2^{\circ}$  A.A.

W.T.S. - to A.S.

W.T.S to A.C.  
6 May 55  
Care Frater 666

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... I have been frightfully low financially, mentally, and spiritually. Hence my not writing for so long. Nothing of real consequence to tell you. People are so frightful. Civilization, sic, as one contacts it here is an abortion.

We keep on with the Mass every Sunday, and I try to give them an intelligible talk afterwards. One reads them a poem, AHA, and it goes over their heads, and an effort at some explanation goes over their heads. They are so hopeless they can't even see the beauty of it. Ninety-nine per cent are communists or pacifists, or both. It is just pathetic. I would like to see how you would handle some of these sexless pacifist democrats. I don't see any hope until the Word (Armageddon.T) has in actuality been fulfilled.

On the other side there is my own incapacity. I wish there was some prospect of joining you. But I have no money and the problem of getting an existence is always to be considered. Just as my arse was hanging out of the seat of my pants, Regina got a bit of a job with the Teachers' Emergency under the S.E.R.A. administration. She has 3 classes and tries to put over a few ideas. Also the job of getting out the two-paged enclosure every week. Something might come of it. She has a wonderful personality - at least that is what people think until they live with her. Of course I find no difficulty - in fact, I can't imagine my trying to live with any one else. And she feels the same about me. If it was to be taken literally, she would seem to fill the part of "Let her be loud and adulterous...and let her be shameless before all men!" And this is not comforting to the smug troglodytes

If I could only meet a few decent people who could see what we have really got, I would start the O.T.O. going, but I have almost decided this place is hopeless. I think savages would be more hopeful than these shallow intellectuals. But I'm awfully tired of people and pretty nearly hate them all. And a lot of this raving is complaint at one's own incompetence.

Well, I have said more than enough to let you know we are still attempting to keep the rush light burning here. Please write and tell me what you are doing; and I hope you are keeping well.

93 93/93 Fraternally

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A.C. to W.T.S.

Sol in Taurus An I<sub>9</sub> (1935)

C.P. 93 I can't understand why you have ignored me for over six months. The stopping of the contribution has meant serious privation. You might at least have let me know what has gone

G.B.D (Ronell's organization)  
= Gnostic Body of God

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wrong.

Love to all B.B and S.S  
93 93/93 F.ly 666

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W.T.S. to A.C.  
30 May 35  
C.F.

I am sorry to have been unable to send you any cash. That is one of the reasons of my apparent neglect of you. I know my letters mean little or nothing to you unless there is a monetary enclosure. I am still paying for clothes I had to buy on credit. A new experience.

Just as soon as I can I will send some cash, fully understanding your need. You must realize I would require no urging to make a contribution if I had it. At the same time my will urges the necessity of keeping some activity going here....

Fraternally 132.

A.C. to W.T.S.

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3 June 35  
26 May (35)  
C.F.

Paper of Old Ship Hotel. Brighton

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Get your long letter at last. Why couldn'y you write me when the troubles arose.? There must be something wrong of you alienate people like Jacoby. I get a sort of impression that you interfere too much in the affairs of other people. I feel, too, that Vagina's "personality" would send me screaming to the nearest aerodrome. Why not literally "loud and adulterous?" Aimée MacPherson has made a career on it. Bit of the 'smug troglodyte' in you too, perhaps?

I've got a cold and a bad temper this morning: so excuse critical tone of this letter. Don't think I fail to appreciate your real virtues, great ~~lyea~~ loyalty, will-power, courage and perseverance.

93 93/93 F.ly 666

W.T.S. to A.C.  
3 June 35  
C.F.

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93 <sup>June 17th</sup> Are you getting any money from the sale of books from D Olsen, Russell or Wiggs. How does Russell (Frater Genesthai.T) stand in regard to the Work and you? Do you know anything of his Choronzon Club and his G.B.D. - Gnostic Body of God. Who is Attanzio? Here is the story. All of a sudden 2 or 3 people came to the Mass, as I told you (Mrs Bordeaux and Mrs Obermiller. T) in my last letter. They increased to 5

or 6 and I got a letter from still another, all keenly interested in your works.

Yesterday, Sunday, I got a line on the whole business. Russell is running a chain and group system a sort of combination of the A.A. and U.B. and gives out an Equinox Word.

The members take an oath to tell the truth on all occasions and pay 1 dollar fee. A few days later they put in writing what they consider Attainment consists in, and on payment of 6 dollars become a Neophyte. Half of these fees go to Headquarters, Russell, Chicago.

I have not gotten all details of the matter but it appears that in a few short weeks one may become a 7 = 4 or more. The members seem to be ~~led~~ to understand that the A.A. proper consists of ~~depts~~ who are unapproachable and that this the ~~etc~~ G.B.D. is a short cut system.

It also appears that an announcement has been sent out from H Q that a period of 5 years silence has just begun and that no more information is to be forthcoming, also that all typed lessons of the open period are to be returned or destroyed.

This announcement has proved disconcerting to the members and seems to be the prime cause of their flocking here after the first member found us. Last night I gave them a straight talk on the <sup>11</sup> preliminaries of the A.A. and O.T.O., which met with great enthusiasm with the result that they are clamoring for me to take hold of them.

They give me to understand that there are several groups here about constituting several hundred members, and did make the statement that ~~there~~ in Denver there were 500. These figures may be exaggerated.

I am having the 5 women I met have met come here Thursday night to see what I can do about getting hold of a much larger number of them. The person who wrote me is a leader of yet another group (sic).

It all seems to me as if it were an opportunity of getting the O.T.O. going. Very few I think would tackle the A.A. in any case I do not think that is what we need at this time.

It rather looks as if Russell must have got quite a little money out of the scheme. I have an idea that Wiggs, an old man, seller and publisher of books is Attamzio. That the balance of the books Jones left is being dispensed of by him and Russell by this means, for each group he has a set of the Equinox, Book of Lies, Magick. Those books that were scarce in the consignment you sent to Detroit they have not seen.

Whatever may be Russell's faults there is this to the good he has undisguisedly used our publications as text books, with the result that a number of people are very enthusiastic about your writings.

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I wish you would write me at once for there are several matters I shall have to ask you about as soon as I have had time to look over the revised rituals again. We might have to cut the fees lower than published in The Equinox ...

I suggest your making a separate statement from any letter you write as to your views of Russell and his movement, so that if necessary it may be shown the enquirer.

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W.T.S. to A.C.

10 June 35

C..F..

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Just got yours of May 6th... You misunderstood me or some one else, Jacobi is not out. He merely got tired after 2 years of driving 120 miles every Sunday. ...

I feel sure we are on the start of something definite. But please have patience, my time is limited, what with holding down an office job, the mundane duties around this house, cutting lawns etc, being the only man here, and the Priest on Sunday nights etc.

Col. Davidson who has constantly attended the Mass, not an "Occultist" thank God came round Sat noon and quite unexpectedly to my surprise revealed (sic) his interest in organizing the O.T.O.

Think he has real value in this respect. Men are rather scarce. Sat night Muzzy who had attended Mass came over - revealed that he had been connected with Russell, for some time, was fed up and thought it all the bunk .... He gives me a good impression. G.P.C.P.A., same as Chartered Accountant in England. So now I think I have at least two good men who are willing to be used.....

If things move along as I expect you will get tired of receiving letters from me.

Write soon.

93 93/93 Fraternally 132

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W.T.S. to A.C.

14 June 35

C.. F..

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I am enclosing the papers Russell put out.

Last night, Thursday, we had 15 people and they all signed agreeing to join the O.T.O. when started. When we get a still larger number together, we will get down to business.

I do wish you and I could get to an understanding on this money business. I shall be almighty glad when I am in a position to send you a steady sum monthly. You are wrong in your statement to Max (Schneidre), for a longtime Jacobi made no

contribution, and I and John Bamber were responsible for the contribution, at other times I alone.

For some months past Jacobi has given me 15 dollars a month and had he not, I should be out of this house and the Mass stoped (sic), with the result that the present good opportunities woud not exist. To be more exact the 15 dollars consists of ~~10~~<sup>10</sup> dollars from Jacobi and 5 dollars from ~~his~~ girl Viola his girl.

If there is going to be an organization one is responsible to the individuals composing it. I had to do the right thing by those who stuck ~~up~~ and did the drudgery to hold this household together. The same applies when the O.T.O. is going.

For instance, if and when 100 people are paying 15 dollars a year subscription, 150 dollars a month, will you be demanding that I turn ~~it~~ all or most of it over to you? And if I don't, write to some other member, Treasurer or what not, with the risk of smashing the organization by undermining the Authority that you state is absolute in the Order.

Of course at any time you could announce, Smith is out and does not represent me. But I am not concerned so much with Smith as the Organization. "I push thine Order".

May be this Fall we will be in a position to get you out here. I would like to see the Order well established with a good crowd to welcome you.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

3 June 35.

C.F.F.

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Your letter re Russell etc.

1. See Magick p 240. (One Star in Sight should be printed and issued as widely as possible. Russell has clearly been obtaining money under false pretences. He was expelled many years ago, and has no right even to speak for the A.A.A.).

You must get those who have paid him money to go at once to the District Attorney, and complain. This applies to any person who has taken money for degrees to the A.A.A.

Get your lawyer to read One Star in Sight, and let him handle the whole matter.

But act promptly!

I do not think that I can come to Los A until my affairs in England are thoroughly cleared up. I could not get a visa - at least, I doubt it. It might help me if I were wanted as a witness in a big prosecution of Russell and Co.

In any case money is needed over here - and a whole lot of it.

It is quite legitimate to ask for funds to support a cause; (but of course) no "magical" reward may be promised. You may say, though, that I personally will repay just as soon as my triumph over iniquity makes it easy for me to earn large sums from newspapers and so on.

Incidentally, you might get a big paper to finance the whole business.

93 93/93 F..ly 666

P.S. Get hold of Dorothy Olsen. Surely she cannot be an accomplice in the theft of the Chicago stock - which, I gather, must have been the basis of the Russell frauds. Ask lawyer what to do. She wrote last Fall, asking for my address. I replied by return, and have heard nothing further.

Don't know Attamzio.

30 June 35

C..F..

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102 (Paper of Hotel Metropole, Brighton)

Thanks for Russell dossier. Am taking all needful steps here. Meanwhile, please get him under 'false pretences' as I said.

About money. The theory is that all moneys go to the Grand Treasurer, who gives out to each branch according to its need.

My own position is that of the Central Brain, and I want all the powers I can get, not for myself, but in order to play the game better.

For example, see enclosed. All this mischief would never have arisen if there had been funds to fight these actions properly. And it may now be wanted badly, in case the Home Secretary, Public Prosecutor and others fail to act promptly, to give them a swift kick in the pants!

It is no good acknowledging me as the Head of absolutely selfless Orders like the A..A.. and O.T.O. unless you are convinced of my absolute integrity.

My worrying you has simply been that the lack of your usual contribution has meant constant defeat and paralysis, whereas if I had an income adequate to the circumstances, I should be able to make really large sums off my own bat, and send streams of fertilizing gold to you and other branches.

I want you just now to realize that the one essential is to expose the conspiracy against me. Do that, and I can instantly get 10,000 dollars or 15,000 for the English serial rights of my life-story alone. Then I can use the money to start you in a proper way, to come over and help organize etc.

So put these papers before all you know, try to collect a reasonably large lump sum and cable it. 93 93/93 F..ly 666

x During his libel action against Nina Hannett, her publisher which A.C. lost. The costs leading to bankruptcy 64  
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Copy of English translation of Martha Kuntzel's letter to the Director of Public Prosecutions about Rex v Edward Alexander Crowley, on a charge of receiving stolen letters alledged to have been stolen. (Crowley was found guilty and fined £50. ~~47~~) I have not copied the letter as it exists elsewhere. On the reverse of the last page A.C. wrote

"Tell everybody that as soon as this letter has been made good I shall have ample funds and complete freedom to visit L.A. So we need any money that can possibly be raised to remedy this injustice and manifest St 666 as Martyr and Virgin. The moment this is achieved, newspapers rush up with cheques - the sky the limit.

W.T.S. to A.C.

103

8 July 35

C..F..

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Enclosed find draft for £5 from one and all who have helped to hold the house together. I don't feel like writing now, just been cutting the lawn and was pooped out to start with after a hard day at the office. More later perhaps to-morrow night

Fraternally 132

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A.C. to W.T.S. Cable

Thanks contribution please maintain increase if possible very urgent authorize working OTO up to second degree writing Baphomet.

9 Aug 35

On Savoy Hotel writing paper.

