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It is not as if you were ill, and taxing those forces.

So it is really a very good chance to meditate undisturbed. If you stick to it, you may find quite unexpectedly, as is its funny little way, illumination of some quite new order come to you.

I got some excellent results

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when I was only ~~to~~ 10% alive with remittent malarial fever. The experience was, in fact, the basis of a very large body of work which counts as one of the best things in my life.

So be patient with physical & ardent towards spiritual affairs

I have got Day back to the
point of answering letters promptly. So
there's a light at the end of the
tunnel.

Love is the law, love under will.

Fraternally GBB

May 27, 1913.

Dear Frater,

I have just got back, and have read the "Transcendental Universe". It is rather interesting, but I think of no great value. This alleged contest between intellect and spirit makes me tired. It shows a totally wrong conception of the nature of the cosmos. It is just as bad as the alleged antagonism between mind and body.

With regard to the other matter: if things go on as they are going now, everything should be satisfactory by the end of the year. I don't know whether this will seem to you too late. There is, however, another proposal, and, in fact, an agreement is being signed of the utmost satisfactory nature, but has not yet been carried out. A great deal of opposition has arisen, and it may conceivably break it down altogether. I will be able to let you know definitely, I hope, in a few days.

Fearfully hot, fearfully busy, so no more.

Yours fraternally,

G. M. Cowie, Esq.,
14, Glenisla Gardens,
Edinburgh.

July 5, 1913.

Care Frater,

I am going back to the 'solemn passionless profound' on Tuesday. I shall not be back until the middle of August, or perhaps the end.

I am triumphant except about the proofs, of which they send a big bucketful every day, so that if you choose to come here on July 21, you will have no disturbance at all. Miss Hobbs will be here in the morning, but I imagine no one else at any time.

I am very glad you have found it satisfactory to take pains over the Ritual. You formulate the occupants of the Pylons by the simple process of creating them. You ought by this time to be able to visualize to such an extent that you can hardly distinguish behind the planes, and further to project with sufficient vigour to assure the presence of something so close to the material as to make no difference. I will do what I can to help with the interpretation of the Ritual, but whether I can do so this morning depends entirely on the telephone. It is quite clear that you haven't developed your Astral body to the necessary point.

I am absolutely snowed under with my proofs, so farewell for the moment.

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and the only difficulty that arises is owing to the fact that there was so much to simplify. But she need not worry about any such matters until she gets to the VII^o, which she is not likely to do for a while. In the first three degrees is obtained a complete picture of life, and the point of view is bound to be extremely comforting, especially to one in her precarious condition of health. I do not know, by the way, whether this is sufficiently bad to prevent her going through ceremonies. If so, they would have to be explained to her. This is the sort of person whom I find myself able to comfort, and you ought to be able to do a good deal better than I can.

I think there is no more to be said at the moment. I shall hope to see you in a few days. I return the letter as requested.

Yours fraternally,

17th. October 1914.

G.M. Cowie Esq.,

Very Illustrious Sir Knight and Most Wise and Excellent
Councillor of His most Sacred Majesty and Most dear
Brother,

I was just writing to you when I received your your
telegram, to which I replied. I enclose you a cheque for £2.2.0
from Feather Steff Langston, for which you should send him a
receipt; it is for his diploma. I also enclose you a little
circular called "The Polite Letter Writer".

Murray Leslie sent me a postcard to say all was well,
and that he had forwarded the correspondence to the principal.
She apparently lives in the country, but I dare say you will
hear early next week.

Things are now looking very much better in other
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money to clear off all liabilities, but I dare say it may take
some time to complete the transaction. The European situation,
however, appears very bad, and I do not think that the organized
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the newspaper lent to us with even the smallest regard for

Very Illustrations Sir Robert and Post Wise and Treachent
Councillor of the House of Commons lately and Lord High
Protector.

I was just notified that I received your year
billings, and with relief. I also have a check for \$12.50
and I have it for you. I wish you would send him a
receipt; he is for his diploma. I also enclose you a little
circular called "The Little Power Writer".

During Leslie's time as a contractor to say all was well, and on time had forwarded the correspondence to the Principal. She apparently lives in the country, but I dare say you will hear early next week.

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ordinary decency. I daresay you have by now got a copy of Radclyffe's pamphlet "The War and Finance", if not, do so; Smith's book-stalls keep it. I gather too that there is a great deal of distress in London, and of course it is carefully kept out of the papers. There is no doubt that we must have conscription. The doctor called yesterday and said that I might now make experiments in walking, but I must be pretty careful for the next two months. There is some hope too, of mother getting on again, and