C..F..

93.

I cabled thanking you for the £5, and authorizing O.T.O. up to, and including 2<sup>0</sup> I hope you can put on Minerval out of doors. You have fine deserts adjacent,

I think it most important to keep back 3<sup>0</sup> until I come, because of the special precautions to be observed about the Word. Also, it will make people keen to make it possible for me to come. And it will help you personally very much in the matter of authority.

You should read the Constitutions very carefully with regard to payment of dues - to get the idea. The practice only conforms, however, when the Order is working in numerous branches : we want the Grand Treasurer General to be able to help poor branches, or assist new ones to open, from the funds of richer lodges.

Your letters to Holmes and Clancy are good. You get another letter from Atlantis bookshop &c "Little Essays" and prospectus follows.

93 93/93 F..ly 666

(Enclosed in 105 above) 107 below)

To those whom it may concern

The Master Therion warns all aspirants to the Sacred Wisdom and the Magick of Light, that Initiation cannot be bought, or even conferred; it must be won by personal endeavour.

Members of the true Order of A.T.A. are pledged to zeal in service to those whom they supervise, and to accept no reward of any kind for such service. Nor does the Order receive any fees whatsoever when degrees of Initiation are conferred by its authority.

He especially warns all persons against C.F. Russell of Chicago Ill and his agents. He is a thief, swindler and blackmailer; he has stolen the property of the Order and used it to enable him to pose as its representative, and so to carry on his swindles upon would-be Initiates.

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Therion

(Aleister Crowley)

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c/o Denness and Co, 22 Chancery Lane.

15 Aug (35)

C.O.F.

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The enclosed warning (see 106 above. T) might be printed or mimeographed, and circulated as widely as you may think fit.

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(Enclosed in 105 above) 107 below)

To those whom it may concern

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93 93/93 F..ly 666

W.T.S. to A.C.  
22 Aug 35  
Care Frater 666

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Sorry not to have an enclosure for you, but as happens every time I start the income gets cut off. Two people left the house - 45 dollars less a month. Regina's classes stopped for 2 weeks and opened again at half the income ...

The desert idea is grand ... To-day I located a spot with only a 25 mile drive there and back, that will be first rate. I am aiming to get 12 Minervals on the Eqionox, and start to collect what I can at once for paraphernalia.

This is the third time - start of the O.T.O., and I believe it will go over this time...

93 93/93 Fraternally

A.C. to W.T.S.  
Sept 10 (35)  
C.F.F.  
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Savoy Hotel notepaper.  
Liber Triprimum in Holy Book III

I was very pleased indeed by your remarks on XXVII. Sound original thinking and real understanding. I have not translated Yi King, or even done my real book on it. Nor can I, while this paralysis of poverty grips me.

O.T.O. etc (Yours of Aug 22)

You must have a Treasurer; you are Grand Master and you cannot duplicate offices. I suggest Max Schneider or Mary Green. There is only one rule about fees etc. They all go to Grand Treasurer, and he makes the Lodge contributing an allowance, according to its needs. E.g. if I get in £500 for O.T.O. here, I find out what you require to start properly with good furniture and regalia and send you funds accordingly. I mention this as there is a prospect: discussing matter next Wednesday. Get the idea, and it's simple to work out any given case. Of course my Grand Treasurer wouldn't kill your Lodge by refusing you - it might be 100% back to you. But keep the principle intact.

I suggest that you stick to the good old rule of making every Minerval produce one (or two) more before proceeding to 1<sup>o</sup>

You ask various questions which I can hardly answer without the papers. Will you please have copies made at once of all rituals etc and sent to me? I don't even know how much you have got.

Best wishes for Sol in Libra; I believe you will make it significant, a real turning-point.

The words of 1<sup>o</sup> and 2<sup>o</sup> yes ( In the revised rituals the words were in each instance the first two letters of the old ones. T) : 1<sup>o</sup> 2<sup>o</sup> 3<sup>o</sup> spells 7<sup>o</sup> our martyred G.M.  
I shall attempt to pledge forms, diplomas etc here when funds permit. In haste  
at 93 93/93 Fully 666

W.T.S. to A.c.  
16 Sept 35  
Beloved 666

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O.T.O. 1<sup>st</sup> Minerval

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Greetings of the Equinox .... I am hard at work on the Minerval. ... It is quite a business getting the tent and altar etc because I have so little time. Just the noon hour when places of business are open. However I am quite elated though tired. I may yet succeed in getting twelve to go through.

... At least I have got one person sold <sup>hook</sup> line and sinker and enthusiastic, <sup>h</sup> Regina. No I must be fair. The others are not herein the house and not so well informed. Mary Green is great in her <sup>a</sup> and very enthusiastic. Jimmie Young comes up faithfully <sup>early</sup> ~~now~~ every Sunday and puts the Temple in order for the Mass. Frances Leslie cooks and keeps the house in order. She is good and I think has thrown her lot in with us. Irving Hendlar has come to us through one of Regina's classes, I believe will prove a loyal supporter. Marie Prescott though I have not paid much attention to, is coming along. She has 2 children to look after at home and no money.

Jacobi and Viola will be with us on Saturday. ~~He is~~ very much O.K. still. No, I have no complaint, only when you have 5 you want 50 <sup>and</sup> then 500 and so on.

In a week or two we are expecting Regina to be back at work again. And as what she makes is ours I hope to start sending you a monthly contribution through the winter...

93 93/93 Very fraternally 132

W.T.S. to A.C.  
23 Sept 35

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From the Sanctuary of the Gnosis which is in the Valley of Los Angeles. Agape Lodge I.

A report to His Most Sacred Majesty Baphomet, Supreme and Holy King of Ireland Iona and all the Britains, as to the starting of the Ordo Templi Orientis in America in the city of Los Angeles.

Most Holy, Most Illuminated and Most Worshipful Father; Fraternal Greetings and Loyalty  
Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

We are happy to report to you that on September 21, 1935 e.v., 7 candidates were received into the Minerval degree.

Our Secretary General pro tem, Sister Jane Wolfe, attended to the business of collecting the signed pledge-forms and fees.

We ourselves gave the enclosed address to the candidates before driving out to the desert with Brothers Schneider, and Jacobi and Sister Kahl with the Paraphenalia, the candidates following one half hour later, 7 p.m. under the direction of Sister Jane

Wolfe.

After a successful ceremony in all respects, we returned to our Profess House for the Banquet at 10.10 p.m. This was also entirely successful in all respects, being a joyous occasion.

All expressed their appreciation of the impressive ceremony and banquet.

Love is the law, love and will

Fraternally in the Bonds of the Order.

A.C. to W.T.S.  
(10 Aug 35)

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Savoy Hotel note-paper.

Care Frater

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

The Greetings of the Equinox of Autumn.

The Word of the Equinox is LAL

(Note numeration and letters. Lal is the Sanscrit for Red. The background is the sandy desert and burnt mountains with corpses and the watching adept, as with Sol in Aries)

The Oracle is "Therefore strike hard and low and to hell with them master!"

The Omen is to be taken by each of the B.B. for himself or herself.

Love is the Law, love under will

Fraternally T. M. TH (in Greek letters. T) 666  
9° 2° A.A.

Please copy and send as usual. Include Gerald Yorke c/o Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Shanghai and ask him to visit you on his way to Europe in the Winter. 666

(Note. Smith records the Yi King ('omen' as taken by himself 9 p.m. 10 Aug 35 as

Violence. The Great Ram ).

18 Oct (35) 113 (On back of a "Wine of the Graal" prospectus for Little Essays Towards Truth "At The Sign Of The Brazen Head", T)  
C.A.F.

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You do talk rot! Just because we are publishing Wine of the Graal here, you should make sure of doing so in U.S.A. and so secure rights. These are yours - and should enable you to pay back loans to me up to 1000 dollars at least. Also if you add a few pages advertising O.T.O. etc the book should be a source of income in other ways for ever. However, you might try Clancy - if you are sure he is straight! - with "The Three Schools

of Magick", "The Heart of the Master" - and so on. Always add your own advertising matter  
Only remember Dignity!

Thanks for Minerval copy. Please send on 2<sup>nd</sup> as soon as you can.

Love and thanks to all. Things going a.l here.

93 93/93 F..ly 666

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W.T.S. to A.C.  
20 Oct 35  
Care Frater 666

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Well, nothing to report, except a clean sweep of the house. We are down to the lowest point we have ever been; Jane and sister, Regiha and self.

Frances got married to a Jew, one of the worst, last Monday. I am trying my best to get these Minervals stirred up to get more candidates, but its like pushing a roller uphill by one self. We certainly seem unfortunate <sup>respect to</sup> in the sample we contact. Either that, or there just are not any intelligent people here....

I am having a onepage pamphlet printed, in an effort to get more people interested....

I am hanging on till kicked out, but something better happen soon or I wont be able to pay the rent.

93 93/93 Fraternally.

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A.C. to W.T.S.  
30 Oct 35  
C..F..

On paper of Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych. E.C.2

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Paul Clancy. If reliable, why not do business with him? Put him in touch with me direct, if you feel so hopeless yourself!

Sorry things are so bad. But isn't it a good deal your own fault? You leave such gaps.

E.g. you write that Frances has married a Jew. But who is Frances? Search me.

I'm frightfully busy, thanks for your timely help, which put new life into the whole show. Big results may appear any day now. But further efforts on your part would be wise. In great haste.

93 93/93 F..ly 666

W.T.S. to A.C.  
15 Nov 35  
C...F..

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I had intended dealing with Paul Clancy as soon as your letter arrived giving me authority. Max (Schneider) had given us to understand that he personally had publication rights in America. ...

As to the "Gaps" I leave. I don't miss so very many but the complaint is that I am so impersonal. I am not artist enough to fool them into believing they are each the only oyster in the stew. You know the Ladies.

On the other hand the men are annoyed because I don't miss 'em, especially Max. Just yesterday Virginia volunteered to come and take charge of the house. Max was very annoyed and warned her that if she did it would cause a break between them. Too bad don't you know, such a delicate little thing. Probably weighs 165 lbs and I am so burley (sic) with my 180, Mischief now demands that I make the attempt. After all I hold nothing against him because Regina in a spirit of devilment once amused herself with him. These others are peeved because Regina sticks close to so faithless a person, as they see it. What a life. What a life.

However it is a good thing Max is useful to you, for he won't help us in any spirited way. Never yet said the deacon's part letter perfect and resents any comment. We don't see much of him, but he seems more contented now that he has selected two or three who used to come here and is dealing with them personally along A.A. lines as I understand.

We are still in hopes that Regina will get to work and help relieve the financial strain. Just because I get tired and peeved, don't think I intend to cease my efforts....Please write again soon, a letter from you helps a lot.

93 93/93 Fraternally 132.

22 Nov 35  
Care Frater

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

A letter received from Paul Clancy to-day in which he states he will be happy to publish "Little Essays towards Truth" in the American Astrology..... (He did 20 or other)

2 Dec 35

The 15th Dec 1935

...Expect first of the essays to be in January issue of American Astrology magazine... Am on the track of another man who is said to have money, expect him to dinner this week. We understand him to be interested in publishing unusual literature... Max has deserted us for the last two Sundays; Luckily Jane is at hand. She really does the deacon'

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part magnificently. We none of us know why he has not been around or given any explanation. Jane and I called on him but he ~~has~~ landed a job and is working. The fact is, I think he ~~has~~ taken Virginia too seriously, and she really is not quite right in the head. Please write ....

17 Dec 35

...Jane and I made a second effort to find out why Max has not been around. He was most uncivil ... Frankly, I think he is a little off his head. He said Virginia was in the lunatic asylum. We were not surprised, yet he seems to have taken her seriously - risky thing to do with any woman, let alone a demented one.

To top it off, he appears to blame us or me. Now I had but the briefest conversation with her, which anyone could have sat in on. It seems to have <sup>all</sup> happened since he caught her with a young Jewish fellow, Paul Vogel. But if I am any judge, the crux of the whole matter is his colossal self-conceit ... Enough of this, which seems so childish and nearly turns my stomach every time I think of it.

Good news, however, Reginahs started at long last ~~on~~ her job. Next month if you need it, I will be able to send you something; if not we will hold on to it here. Let me know.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

13 Dec 35

Care Frater

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I have been waiting for further information before answering you. It is really a most difficult problem. This business of you and 687 (Max Schneider, T) beats me. You have each of you admirable qualities, you ~~each~~ have evident defects, but you share enthusiasm for, and devotion to the work. But it is evident that you cannot pull together. This is, however, no reason for quarrelling, and in any case it is ridiculous to appeal to me about it.

What you should both do is to respect each other's sovereignty, and avoid any contact that could possibly lead to disagreement.

He complains that you tried to get Virginia away from him, apparently to do chores and that in the course of the conflict she was removed to the asylum. But I had already formed the opinion from 687's original account of her that she was pretty near the border line, if not indeed something like a half-wit. It is therefore all bollocks to

blame you for the catastrophe, and yet I do blame you for poor psychology. You ought to have recognised that she was this kind of person ~~had~~ shot her off rather than try to make use of her. Anyhow, forget it; ~~and~~ take it as a lesson to avoid any action which might tread on the toes of a rattlesnake! Excuse my Hindu anatomy! Treat ~~627~~ with the greatest politeness and even deference but all the time avoiding a mix-up.

Yours of Nov 22.

You say that you are going to copyright The Little Essays and in yours of Dec 2 you say you ~~had~~ not the money to do it ~~had~~ talk about 40 dollars. But I don't believe for a moment that it would <sup>have</sup> cost this amount. And anyway, it is Clancy's business to do this, and you must make it a condition that he does so. You must also make him pay you adequately. It is only mugs who act otherwise. And I am ~~resigning~~ from the Mug's Union this month. If the copyright is lost, how on earth can you get anyone interested in the book.

Your remarks on the map and glossary are receiving attention.

Negotiations are still in progress with regard to starting the O.T.O. over here. I, moreover, lack news from you, and you say nothing about fees, still less remit any.

Yours of Dec 2

I think I have answered this already, except your letter to Friedel, which seems to me admirable. I hope you will make something of it. I will let you know as soon as anything breaks about my relations with Lewis (head of AMORC. T) You ought to make yourself acquainted with the exposures of him by Swinburne Clymer, and Leon Batchelor, whose addresses are respectively.

The Rosicrucian Foundation, Quakertown, Penn. and  
Leon Batchelor, P.O. Box 785, San Jose, Cal.

Love to everybody

93 93/93 Yours fraternally  
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MEMORANDUM

28 Jan 36

23 Albert Road N.W.1

MEMORANDUM

Aleister Crowley is the head of the O.T.O. (Ordo Templi Orientis).

His authority is sole and supreme, and the property of the Order is vested in himself and his Grand Officers, who are his nominees.

The Order is international in scope.

A Mr H Spencer Lewis has been in control of an Order with headquarters in California under the title of AMORC. His authority is however derived from the O.T.O.

The property of the AMORC is, therefore by the Constitution of the Order, legally the property of Mr Aleister Crowley.

The real and personal property of the AMORC is estimated at 900,000 dollars by his ex-Grand Treasurer, and its annual income is said to amount to about 350,000 dollars.

Mr Crowley proposes to go to California and claim the property

A favorable circumstance is that Mr Spencer Lewis has acted in ways which have caused the Federal Trade Commission to institute an enquiry into the integrity of the organisation. Mr Crowley has been asked to cooperate.

In recent correspondence between Mr Crowley and Mr Lewis, the latter has sought to avoid acknowledgement of the authority of the former, but he can produce no alternative authority and the true position is demonstrated beyond question by Mr Lewis' own documents.

There should be no difficulty in getting lawyers in San Francisco to undertake the prosecution of the claim on a contingent basis.

Mr Crowley would propose to set aside 125,000 dollars for the satisfaction of any possible claims against the estate, either by the government or previous members of the Order who are found to have a legitimate grievance against Mr Lewis. His ultimate aim is to establish the Order on a large scale in the U.S.A. and elsewhere, on a basis of the most scrupulous honesty.

We require 5000 dollars to finance Mr Crowley's journey.

The details of this proposition, with documentary corroboration, will be shewn to interested parties on application, and if a satisfactory basis of action can be agreed upon, the terms of the loan will be discussed by us on his behalf.

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W.T.S to A.C.

29 Jan 36

Care Frater 666

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

On January 20th Max brought over Mr Herbst to see us, and we had a general conversation... <sup>(Herbst)</sup> He wanted me to show him the rituals of O.T.O., which I did not feel inclined to do on so short an acquaintance. But he did take the Minerval oath, and I read that through to him. He revealed later a closer affiliation with you and some knowledge of the vital matter, which led me to feel I might have been a little conservative.

Box 6374 Station C. Los Angeles.

... On Sunday Herbst was here to the Mass and seemed entirely pleased with it, and the talk I <sup>gave</sup> made afterwards; and he made some further suggestions. He brought with him for me to read therecord of someof your-furtherwork, which time permitted me to read only very hastily. He also conveyed to meyour desire for a suitable assistant who could do something in a financial way for the clinic (Note. Refers to A.C's scheme for a massage and ray treatment clinic which included rejuvenation through his Elixir of Life pills. T) He was very desirous that I inform you of having seen the papers.

... Mr Herbst echoed our own feelings that in spite of the slowness of results, our efforts had all been plus and that now matters were opportune...

Love is the law love under will

Fraternally

P.S. For the past 3 weeks or more, I have been puzzled over the fact of waking up, thoroughly refreshed, at 3 to 5 a.m. after going to bed from 12 to 2 a.m.: on thetop of it, finding myself fit during the day and not over tired in theevening. Just to-day it has dawned upon me that the cause is the <sup>h</sup>Elixir. And now looking over my record, my guess at 3 weeks is supported by the date of the first operation.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

3 Jan 36

Care Frater 132

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On Monday afternoon I received your cable wroded: Official Lewis investigation need photostat of your suzerainty from Reuss to confirm our position with authorities".

The wordingis somewhat obscure. I am assuming that the exposure of Lewis by Clymer, Batchelor and perhaps others, andpossibly definite complaints, have decided the State or the Federal authorities to enquire into the whole matter. I am, therefore, asking you to consult with Schneider. He has copies of my correspondence with Lewis and with himself on the subject.

I think it may simplify your point of view if I put down very briefly my opinion. I think that Lewis is oneof that type of people whom it is impossible to class either as honest or as dishonest. I am fairly sure that he has every intention to defraud, but I also think that he has a certain magical knowledge andpower; see remarks in "MagicM" page 97. There is also a certain excuse for his method. For instance, he has taken this silly book of Franz Hartmann's "Among the Rosicrucians" which can be bought in the open market for one dollar, and issued it chapter by chapter as secret instruction at somethinglike 40 dollars. Now

provided that one has a sincere wish to get somebody to read that book, I think he has found the only way to do it. And, dealing as he is with the lowest type of barbarians, one can admit that he had no option. I want the fullest details of all this investigation, with any documents at your disposal. R as O(ulic) H(ed) Q(Ne O(nder)

You speak of my "my suzerainty". It was Reuss who had the suzerainty. It was I who acknowledged him. On the other hand, my price for so doing, if I may put it in such vulgar language, was the Charter referred to in the Manifesto of the O.T.O. par. 6. You see that this covers America. The real facts of the situation at that time were that Reuss and myself were the only people in a position to take any effective action of any kind. That Charter is not immediately accessible, but the Manifesto of the O.T.O. was published and circulated quite widely in 1913. Reuss was working with me almost every day, and if he had made any objection to my claim, he would have done so. There is also in existence a pamphlet, issued by Reuss, with photographs of various prominent Grand Masters and other high officials of the Order. My photograph appears therein. Its publication is certainly later than the Manifesto.

Let us now examine Lewis' claim to hold a Charter from Reuss. The only document so far put forward, apart from the contemptible Toulouse forgery, is the "Facsimile Reproduction No. 20" in Clymer's book. You will note that this has my own private seal in the centre of the five seals at the bottom, and this was designed entirely by myself. We are in touch with the engraver who cut the die, if any question arises about the date. But I do not see how this can happen as the document was issued evidently before Lewis received it. This document is dated 1921. At this time I was in retirement in Sicily but in communication with Reuss in Basle and, I think, Munich. This document appoints Lewis (whom I recognise as a member of the 95<sup>o</sup>, not the 96<sup>o</sup>, of the Rite of Mizraim; and VIII<sup>o</sup>, not X<sup>o</sup>, of the O.T.O.) to be an honorary member, not a full member, and to represent our Sovereign Sanctuary as "Gage of Amity near the Supreme Council of the AMORC at San Francisco (California)". This document is then a Diploma of sorts, as it says itself. It is not a Warrant. It is not a Charter. It confers no authority whatever. And, even as a Diploma, it is revocable.

You will notice that the name of the Order is printed big across the middle of the page document. It is quite absurd for Lewis to try to use it, and not use it at the same time; and I think it is pretty certain that he has no other document on which to rely. I am sure that no responsible authority in my serious Fraternity would have given Lewis any

Warrant or Charter. Reuss, in his last years, that is after his paralytic stroke, got very careless and desperate, and handed out honorary diplomas without proper ~~seen~~ enquiries on the chance that one or more of them might fall into good hands. And that, no doubt, is how Lewis got his Diploma at all.

I wish you would make all possible enquiries about all this, and let me know at once.

Now to turn to a totally different subject. I do not at all understand what you mean by confirming your position with the ~~authorities~~ <sup>art</sup>. Has the District Attorney been asking you for proof of authority to act as representing the <sup>Rosicross</sup> Order of R.C.?

My own view is that the authorities would not be impressed by Charters issued by unknown people. The real evidence is the existence of a body of literature with allusions and symbols which they can recognise as property in the full legal sense of the term. It is unquestionable that Lewis has appropriated numerous phrases and symbols from the Equinox. It is also to be particularly noticed that we do not make any claims to be the Rosicrucian Order. See again the very carefully worded expressions of page 97 of "Magick". You will also notice that in "One Star in Sight" we do not explain the meaning of the letters R.C. This is in accordance with the tradition of the Rosicrucian Fraternity. This tradition has been violated by Lewis, and his action cannot be approved by us.

But it is still possible to condone the offences of Lewis on promise of amendment. I think he is going to find it pretty hard sledding to keep out of jug on his position as it stands at present. And if he does not "bring forth works meet for repentance", we shall certainly not stir a finger to help him. He might begin (for instance) by returning to us some of the money which he obtained by appropriating our property. You should be able to ascertain whether the figures on page 126 of Clymer's book are accurate: "AMORC has real and personal property valued at about half a million dollars, nearly 400,000 dollars in cash in bank and an annual income of 350,000 dollars."

But even if these figures are exaggerated, I feel pretty sure that he could contribute a sum of 25,000 dollars towards the establishment of the Order in this country. And, if I am freed from my present preoccupations by such a transfer, I shall be prepared to come over to California and save him. This at least is suggested as a basis for negotiations.

Now I want you to take very special notice of what I am about to write. I am absolutely sick of the eternal petty squabbles in your part of the world. They render you ridiculous in the eyes of everybody concerned. You have simply got to find a modus vivendi, as asto

co-operate loyally and heartily in public life without recriminations based on personal dislike. It is the first quality of any man engaged in a public career that he should be able to sink his private feelings completely in the interests of his work. You could not run a peanut stand on the principles which you have been displaying. It is most utterly senseless and degrading. If you knew how often I have been tempted to wash the whole pack of you out, you would be surprised. It is only because I have been taught to exercise infinite patience with petty stupidities that I have not scrapped your entire outfit long ago.

These are strong words; but they only represent one tenth of one per cent of what I feel about it. I do not think it is your fault or Schneider's fault, but I do think of you as ~~seemless~~ comrades in misfortune. The fact that your hackles all stand on end every time you meet, must be regarded as a particular dealing of God with your souls. You should regard it as an excellent opportunity of training for your part in public life. You will never get anywhere if you keep losing your temper and nursing your grievance.

The present situation is one of enormous opportunity, and I look to you both to stand loyally by each other without any personal feelings.

It seems to me that Schneider is more likely than yourself to succeed in negotiations. He managed excellently well in getting something done this autumn when you appeared perfectly incapable; and I was very surprised to receive a cablegram from you at all on the subject of Lewis. But how brainless of you it was not to consult him before you sent the cable! It cost you umpteen words in the address. He could have told you that 'Crowley Chancellor London' was sufficient; and it would have been very useful to communicate with him about the existing negotiations in the matter of Lewis. It might have helped you to word your cable in a more informative manner.

Please do not be offended by these remarks. Their bitterness springs from my deep appreciation of your magnificent qualities; which accentuates my regret that they should be rendered useless by such miserably worthless incidents. Now do pull your socks up, and put this thing over. So far Schneider has been talking to Lewis on a friendly basis; while you, if I interpreted your cable correctly, have already appeared as hostile. It, therefore, seems to me as if he were the proper person to carry on with the assistance of the events which have led to your appearing in the matter. The most useful thing that you can do until I have fuller information and can write more clearly, is to sit on the fence in as mysterious a manner as possible you can adopt. On no account compromise yourself by taking an attitude either for or against him. Feed Schneider with any

information that comes your way without a moment's delay.

93 93/93 Baphomet. O.H.O.

P.S. Am having my diploma from Yarker as 96° Mizraim ( ) National Grand Master)~  
photographed. Expect copy by next mail

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A.C. to W.T.S.

23 Jan 36

Care Frater 132

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

Yours of January 11th arrived ~~this morning~~ <sup>last night</sup>. Your attitude about Clymer and Lewis is wrong. This is where you jump in and file a claim on my behalf to the whole property of the AMORC. (You do not seem to know that Lewis has had a stroke five weeks ago. I heard it from Max). That means that everything at San Jose will be upside down and his family, though they doubtless think that they can carry on, will soon find that they can't. One of the defects of grafting is that the man who pulls it off, has always got something more in him than plain knavishness, even though he himself is not aware of it. Thus his immediate followers never suspect that there is anything in the business beyond plain trickery, and come croppers accordingly.

What you should do is to go to the best lawyer in Los Angeles, after taking a good deal of pains to find out who he is. You could get somebody on the newspapers to tell you people who have made their names by putting over claims of more or less this kind. On no account go to a shyster or an unsuccessful man. You can offer him the business on a fifty fifty basis, and you must get an undertaking from him that he will spare no trouble or expense to put it over. (I am enclosing a memorandum about <sup>own</sup> my affairs. It is essential that I should come to California to prosecute this claim; and I must arrive with knobs on.)

I think your best plan will be to put the matter before Mary Green. You will be in a much better position to negotiate with the lawyer, if you can tell him that I am expected to arrive in the next month or two.

Mary Green is pretty sure to have one or two rich clients; and she ought to be able to get one (or more of them in concert) to put up the five thousand dollars necessary. This is where you have to be diplomatic. You must not insult the nobility of their characters by suggesting that they should make any money out of the business. At the same time make it perfectly clear that anyone who does put up money is doing so on a business basis, because we are too proud to accept unrequited assistance, and have no objection to signing an obligation to pay back 10,000 dollars (say) within six

Plummer who ran the Soc Ros in America  
is Dan R. the Butcher in A.C.'s  
novel Moonchild

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months.

It would of course be necessary for you to show him (1) that Lewis has been claiming to operate under our jurisdiction. Clymer's proofs are perfectly clear on that point. (2) That all properties of the O.T.O. are legally vested in the Sovereign Sanctuary.

We wrote direct to Spann, and have not heard from him yet. I cannot understand that he should have written to you as he did, if he were in with Clymer. He might just as well belong to the Societas Rosicruciana in America, run by Mr Plummer, the Mr Butcher of "Moonchild". At the sametime you may be right; his letter is very non-committal.

I am enclosing to you a letter for transmission to Max. The next time I have to write to you, I shall address it to him for transmission to you. This is called the equilibrium of contraries.

Love is the law, love under will  
Yours fraternally 666

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28 Jan 36  
Care Frater 132

93. Yours of January 15. Your information is very megre. Is the Spann correspondence the only contact with the Federal Trade Commission? Your letter to him is very good. I think you are right about his being a Clymer man. If so, he does not amount to anything. Make your own inquires about the F.T.C. investigation. The District Attorney might help you.

It does not seem that your relations with Max are as cordial as I should like.

I am enclosing a Memorandum. You might be able to arrange the loan in California. We offer a capitalist up to 100% for the loan. The person introducing the capitalist gets 10% on completion. I cannot come out comfortably unless money (sic), as I unless I can (sic) wind up matter satisfactorily in this country there may be difficulties with the passport.

93 93/93 Fraternally  
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Dear Max

93 The above note for Smith. I hope you are now on the best of terms with him. I expected a letter from you by last mail confirming the news about Lewis' stroke. Do cable if there is any news of importance. This letter is for Smith as well as you. I regard you as Two Persons in one God.

93 93/93 Fraternally  
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(Note. For enclosed memorandum see 119 above. T)

(Undated)

## Syndicate Proposal

## Expenses - generous margin

Rent of clinic with rates etc	£600
Apparatus	400
Furniture	500
Service of clinic.	
Receptionist and bookkeeper	250
Butler	60
Masseur	150
Cook	80
General upkeep (includes food)	500
Publicity	200
Entertainment	300
Preliminary expenses	100
	£ 3160

opened clinic  
for elixir & wife  
were elixir  
given in full form

roughly £3000 for 1st year.

The final month abroad (4th or 7th month of treatment)

Rent of Villa	£300
Upkeep and servants	300
Physiologist	400
Supplies of Material	500
	£ 2000

Fees. 25 patients at £300 £7,500

Patients. 12 at 6 months £12,000  
24 at 5 months 12,000

Consultations, say 600 at £5 3,000

11 Feb 36

Care Frater 132

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Yours of 29 Jan gives me a great deal of satisfaction. You were quite right not to show the rituals to anyone. "Trust not a stranger, fail not of an heir".

I think that your assistance from Herbst may be very fruitful. When things go a little better you will see the value of the lessons taught you by the years of hard sledding. I hope to hear of practical results.

I understood from Herbst that he would be back in London in January or February, and I assume that he will communicate with me when he arrives.

I am very glad to hear of your good results about the Elixir and the flow of will power.

I have not heard from Herbst ~~as~~ you thought I should do. Perhaps he is on his way to England and will communicate in person. I do hope that you have been acting on my

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previous letter and cable. If Wayne Walker is ~~serious~~, he ought to be able to find the money for me to come over. 5000 dollars is the figure we want. But I would take a chance of 2,500 dollars came along. But that is the irreducible minimum.

I am writing this to catch the fast boat

93	93/93	Yours fraternally
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W.T.S. to A.C.

18 Feb 36

Care Frater 666

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

You will be glad to hear that Viator (Schneider) and I are getting along famously ...

We held a special Mass for Walker and some 10 or 15 of his followers. He and they appear to have been very impressed. If and when he allies himself with us, I think he will be a good man to hold together at least the "Men of Earth".....

Notes on the following I have ~~carried~~ in my pocket for two months: I must get the matter off my chest. In Liber 27 the actual interpretation of — is not given.

The Black Brethren use it to conceal.

*habe in Broth Ricles r Magicae  
libri stillae dulcis in Thoro, Graeue*

I suggest: One of nature's rarities - a Priestess of the Silver Star, in fact. Liber LXVI: "Also the Priestess shall seek another altar and perform my ceremonies thereon." / It also seems to connect with that most mysterious passage, "see and strike at the worship of Nu; she shall achieve Hadit". Is any of this correct ?

Of late my attention has been intrigued by the difference between the potential or static ( which word is best?) perception of truth, and the dynamic. However, I feel it a misstatement, for unless it is dynamic there can be no perception.

It would seem that the mind must be continuously flowing from the point of balance, alternately, to either pole of the idea.

And now as I write, perhaps each time the poles have to be extended until they meet. Then they consume one another and nothing remains. What a blessing!

Love is the law, love under will      Fraternally.

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W.T.S. to A.C.

23 Feb 36

Care Frater 666

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Your letter of February 11th pleased. We are trying to swing Walker

into line, but he can't be railroaded. Five of us, Jane, Regina, Max, Jacobi and I drove down to Long Beach, 30 miles, to one of his initiation ceremonies. Héhad invited us... He has evidently taken a fancy to Regina, and with ~~he~~ five years of drilling she will take the matter seriously. We have to wait his move. After an affectionate and complementary remark he said he would get in touch with her in two or ~~three~~ days. The dear girl has just had a bitter disappointment. She thought she was ~~en~~ceinte, but it evidently is only irregularity due to change. I must say her attitude towards the anticipated event was broad and fine..

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93 93/93 Fraternally.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

6 March 36

Care Frater 132

London

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Yours of Feb 18th. The symbol means that the left-handers pretended that putting the female above the male did not prevent the spirit crowning it, but I am not at all sure about this. After all, you could express Kether Gimel Tiphereth in that symbol! The Priestes of the Silver Star is essentially the Holy Guardian Angel. The mysterious passage you mention seems to mean that the S(carlet) W(oman) by devotion to Nuit, somehow acquires a centre. Thus becoming a complete Star.

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Care Frater 666

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Sorry to hear of your troubles, and sorry that we could not send you more than 50 dollars from the Profess House. I have had some of my own. Regina had been unwell for two or three weeks, and shortly after cabling you she went off to the hospital, gall stones, and she had terrible pain poor girl. We brought her back to-day.... Last Sunday March 15th, was the three-year anniversary of the start of the Mass, and the first time Regina has missed... An hour before starting I got a phone call from the hospital. Jacobi had called thereon the way here to take the Deacon's part, and had fallen down in the passage in a faint.... It has been a hectic period and a fierce Sunday, the last of the Armageddon Equinox. Let us hope the next Word carries some constructive force with it as far as we are concerned.

Saturday, March 21st, we take 3 candidates to the desert for the Minerval... I think matters have taken a turn for the better myself. I feel in a fighting mood - reaction from the down period I have been experiencing.

93 93/93 Fraternally

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C.F. 132.

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.  
The Greeting of the Equinox of Spring.

The Word of the Equinox is B E A S T

This was the vision accompanying : - "The vision started with myself riding the Beast, whose form I could not see. The extraordinary thing was the exhilaration and happiness which I felt and had not felt for months. There was the impression of terrific speed, my hair flying behind me. Looking down I saw millions of people of all nationalities all looking up at us with the most rapt expression of joy and adoration. Then suddenly from nowhere a child was visible with fair curly hair, simply standing and smiling. He had the most beautiful smile on his face. But the glory of the child was the aura around him of white and gold, which radiated out from him to all those millions of people below him." The Oracle is VII, 7 iv 34 sq.

34. In the boat of the Ra did I travel, but I never found upon the visible Universe any being like unto Thee.
35. Thou wast like a winged white horse, and I raced Thee through eternity against the Lord of the Gods.
36. So still we race. Love is the law, love under will. Fraternally

T.M.TH. 666

31 March 36

London

C. F.

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Yours of March 19 found us in completely ~~desperate~~ straits. I really don't see why Herbst, who must be a fairly rich man, should not help directly. I am very sorry to hear of your troubles, but I am very proud of you for carrying on so splendidly in the circumstances. In spite of everything, I think that the new Equinox is going to put everything right.

93 93/93 Yours fraternally

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W.T.S. to A.C.

131

18 May 36

Care Frater

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It is some time since I have written to you, but there has been nothing much to report, and I have been frightfully tired besides.

Max I understand has written to you the little flare-up over his attention to G Haitz: my throwing of the young lady into his lap seems to have been a doubtful kindness...

Things move slowly ... There is a slight improvement in the number of people who attend Sundays. We put through another two First Degrees last Friday, and another is to go through next Friday.

... Paul Case, of old time Golden Dawn, was here for the first time last night. I mentioned him to you a long time ago as the fellow who had the Equinox and other works which he used for his source of supply for lecturing and classes ... I think he is all right so far as he goes. He has apparently started some organization of his own in Pasadena.

93 93/933 Fraternally.

P.S. Just as some time ago I got some slight realizations and experience of the free-flowing of the will, so still more recently I got a conception of the withdrawal of Smith from the picture and letting the Self (shall I call it?) come through. I think there is a knack to it in both cases, but the devil is to hit it off again, and the conception of it gets dim in the meantime. It is clear that one would be a better piece of machinery if the personal drive of the will and the ego Smith were eliminated, but how to get through the trick permanently operating?

Bertha Van Brunt to A.C.

17 May 36

Dear Mr Crowley

Los Angeles.

I am sure you were surprised to receive my cable. Before telling you my troubles I want you to know that I was very glad to hear that you were back again in London fully recovered from the long siege of illness which took you to the south away from London fog for so long a time.

I am submitting to you a few facts of recent experiences and would be most grateful for your opinion on the matter. My reason for writing to you is, that before anything happened on the physical plane, I had this vision of you. I was down in a dark place with a Hindu, the one you said would keep me "dangling around until I lost my mind"; not only did I nearly lose my mind, but my life. He was packing a black suit case with a lot of filth and threw it at me. I felt something moving in it - opened it and pulled out a large - warm - headless - "bloody" - black cat; the head had been torn off.

It seemed as if there were two of me watching this when suddenly you came running towards me with several shadowy figures but there was nothing shadowy about you. Your body looked as if a lamp was lit under it. I saw nothing more but I felt you were taking care of a desperate situation.

About this time, approximately two years ago, I had this vision: A black disc about three feet in diameter dropped on my head and revolved at a tremendous speed. Then there was an earthquake inside me.

At this time I was under the care of a physician who is an occultist and also a physician who is a Seventh Day Adventist. Suddenly I lost consciousness and the Seventh Day Adventist had me put in a sanitorium, had himself appointed guardian, took over my bank box, and it cost me over 2000 dollars to get out of his clutches. He had the help of a woman, charter member of the Theosophical Society, 32° Mason. I was totally unconscious for several weeks and it was said that I had been poisoned. I have been nursing for several years and the doctors, Public Defender and my sister in Detroit came to my rescue. The doctor made a desperate fight to retain the guardianship of a 3,500 dollar estate out of which was paid the 2000 dollars.

The occultist doctor went to India without seeing me, or making any effort to help me out of my difficulty. He will remain there about two years.

January 13 1936 in a dream I saw a star rise. February 12 1936 I saw a child perhaps twelve years of age taken from me by a young man who handed it to someone whom I could not see and that person insisted on getting a chisel which I did not have.

After this something began to move inside me first coming in from the feet, then to the solar plexus, then on up the ~~head~~<sup>of</sup> where there has been a whirling and pounding which I could not stop.

Of course I was frightened - thought of vampires - dweller - kundalini - black magicians. I asked the Hindu and first he said it was something very evil - then it was obsession by a friend, then the subconscious and finally he said it was simply a physical disturbance having no inner or spiritual significance whatsoever.

I asked James Pryse - he said that the horrible experiences through which I had gone, had released certain energies. That didn't mean a thing to me, I knew that much. I even asked a priest in my neighbourhood and I believe he really knew something. He said "I should think you would be frightened, God is calling you back to Himself".

It is amazing that with all our self-styled initiates - adepts - masters - chelas etc here in Los Angeles, that no one seems to know what is happening.

Wont you please give me some light on the subject even if it is not good?

Sincerely

Bertha Van Brunt.

Postage enclosed.

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A.C. to W.T.S. on the back of the above (132).

Attention of Frater 132. Advised her to write to you, and put herself unreservedly in your hands.

P.S. Your - I met Paul Case. Not too bad, if he has settled down and doesn't try to be ~~too~~ too clever.

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Your P.S. (see 131 above.) was O.K.

T.M.T.H.

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A.C. to W.T.S. and Max Schneider.

9 June 36

C.F. 687 and 132

London

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There does not seem to be much in your letters except this nonsense ~~about~~ about Georgia. In all these years, the bulk of your activities seems to have been a series of intrigues with quite useless women, trailing around on the loose. None of them has ever come to anything except Regina. All this is a dispersion of energy, and very contrary to the principle of silence. You can never get beyond the clique stage of

a Movement on these lines, because the interest is purely personal and parochial. You have got to find some point on which to focus interest <sup>general</sup>, to arouse controversy, to have meetings of indignation and protest all over the country. You have an ideal background. Look at these lunatics Roosevelt, Townsend and such! They assert insane principles and sweep the country <sup>whole</sup>.

That is only done by hoisting an impersonal flag, and refusing to be side-tracked by every wandering start.

This is all my fault. I have never carried out the injunctions about the Book of the Law, as I should have done. I am now going to concentrate on that. We hope to get it reproduced with Comment and so as enjoined, and we think that if this is done it will open the way completely. Copies will be sent to you, and it will be up to you to raise hell.

93 93/93 Fraternally

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W.T.S. to A.C.

23 June 36

Care Frater 666

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... I am thrilled with the news about Liber AL, and proud of the amount pledged by the little moneyless group here, though doubtless a drop in the bucket to what you require. The first wire sent you by Jacobia stated 350 dollars and should have read 351. I mention this as we found it interesting when looking up the number in Sepher Sephiroth after we came down stairs.

You would call for funds when I was thinking hard how to save enough to get new robes for the Mass. Those we have are just about in rags after three and a half years' use, being none too good at the start. Oh well, the Book of the Law is important.

I really have very little hope. Every Sunday Mass,.. Every Friday evening P.T.O. meeting. Minervals when they come on Saturdays,.. Social parties every now and again, and personal interviews. In addition we are getting ready to put on 2°, and lately we are making a start on "The Ship" with the idea of producing it - I thought possibly first of all to Masonic Lodges, And then the daily grind at the office.

... Thanks for 'siccing' Van Brunt onto me. I have not seen her lately but she has poured into my ear her unfulfilled-desire visions, always at an ill-chosen time and place, namely, at the Gas Office. ....

93 93/93 Fraternally and best of love.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

26 June 36

Care Frater

59 Great Ormond Street. W.C.1.

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

First of all let me express my warm appreciation of the magnificent effort of yourself and the Agape Lodge,. It is just such sudden strokes that decide battles. I enclose you the first-fruits. I am sending out a thousand of these in the first instance, some hundreds of them with personal letters. What with this and the inevitable struggle with the printer, we are all phantastically busy. I am sending you out 200 prospectuses to begin with, more later: or perhaps, you would prefer to reprint for yourselves on the spot. I will also send you the plates of the book, so that you can reprint your own edition with a minimum of expense.

Love is the law, love under will

Fraternally 666.

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W.T.S. to A.C.

29 June 36

...Very pleased to hear there are good prospects of your coming this September. I shall welcome you to the Profess House , 1746 North Winona Boulevard, Hollywood- Hollywood and I can assure you your good sisters Regina and Jane heartily join me. We shall expect you to take up your abode with us.

P.S. Friday June 26 over 200 heard of the O.T.O. at a social party here. We will do better than that when you come , even if we have to get a hall.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

4 July 1936

Care Frater 132

59 Great Ormonde Street.

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I am very pleased by your letter of June 23. I am straining every nerve to get the book (Equinox of the Gods.T) out by the middle of August with the idea of catching a boat on August 27 vis Panama, reaching Los Angeles September 19. It needs about £500 to carry out this program, and if it can be achieved, all your difficulties about time and money will be swept away. I do not know what can be done here to raise this sum. What is wanted at your end is contact with big Film Companies. It ought to be quite possible to get them to import me. Your trouble seems to be that you have no adequate social contacts. At the same time, the Book of the Law will look after the business itself. It is not impossible, or even improbable, that a Millionaire may walk into the Mass and

see the light.

I believe that the best plan would be to give public readings of the Book of the Law itself, but this ought to be done very well from the standpoint of elocution.

93 93/93 Yours fraternally

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W.T.S. to A.C.

21 July 36

Care Frater 666

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... Mrs Van Brunt called on me, and I think she will get straightened out if she keeps her promises. She particularly desired me to inform you she had a vision of a gigantic all white locomotive arriving in Los Angeles, which she says meant you were coming here.

... I 32° Mason has signed up for the O.T.O. (Bring along the die of the Baphomet's seal for new Pledge-Forms). This is not the 32° before mentioned, Schreider. Jacobi and self took Schreider out to dinner and we had a long talk ... He weakened decidedly before the dinner was over and said he would join us this week or next ...

I shall be tickled pink to be able to introduce you to the numerous people who have heard your name, and probably think I am not conscious of any other living being living on this planet. And Regina has the names and addresses of all her Drama and Choric speech pupils to whom she has introduced so much of your poetry. At this summer session alone they amount to 125 a week.

... I believe we are going to town this time. Things are getting into such a mess all over, and I have always felt they would have to before we made out big strides. I have ~~pre~~ prayed long years for it. We have just got to get established before you incarnate on Venus (Note. Smith clearly had n<sup>o</sup> been reading A.C's novelette 'The Lost Atlantis. T) : the more crystallised under the Master hand the less subject to change by smaller men. We will raise hell yet, or rather "bring the glory of the stars into the hearts of men." The "false gold" indeed is going to "pale before the gold divine".

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A.C. to R.F. Holm or O Jacobi.  
28 July 36  
Care Frater

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

You r letter of July 3 reached me yesterday, I notice that you spell Law with a small 'l'. 'Change not so much as the style of a letter'. We are very greatful for your splendid efforts in financing the Book of the Law. I think you have had already a Memorandum about the guinea edition, but I am enclosing for you a revised form. I hope that you will see your way to investing in this proposition, even at the cost of realising investments. You will notice that a charge has been made for overhead and O.T.O. which means that £200 of the total amount would be available towards the cost of my proposed visit to California. To arrange this visit properly it is necessary to find some £700 in all, as there are a good many things to square up here before sailing. We are in negotiation with several important people on this side; but we would rather keep the whole business in the family, so to speak.

I gather from 687 (Schneidr.T) that the prospectuses have already reached California. You will, of course, understand that you have already paid for 120 copies at 11 shillings so that any money accruing goes to reimburse you. I will send you a copy of the prospectus for the guinea edition as soon as it comes from the printers, probably in the next few days, and you can have it reprinted there with the necessary alteration of price. I think that you should consult local publishers or booksellers before fixing the price. Dollars 7.50 or 8 seems to me about right. I should not fix a qabalistic price in odd cents ; the trade do not like complicated calculations. You might, of course, find some publisher in California to handle the whole thing, which would save you endless trouble, and enable your people to devote themselves to other forms of prophecy.

I will autograph 31 copies as you suggest. I think that is quite enough, and I can always do some more if required. I am hoping to send a set of complete proofs by about August 10th.

Love is the law, love under will, Yours fraternally

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A.C. to R.F. Holm (From a carbon.T)  
8 July 36  
Care Frater

59 Great Ormond Street. W.C.1.

The Book of the Law is not in any way my work, as you are duly informed in the prospectus. This should be evident to any instructed person on critical examination. It is not inspired. It was dictated, and the only duty of a scribe is to take down

accurately what is said. In this particular case, the scribe disagreed heartily with a very great deal of the material. This frequently happens in business offices. But I should not recommend you to listen to the financial opinion of a girl who is transcribing the letters of J.P. Morgan at eighteen dollars a week.

You talk about "pure doctrine", but it is not very useful to employ such an expression, unless you state previously to which of the seventy-seven different kinds of Baptist you belong. For only one kind~~def~~ has a pure doctrine, all the others will go straight to hell. You will say, perhaps, that you are not a Baptist but a Toshophist. Do you think that a Mahatma is ~~completely above~~ was going to ask H.P.B's opinions, or to monkey with Their messages? Surely the whole ~~thing~~ theory is that a Mahatma is completely above all ordinary human considerations. You seem to expect them to be ~~images of~~ yourself in rose-coloured glasses. Such a Mahatma is in the nature of a wish-phantasm, and the proof that he is a Mahatma at all is just exactly this: that he outrages your deepest convictions in every single way. For otherwise what is the good of his being a Mahatma.

Naturally you have not studied the Book, and you make statements about it which are simply incorrect. Where does it say that the letter is more important than the spirit? As far as I know the only point of keeping the Manuscript inviolate is that by this means certain proofs of Mahatmaship could be given: "For in it is the word secret, and not only in the English".

It is you that, by ignoring this verse, are attaching importance to the letter, instead of looking for the secret word.

Besides this I feel in your letter a certain atmosphere as of the slave-gods, and their doctrine of emasculation. These cries are not cries in the desert, they are cries of the suburbs.

I do urge you most earnestly to study the Book. You are bound to acknowledge its power. Do not try to match your local prejudices against it. Let it sink in. It is the same error as upsets Bible students who criticise the Bible from their own standpoint, while taking as infallible the book which contains the words: "My ~~ways~~ ways are not as your ~~ways~~ ways"

Yours fraternally,

W.T.S. to A.C.

21 Aug 36

Care Frater 666

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I have delayed writing to you for several days until the ~~tempest~~<sup>a</sup> ~~had~~<sup>a</sup> hand had cleared up, but a bomb has just fallen on my head. However let me start at the beginning.

Thursday night the 13th I received an anonymous phone call, telling me Jacobi's activities in connection with an immoral Order, in the 3<sup>o</sup> of which the candidate was stripped naked, were being investigated by the Gas Company's officials, as well as his personal conduct in living openly with a woman; and that he would doubtless lose his job.

I naturally phoned him right away, the result being that on Friday the 14th he did not appear at Lodge. A special delivery letter came later in the evening in which he stated he wanted to sever his relations with us. I had advised him in the conversation over the phone to go straight to the head of the firm.

Sunday morning he phoned and came over to see me. I had a short talk with him, Jane and Marguerite, his girl friend, being present. I repeated the advice of 'see the head of the firm', and made some general remarks about sticking to one's principles at all costs. He came out with the statement that was the conclusion that he had come to, recollecting his own statement on a special occasion, 'In my Self'.

Sunday night he performed the Deacon's part, and told me he was going to have the interview with the President of the firm Monday morning.

Monday night I phoned Jacobi. He said he had a fine interview, and that an 'ambassador' was coming to see me. Sensing disinclination to talk, and thinking someone else might be in the room with him, I said no more. Not hearing from him, and not being able to contact him, I have waited as patiently as may be.

Regina saw him last night, he would hardly open the car window to talk with her. In almost a frantic way he told her he was through with us all, and did not <sup>want</sup> to see any of us again, that he had sent all the books of the order to you, a copy of 1<sup>o</sup> and 1<sup>o</sup>.

There it all is. I am guessing what was said at the interview to turn him so completely around. Of course I had a job to straighten him out over the last letter from you and the last wire to Max. But I thought on Sunday the danger was finally past.

What kind of a fear have they put <sup>into</sup> him? I know at first he was scared of losing his job, but it can't only be that. I am frankly astounded. We have always been the best of friends. My goodness, this is a job to carry on.

I do wish you would write: I <sup>h</sup>ave missed your letters. I always do. I have some little understanding what you must have felt about Jones and the many other chelas y ou have had. It certainly is a heart ache, and one wonders who will be the next.

Well, I'm trying to speculate with Regina what on earth could have been said to Jacobi and get nowhere. Reginasends her love, and tells you to say we will carry on.

Please send back the records so we don't have to buy a new set; and I <sup>h</sup>ave not the figures in my head, of course.

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Fraternally.

A.C. to W.T.S.  
16 Sept (36)  
Care Frater 132.

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BM/JPKH, London W.C.1.

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

There appears to be dissatisfaction in some quarters about the administration of finances.

There have been suggestions that commercial considerations have entered into the sexual relations of people inside or outside of the Lodge <sup>h</sup>: it doesn't matter which.

You know perfectly well that you can't run the O.T.O. as a racket; and that traffic in sex is an abomination.

You knew all this had been reported to me, but I get no explanation beyond a quite unintelligible letter from Ser: 516 (Jane Wolfe.T)

I am afraid that 1745 N Winona Boulevard will be "out of bounds" until this matter is cleared up to my <sup>absolute</sup> satisfaction.

If you have a defence you had better cable me; otherwise I shall be obliged to make your suspension public, and withhold supplies.

Love ~~is~~ the law, love under will

Yours in the bonds of the Order

Phoinix (in Greek letters.T) <sup>XL<sup>o</sup></sup> O.H.O. and Frater Superior.

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W.T.S. to A.C.

29 Sept. Cable. Astounded beyond measure utterly completely false Entirely ignorant traffic except matrimonial no knowledge of report you received perception of 9th 11th and trigrammaton should be evidence of reverent attitude Our years of correspondence ought to have established honest loyalty integrity and sincerity Through self denial Reginasalary and mine have kept things going here plus cash to London No funds to manipulate except salaries. writing Agapee.

W.T.S. to A.C.

4 Oct 36

Care Frater 666

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

To be so badly misjudged by you makes me very lothe(sic) to write. If personal considerations were the only ones I should find it very much more simple. But something must be done to save the breaking up of the start that has been made - for the work, and for the others here who have put forth their efforts.

My deficiencies are glaring and only too well known, but to question my honesty, almost my only stock in trade - well it is to laugh.

Because I am not so nearly articulate as some others who write to you from here, I feel a little hopeless of the ultimate use of writing to you at all. I am just terribly sorry that you were not able to come and see the facts for yourself.

1. Finances. The charges are not precise, hence I find it difficult to put you straight. The facts are that for the purpose of having a temple. I took this house, a far greater expense than I personally can afford. When Regina was not working she cooked, scrubbed, etc, often for a lot of mid-Victorian troglodytes whom we had to take in to help out with expenses. Every cent she earned at odd times she threw in with mine. Now that she is working we have to pay to get the work about the house done. Her salary together with mine keeps things going, plus periodical crash to London. Every one else who has lived here has paid a nominal price.

I give you a monthly expense account, which does not include expences for an occasional party, renewals of linen etc, etc, as well as wine, candles, incense, charcoal, music for the Mass, roses.

Rent	Dollars	50
Light, gas, water, telephone		25
Laundry		10
Food		60
Wages		20
		205
Paid by Jane and Mary K		59.25
Paid by Regina and self		145.75

Jacobi gave per month	15
Sunday collection when he and Mary Green were with us, approximately	15
I did not count or collect for the past year. This was Jacobi's job. At present time Sunday collection is 3 or 4 dollars a month.	30 dollars

On top of all this is cost me at least 200 dollars to fix up the Temple for the

Mass, and the first two years I made no collections. Also I have bought furniture I don't personally want - chairs for the temple, 35 dollars; books for loaning, Bamber's Equinox. I could go on all night. And, incidentally, if some one does not help us with some cash pretty soon, I don't know how we shall carry on.

I have tried to give you as clear an idea as I can. I have not kept a record of my expenditure, never expecting any one would want to know how my salary was disposed of - much less you, who I thought discerned that all I have and am belongs to the Order.

2. I know of no commercial considerations entering into sexual relations. I speak for Jane, Regina and myself. It is a lousy suggestion, of course, but in the last 20 years - up to last Sunday as a matter of fact - I have defended so many of the same and other attacks on yourself, that I have got quite hardened and merely consider the source.

Of course, on the other hand, women who came here married to avoid having to work for a living. Three as I remember.

3. Racket. I hardly need say anything under this heading after giving you as brief an idea as I could of the cost to me personally of keeping this going.

From another source I am told "uniformity in robes for the Order constitutes black magic". I asked you several times what was the "characteristic robe of the Order." You made no reply. To save expenses to the Members, we bought a bolt of black serge at wholesale price, and had them made to the measurement of each individual.

In Vancouver uniformity consisted in evening dress.. The Probationer's robe has a uniformity. I don't understand.

I am told you complain of my attitude towards you. I am not superstitious. I believe you the greatest man alive and the Logos of the New Age. I have pointed out, and shall continue, just as heretofore, to point out, the way to spiritual attainment on the lines laid down by the A.A. And shall continue to interest others in the establishment of the O.T.O. as the means by which the social ills may be ameliorated.

And further extol your writing as the most clear, precise, technical literature on the subject. All this, whether or no you kick me out. I have a conviction, once ~~in closing~~ an initiate always an initiate, unless and through failure to be true to oneself. Such I have not been.

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"Authority is absolute in the Order." You have so continually undermined it - a complaint of more than just myself - that it has been most difficult to carry on.

Money seems to be the great bone of contention. To recapitulate : To pay much netter than 205 dollars a month, I received , up until Jacobi and Green left, about 90 dollars from sources other than salary - and by no means all of the time we have been operating. An additional thought comes to me in respect to the O.T.O. funds. In June I sent you a report of the finances at which time there was 48 dollars as a balance. I don't know what it is now, I understand you have the books. We have tried to hold back something in the bank to keep the account open, and because there have to be some funds on hand to operate. Also 50 dollars is still not rightfully the Order's until the members have taken the degrees for which they have paid in advance.

Love is the law, love under will  
Fraternally,

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A.C. to W.T.S.

22 Oct (36)

C.F.

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London

Didn't misjudge. Didn't judge at all. Waited to get some idea sense out of you. You ignored me completely. You made things worse by the long , partly unintelligible ("trust cash to London" ? ?) . "Deny charges Writing" would have done been ample. If you waste 5 dollars <sup>or so</sup> like that, no wonder things go ill!

Yours of Oct 4 with 516s of Oct 3 don't clear up the matter at all. They merely vindicate you. They don't explain in the least least why Jacobi withdrew threatening suicide etc.

The real trouble is, it seems to me, that you simply have not the gift of leading people harmoniously (I lack it myself, but I think from other causes). You don't seem able to set them to work.

And it's all such a muddle. It's absurd that with the rituals as they are, you should have failed to attract <sup>a</sup>single man or woman of position in all this time. One clue is that Jane proposes to put on "The Ship"; at least a 50.000 dollar production. None of you seem to have any sense of social or artistic values: you run the Order like a tin Tabernacle. Well, as neither you nor 687 can shew me any cause of quarrel, why not forget the whole nonsense?

93 93/93 F.ly

666

W.T.S. to A.C.

7 Nov 36

Care Frater 666

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Thanks for your letter and the Word.

Because you say I ignored you completely, and further, that I have not explained why Jacobi withdrew, I enclose a copy of mine of September 22 (Note. No copy of this letter now amongst W.T.S' papers. T) This is all I knew - <sup>and</sup> ~~of~~ know It certainly looks as if some of my letters don't get to you.

You also make no mention of the Astrology Magazine I mailed you containing 'Man' from Little Essays....

I have decided to suspend operating the Lodge for the time being, as Max has so effectually cancelled out our efforts by ~~warning~~ all members to keep away - which they have done. But I am not quitting. I intend to make a better effort with better people before we open again.

The Mas ~~h~~ has not been interrupted, but I found it a little hard to go through with for a couple of Sundays following the receipt of your very disturbing letter. If only some one would give us some money to get new robes. I need 130 to 200 dollars to make a good job of them.

I am disappointed too that in all this time we <sup>h</sup> have not held any one of position, but you see anything connected with Crowley is still taboo. Most people are dirty-minded, afraid ~~etc~~ or both, and blame you for their sundry weaknesses. It is too silly, but just a few days ago a local rather big shot who <sup>h</sup> has visited us a number of times, raved with indignation over the first few lines of the verses on America in 'Carmen Saeculare'. I question if he read to the end, but even if he had his spleen had affected his brain, so to speak <sup>h</sup> and it would not <sup>h</sup> have helped.

But it gave dear old <sup>h</sup> Legina <sup>h</sup> an opportunity to dress him down. He has been making a strenuous bid for her hand, so to speak, but <sup>h</sup> has made no headway. I myself am not at all sure he is not <sup>h</sup> an agent to investigate our activities here.

Well, enough for now, I hope we won't have any more misunderstandings.

-93 93/ 93 Fraternally.

A .C To W.T.S.

27 Nov (36)

C..F..

93

Years of Nov 7 and Nov 18. Enclosed covers latter. Send him copy and notify press, esp in Vancouver

I seem to remember that Jacobi was in a bad ~~way~~ ~~spiritually~~

I seem to remember that Jacobi was in a bad way spiritually when we took him in hand Unstable ? Forget details But he is a frightfully good man, and you should find out what upset him. 687's (Schneider) account is clear and detailed, but somehow inadequate in view of your own attitude that it's all a storm in a tea-cup. Clearly he has been frightened and he blames you. I shouldn't suspend Lodge : keep to Mass, and initiate worthy people who apply.

The prophecy in Carmen Saeculare seems to refer quite definitely to the N.R.A. !

You ought to make immense capital out of this

93 93/93 E..ly 666

P.S. Yes: I got Astrological Mag with "Man".

O.T.O.

An I/10 (1934) Sol in 5° Sagittarius. Valley of London.

We Baphomet O.H.O. having considered for seven years the charges of Larceny, fraud and embezzlement preferred against Charles Stansfeld Jones find him guilty on each and ever every ~~account~~ and We hereby degrade him from all dignities in the Order and We expel him from the Order and We sentence him to undergo the full penalties prescribed by the Statutes of the Order and furthermore to suffer the full penalties incurred by his Obligation to Us and to the Order.

And we hereby charge our Acting Deputy Grand Master General in California the Thrice Illustrious Thrice Holy and Thrice Illuminated Frater Wilfred Smith Hon X° with the promulgation of this judgement and sentence in all proper quarters.

And we hereby charge the Unknown Servitors of the Order with its due execution.

Witness Our Hand

Baphomet O.H.O.

(Autumn Equinox. 1936) An I x.

Care Frater

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

The Greetings of the Equinox of Autumn

The Word of the Equinox ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> BAB (In Hebrew letters. T)

The Oracle is III. 38 (Bab is the door herein mentioned. Bab in full is 935: see Eqx of the Gods p 103)

This was communicated to me personally by 4 Adepts, two personally known to me, and two others, at 5.56 A.M. Sept 23 1936. E.V.

Love is the Law, loveunder will

ours fraternally

Ankh-f-n-khonsu

W.T.S to A.C.

19 Dec 36

Care Frater 666

93.

Glad to hear from you again, but sorry to have to transmit the enclosure to Jones .... (in a later T)

We missed one ~~Sunday~~ <sup>Mass</sup> on the Mass, Jane too ill and I could not get another deacon. But somehow it is all right, and we have started off on a new lap with a new point of view - less religious, as commonly interpreted, and more of a vital celebration.

... You know every one is scared of us - fed up with the old, but afraid of the new. Max effectively ~~warned~~ <sup>warned</sup> every one of the old bunch away - it even got around that we had given up the house and moved. But we are steaming up a new bunch. On the whole your drastic operation was good, and merely the cutting off of dead flesh....

30 Dec 36

... To-morrow night a newspaper man is having dinner with me - which ~~might~~ is expected to result in some favourable publicity. He was here on Sunday and after the Ritual a long talk ensued. He finally came out with the information that his news syndicate had sent him to get a story, not, however, of the type he now intends to write. I think our frank naive sincerity and serious intent disarmed him. Also he is personally interested. And thirdly he took a fancy to a charming little lady pupil of Regina's, who I think probably put in a good word for us

A.C. to W.T.S.

1 Jan 37

Care Frater 132.

65 Redcliffe Gardens. S.W.10

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

Thanks for your of 19th. C.S.J(ones)' rubbish is completely refuted by the printed O.T.O. manifestation ~~issue~~ before the war. He should be ignored completely for the future. Have you and Jane got copies of the "Urn", containing among other things the records of my third great ~~magical~~ retirement by Lake Pasquanay of Montauk and on Ieopus (sic for Aesopus.T) Island ? If so, I very much want copies and I want them quickly. If you should just have one copy, send it to me by registered post, and I will have copies made here. The enclosed will explain why.

Love is the law, love under will

Fraternally 666

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W.T.S. to A.C.

9 Apr 37

...I have no encouraging news to report but we are still holding on. The attendance on Sundays has been considerably better, due mainly to Regina's drama classes

9 June 37

...The slowing down of activities has at least given me the chance to buy Regina and Myself ~~some~~ a few badly needed clothes, and in consequence I look a little more like a "banker who came over in the Mayflower", as you once said I should. Do you hear from Schneider ? I have not set eyes on him, or any of the others, for months.

A.C. to W.T.S.

23 June (37)

C.F..

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Greetings of the Solstice! Things here as usual: complete collapse and success both imminent and neither happen.

Schneider o.k. when I heard a month or so ago. Perhaps you have both learnt lessons and can co-operate again with better understanding. No word from your mysterious lady ( Note. W.T.S had given one an introduction to A.C. T) I am well enough in health but rather nearly wrecked nervously with the struggle in the mist.

Love to all. 93 93/93 Fraternally 666

(Spring 1937) An I xi Sol in 0° Aries.

Care Frater

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law

The Greetings of the Equinox of Spring

The Word of the Equinox is A D I L (in Hebrew.T)  $\pm 45$

Meaning One Dead Man.  $\pm 45$

connected with Saturn devouring his children (Fourth number of  $\pm 45$ )

The Oracle is "At all my meetings with you" etc.

Love is the law, love under will.

TO MEGA THERION (in Greek.T) 666  
 $9 \pm 2$  A...A..

(Autumn 1937) An I xl Sol in Libra.

Care Frater

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

The Greeting of the Equinox of Autumn.

The Word of the Equinox is O L U K/70  $\pm$  30  $\pm$  6  $\pm$  20  $\pm$  126. Its meaning.

Ia <sup>h</sup>ine Exaltation. It is a word of the Sun (Sigma 1 - 6).

The Oracle emphasises the word "secret" in AL III, 38

The Omen is Luna of Sol LXIII Ki Zi

Fraternally

T.M.TH (in Greek T) 666 9  $\pm$  A...A..

Sept(37)  
 C.F.  
 93

(On paper of The Langham Hotel.)

Dear Lord God, you are all dead from the neck up! Here are all the most important events in the Lewis-Clymer dog <sup>bifid</sup>, and learn about them from strangers, What's the good of having a man on the spot? Damn it, you ought to be "on the spot" in the Chicago sense of the phrase. Do get wise to yourself and keep me posted! Shall write again on the

23rd.

93 93/93 F..ly 666  
 Best to you all

WW.T.S. to A.C.

28 Sept 37

Care Frater 666

93

Yes, I am afraid we are pretty dead but after the pummeling we got a little while back I, we are a bit nervous to show any signs of life...

Russell must be getting a nice living out of his scheme. Subscription 12 dollars a year each member, six goes to Russell, plus the returns from the books. He has lately made a lot of changes; had disclaimed any connection with the A.A.A. but still advertises that he will sell our books. In addition he has discontinued the use of Hebrew in his instructionson the Qabalah etc...

Spenser Lewis is understand in Cairo ...

... We really are have been rather 'on the spot' since the court affair with Max and Georgia, and the scare given Jacobi from the office. At least that is the only guess I have, plus of course the marriage. The old gag of pregnancy was once more brought to bear.

Regina is not what she should be... she recently found she was going about with 240 blood pressure. No wonder she nearly dropped now and then. Jane keeps about as usual but both work damned hard for little returns from the Government. We just nearly had to move but now with a 15 dollar a month raise in rent, we stay

93 93/93 Fraternally

A.C. to W.T.S.

14 Oct (37)

C..F..

(Paper of Langham Hotel

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Yours of Sept 28. You should by now have the new Pass-Word - proof that you are in good standing with the A.A.A. Russell is just a common crook - blackmailer and swindler. He will soon get what he has asked for, Regardie's R(osicrucian) Adventure is good history. His G(olden) D(awn) mere reprint of Equinox. He has no personality or ideas, but a sound plodding scholar. Spencer Lewis is not in Cairo, but in San Jose. I never understood this story of Max and Law Courts ad pregnancy. I get these tales in jig-saw style, with half the sections missing. And you expect me to guess what it's all about. Who is pregnant, and if not, why, and what does it matter to which, and how not?

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A.C. to W.T.S.

19 Dec 37

C..F..

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*Am*  
(on paper of The Lang~~an~~ Hotel)

The Equinox of the Gods is now available. I shall send you a number of copies when the seasonal delirium is over. I saw Atalantis Bookshop yesterday. The best plan will be to send the 25 copies of Section 3 of Magick to BCM/ANKH 188 High Holborn W.C.2 marked "to be called for"

The prospects of my visiting you seem a little "brighter. Will keep you posted. I hope you are getting on a little better. Various signs make one think that something big is going to break: first time I have thought so for many years. Very much overworked - and the weather is consistently vile

93 93/93 F..ly 666

W.T.S. to A.C.

18 Jan 38

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....For the last two months we have had living with us three young people: Phyllis Pratt, 20, Unmarried, Lew Carroll, the Deacon and Toni his wife. However a few days ago the wife left to try and make a go of things with another man, much to Lew's relief. Paul Seckler, 22 sweetheart of Phyllis, has replaced the afore-mentioned Toni. Lew, Paul and Phyllis I have a feeling will stay with us; in fact, I think this is the thin edge of a new start. They are young, Christianity has no illusion for them, but more than anything else they are not "would-be occultists" thank God. Also 4 or 5 others, all drama pupils of Regine, gather here Friday evening to read Equinox etc. ....

14 Feb 28

I wired you all the money I could get. It is the entire bank account of the O.T.O. .... We are all in-debt broke - I in debt, so that is all that can be done. I hope it will do some good.... Jane is O.K. and you have not a naughty mind - he, Paul, is just as busy as a bee. So much so that if he and she don't get busy in another direction for a change, we will have to fill their place with others who can pay their way in cold cash.....

Your letter is cheery despite everything. You sure have intestinal fortitude or, in the vernacular, guts. Yes, when a man plays almost a lone hand for nearly half a century "In the Reign of a tortured lamb and the realm of a Sexless Owl" he certainly has got 'em.

Love from all

93 93/93 Fraternally

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A.C. to W.T.S.  
31 Jan (38)  
C.F..

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Paper of Langham Hotel

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Just wired you "Cable 100 dollars minimum avert serious disaster stop sending fifty copies AL also 10 special edition Therion".

The disaster is a complete smash of all our plans over here. The 50 copies will be in sheets. You can get them bound up as you think best, and sell at any price you can get. 5 dollars seems right. I am also mailing you to-day a single copy.

The trouble is that although I have the ~~whole~~ edition free, I have no cash at all for postages, freight, prospectuses etc. And the ~~axe~~ is going to fall unless I can raise about £50. I hoped you could manage £20.

Don't forget that the smallest contributions are of ~~value~~ <sup>value</sup> at this juncture. Especially if unexpected - that encourages!

You do not mention Jane. Glad of your other news. Paul must be a busy boy - or do I read your letter with a naughty mind?

Don't forget that Mortadello has been accepted by Gabriel ~~Tenne~~ Teyne, the famous English producer. You ought to be able to place it as a film.

Push 93 as the sole way out of the dilemma of Fascism-Communism. Talk of American ideals of Liberty. Go after 'em in big plain simple words and ideas.

I cannot see why you want four extra paths on the Tree. They are not there: to put them in spoils the whole system. This is awful - remember Jones.

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12 Mar (38)  
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Paper of Hyde Park Hotel

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Thanks very much for the 50 dollars. It has helped me to struggle ~~long~~. I sent you 10 bound and 50 unbound Eqz Gods; you'll have to ~~pay~~ <sup>pay</sup> ~~duty~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>of the</sup> ~~book~~ <sup>Law T</sup> just the text with an introduction. You should distribute these freely for their own sake, and to help sell Eqz of the Gods. I am making good arrangements to distribute the new prospectus - I had some sent to you - but you must redouble your efforts.

Love to all!

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W.T.S. to A.C.  
21 Apr 38

... On March 13 we - Jane, Regina and I initiated a new member into the 1st Degree. I think him a good man - have made him Organizing Secretary ... We are aiming to get 31 signed and payed-up members, so that we shall have cash in hand to rent a decent lodge room. I have a feeling we are going to get somewhere this time....

3 May 38

... Leffingwell has been hampered by a broken arm for 3 weeks, but is still very much on the job. He is making good use of his time absorbing our publications, I having lent him a set of the Equinox etc.

Regina's drama classes are rapidly getting organized into a Little Theatre; while under the W.P.A. educational program and Roosevelt is footing the bill they have adopted the name of Kahl "Kahl Players." But when opportune, and premises are acquired for Lodge and Theatre, they will be known as the "O.T.O. Players". We aspire to be the first to produce a play of yours and are considering "Three Wishes". The plays she has put on at the school have been very successful, and several of her pupils have secured movie contracts. She is an excellent director. She also directs the drama section at 3 clubs.

93 93/93 Fraternally

AC. to W.T.S.  
5 May 38  
Care Frater

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BCM/ANKH London W.C.1.

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

I cannot understand why I have not heard from you for so long. I have not had any acknowledgement of the Word, <sup>or</sup> of the books sent to you. I hope everything is all right. Please communicate at once.

Love is the law, love under will      Yours fraternally  
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10 May 38  
Care Frater 132

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11 Manor Place. Paddington. W.2

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

Very glad to get your letter of Apr 21st. I am rather favourably impressed by Leffingwell. My remarks about the robes were quite misinterpreted. The allegation was that you were making it a commercial proposition which would, of course, have been improper; that is all that.

We have not yet squared the printer on the work of the last three months; but some money should come in from the Government in a week or so (? income tax rebate on the income from his Trust fund. T) and as soon as we have paid him we shall start with The Heart of the Master

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and Little Essays towards Truth in a booklet of similar size to the Book of the Law and The Book of Wisdom or Folly in the guinea edition. We have to get that out by September, and if plans go well I ought to be able to look in on you in the Fall. Love to everybody.

Love is the Law, love under will  
Yours fraternally

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30 May 38  
Care Frater

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

I was very glad to get yours of May 3rd. I think you should have got the books by now. I suppose they sent them round my sea. I am very glad that your news is so good. I think you should get excellent results from The Three Wishes. There is no expensive scenery to worry you. Please keep me in touch with all that you are doing. Best of love to everybody.

Love is the law, love under will  
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W.T.S. to A.C.

1 Sept 38  
Care Frater 666

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I thought you might find the enclosed observations of Leffingwell interesting. If nothing else, they show the mathematical symmetry of such writings of yours, from whatever angle they are approached. It is like unto the symmetry of <sup>all</sup> snow flakes that have ever fallen. You just can't help it. Genius.

I am in the second week of my annual 2 weeks vacation. I have no money to spend, but am having a real enjoyable time being alone all day and supremely idle.

Three times last week I did your invocation of Horus up in the Temple. On Sunday at Mass, Regina found the room surcharged, obliterating all else, with a green atmosphere which she thought was going to overwhelm her with its force. In the effort to hold on, she sought my eyes as a focal point, and looking up from them found the room had cleared to the crystalline variety of a high mountain top. She had been frightfully tired on starting the Mass. The phenomena entirely revived her, and lasted throughout the next day.

Interesting to me is the fact that five Sundays out of seven I have been silently - before and during the Mass - invoking Horus and Regina has seen phenomena, while the ritual has definitely improved. Thus late in life I have come to find the efficacy of prayer, inhibited in me from boyhood by my early Christian training.

To-night we are going to experiment on making a transcript of the Mass. Leffingwell is bringing over a portable machine. If we prove at all successful I will send you a set of records. It will take 3 10" records, using both sides. I also intend to record some reading of your poems. I am reported to have a magnificent voice over the microphone, which, incidentally, mooted the whole idea. I am curious to hear a record.

If there is any truth in the unholy newspapers out here, it certainly looks as if the termination of nine months from the last publication of Liber AL will see another explosive birth. ~~Al~~ hail to the Conquering Lord!

On September 23 we are starting a weekly Friday-evening gathering of young people, which Leffingwell is to take charge of. I feel sure he will hold them better than I could.

~~Disengaged~~ from office drive., I have again turned my mind to the commentary of Liber Trigrammaton. It is indeed a gorgeous document.

93 93/93 Fraternally.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

26 Sept 38

Care Frater

Six Hasket Street. London S.W.3

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

I am afraid I have not been answering letters lately as I should. My hands being very full indeed with the crisis, and fixing up Headquarters and getting out the "Heart of the Master". I am sending you a few copies in a day or two, but (you know) it is not very satisfactory. I supply you with enormous quantities of ammunition, and nothing ever comes back; this is not business, and it will not do.

If you had any ability whatever, you could make a tremendous thing out of the very exact fulfilment of the prediction of the prospectus of the "Equinox of the Gods". I simply cannot understand your puddling along the way you do. You never seem to effect anything; you do not seem able to do as much as to get into prison. This is not how great movements come to success.

I wish I could come over to "ginger" you all up, and it may be possible if war breaks out, because I shall certainly ask for my old job if the United States shows any backwardness in coming forward.

With regard to your letter of September 1st. I am really very much gratified by Leffingwell's calculations. Baphomet however adds to 729. At the same time all this private work seems rather futile in view of the terrific issues at stake. You ought to be getting out and doing something, whatever the risks.

Please tell Jane that I got her letter and will submit it to someone who knows something about acting next week.

I enclose the Word, and end on a note of confidence such as I have not known since 1914.

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(Sept 1938) An I xii Sol in 0° Libra.

Care Frater

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law

The Greeting of the Equinox of Autumn

The Word of the Equinox is Rashak AL (RshAK AL in Hebrew.T) mening "Thine Head, o God" or , The Beginning AL.

The Oracle is AL III 38. "The light is mine; its rays consume Me; I have made a secret door.

The Omen is



Timg. The Cauldron.

Love is the law, love under will

T.M.Th (In Greek T) 666

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W.T.S. to A.C.

7 Oct 38

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had, on the instant, an ecstatic union with it. Does it mean anything? An entirely new experience for her. She says they were all very ~~mesmer~~ resilient and brilliant, beautiful. However it is rather pathetic to have a nice frame and a poor picture within.

Regina, Jane and Lew Carroll send their love and hope to see you this Fall. Sorry there is no vita news.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

Since 28 Dec 39

Care Frater

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

I have got a letter from you with no address and date. You tell me what I found out when I lived in America; it was certainly not what you suggest. All your letter proves is that you have been in touch with the wrong kind of people. Aimee MacPherson and Spencer Lewis, to say nothing of the recent "Mighty I am" lunatics, seem to get on splendidly, and it is no answer to this to say that their success is due to the fact that they are simply bunco-steerers.

I am writing this to encourage you, and you do not do much to encourage me. I must say that I give you the very fullest marks for keeping the show running in the splendid way you have done, but there is something more than that. You do not seem to have the faculty of making things public; I do not know why it is at all. You seem to have a quite well-balanced team; it is very unfortunate you could not get on with Max.

However there is some prospect of my coming to the States in August, and perhaps we may be able to get something of a move on.

Love is the law, love under will

Yours fraternally

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W.T.S. to A.C.

7 March 39

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.. I enclosed newspaper cuttings which are self-explanatory. In addition, however, I may tell you we are still carrying on. We planned to give a 45 minute come-back <sup>over</sup> on the radio. We had the transcription cut, but the night before - Friday March 3 - a representative from the School called on us, and pleaded with us not to let it go over the air - that the matter was dying down. He also informed us that the Hearst press had got wind of our intention, had type set up and gruesome pictures ready to take another smack at

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We have had quite a hectic time. Police, newspaper men, etc, to say nothing of being shunned by 95% of our fellow-workers, as if one were a leper. Our friends have been loyal.

Hope shortly to send money for Little Essays. Quite a job to get it, and now 20 dollars was spent to get the transcription back. Dead tired, worn out, weary. I certainly would like a change from the fierce mechanised drive at the office of the last 18 months.

By the way, did you know that the basic physical frequency of the note A, is 426.667. It struck me as an interesting number.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

17 Mar 39 (Cable)

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21 Mar 39

24 Chester Terrace. S.W.1

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The Oracle is AL III 46

The Omen is 5 Hsu

Love is the Law, love under will

To mega Therion (in Greek T) 656 9 = 2 A..A..

W.T.S. to A.C.

20 June 39

C.F.

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Just a line because I have not written for some time, and to let you know that things prospects are good for increased activities in the near future.

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I have 1000 of the enclosed printed to give away on Sunday nights or when ever opportune.

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A.C. to W.T.S.

15 July 39

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24 Chester Row

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I am writing Hollywood to that effect.

Since you can't work together, work apart. But do have some sense, and co-operate instead of spiteful squabbling. You know, you are not too bright. See enclosed! Am fagged out - so hasta luego!

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W.T.S. to A.C.  
18 Aug 39  
Care Frater 666

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If we swing the deal, I shall get some unemployed fellows to go out there, live in tents, and start work on the place: while we have to cut expenses and keep them in grub etc till things get going -- farm produce and stock for a beginning

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Yours of Aug 9 to hand with enclosures. There has been a snag about the Little Essays. There is a new regulation about sending books to America. It is not sufficient to have the printer's address showing the country of origin. The three words "Printed in England" and no others, must be printed on each copy. The books sent to you were therefore returned. What I am doing is to have the 50 sets of sheets sent to you for you to have bound up as convenient.

With regard to the Classic of Purity, I am sending you two copies complete with original sketch; they had better be bound up to by yourself according to your liking; but I do not think it is any use to bind it in leather. I got some Chinese gold paper for one or two copies, and it looks very well.

I cannot understand why you did not cable me about the death of Spencer Lewis and follow it up with all the newspaper cuttings you could lay your hands on.

Thirty copies of the Yoga book in sheets are on their way to you.

Love is the law, love under will

Yours fraternally

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W.T.S. to A.C.

Sept 39

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Night before last I returned with Regina from a two day sojourn on our property, now renamed Agapae Valley. It is a beautiful spot, and I am trying to figure out ways and means of securing another 640 acres; which would give us the major part of the whole valley. With the aid of Leffingwell, who was with us (along with his wife and son-in-law), we performed the Mass. On the spur of the moment, I consecrated the place with the words: "Be this Valley and the hills, the earth thereof and the water, the air and the fire, consecrated to the Great Work and the establishment of the Law of Thelema."

Later we initiated Brother Wade into the Minerval degree. We have successfully initiated 8 others into the Minerval degree, and on Friday and Saturday week, we are putting the eight through the first degree....

10 Sept 39

...Friday and Saturday we put on the First, and the eight Minervals were successfully put through. All except Mrs Leffingwell are youngsters, and I am much better pleased

with this group than that of several years ago, which mainly consisted of would-be occultists that Russell had helped to mess up.

The household here now consists of Jane and sister, Regina, Lew Carroll, Margaret Arnold, Phylyis Seckler and her 3 months baby girl, and self. Quite a crowd. But if you need a domicil I can still make room for you, if you desire you shall have a room to yourself.

Love is the law, love under will. Yours fraternally

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A.C. to W.T.S.  
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c/o C P Glasshouse  
57 Petersham Road. Richmond. Surrey.

Care Frater

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.  
I have been too busy polishing off the Tarot to answer your letter of Aug 18th till now. I am very glad to hear your good news and I daresay the trouble about those girls' jobs may not be so bad, seeing the way things have turned out.

I can't do much in the way of regular correspondence in present circumstances; but I think your suggestion of an Abbey may be practicable; of course at the present moment nobody at all has got any money. It will take some time to get things on to a proper footing. I think this is your chance to put things over big; you have certainly an excellent text for your sermons. Expect to hear from me as usual at the Equinox.

Live is the law, love under will

Yours fraternally 666

21 Sept 39  
Care Frater 132

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

Yours of Sept 1 is highly satisfactory. What I want you to do is to let me have all the data about this property, photographs as well as location which must be shewn by means of a map. Send me, in fact, the stuff that an Estate Agent would send to any possible purchaser. You might include photo of some film star's house, not too big, as a sample of local architecture. I have someone in mind; in fact, more than one person; but I can't do anything on mere letters.

I am trying to get out to the States, as I think my best usefulness to Eng/and at the moment would be to take up my old job. If I can persuade them to appoint me. I may be with you fairly soon.

I am still very busy with the Tarot, but it nears completion.

I do not like the idea of putting people through in bunches; it was never done in my

Lodgw. For one thing, the impressiveness of the ritual is very much decreased; more important still, the presence of fellow victims reassures the candidate. If he is alone in so sinister a bunch of gangsters as your good selves, he is naturally scared, which is good for his soul. Of course this means lots of extra work for the officers, but that is good for them too. In any case~~mp~~ it is absolutely prohibited to raise more than one candidate at a time in the Tird.

Love is the law, love under will  
Love to all Fraternally 666. Baphomet O.H.O.

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Care Frater

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

The Greetings of the Equinox of Autumn

The Word of the Equinox is W.A.R.M. Spelt in full W.A.ALP. RISH MIM - 718

See AL III 19

The Oracle is AL III 38

The Omen is XXI Sun of Fire. Shih Ho Union by Gnawing.

Love is the law, love under will

Fraternally 666

17 Oct 39

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Care Frater

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law

Yours of Sept 10th I don't know why I haven't answered it before; I think ~~because I have~~ I must have been waiting, as I still am, for your description of the property from the estate agent's point of view. I cannot do much without particulars. If only you were punctual in sending things when I ask for them, it would make it much easier.

Your last paragraph is very kind; but there is no opportunity for such an arrangement. If I succeeded in coming over at all I should have to be completely independent, especially in view of the situation with Max.

I hope you will remember the publication fund; it is of the utmost importance that we should get a book out at the Solstice, and time is getting short.

Love is the law, love under will

Yours fraternally

666

W.T.S. to A.C.  
16 Nov 39

Care Frater 666

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Thank you for the Word and letter. I gathered together maps and drew an enlarged one right after your letter arrived, and will forward them under separate cover. I did not send them before because the whole matter is hanging fire since your letter. I can't boost the project ahead till papers are in our hands, and the place is legally ours, which is not the case <sup>as</sup> yet. The fellow is holding back a little endeavouring to dictate policy. Also the piece of property I particularly want to acquire is held up for the time being... Please have patience...

Dont expect any <sup>m</sup>oney from me unless I have a windfall. I am having a struggle to keep the place going let alone swing this valley deal. Regina and Jane and Mary not working yet. Jane may not get a job, and have to accept a miserable 12.50 dollars a month. I am actually borrowing monthly to keep the family going.....

It may be a month or two before I have the deal in the clear...

31 Jan 40

... I have initiated 2 more into the O.T.O. I have not written before hoping to be able to give you a definite statement in regard to the property. However it is still not clear. I have till the first of March. As soon as the deal is closed I will write you...

93 93/93 Fraternally

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57 Petersham Road Richmond.

A.C. to W.T.S.

24 Mar 40

Care Frater

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

I have not answered your letter of January 31 until now. There did not seem to be much to say. The weather was so extremely cold that most people hibernated. I am now awake.

You keep on initiating people into the O.T.O., but I get no proper official reports; I get no accounts. I wish you would abandon the idea of a tea-party. Things over here are moving fast and there will shortly be a smell of brimstone in the air.

I sent you two copies of the Classic of Purity.

Love is the law, love under will. Yours fraternally 666

P.S. Please note receipt of books. You must prepare a proper report with accounts of your whole activities from the start for the purpose of the Records. 666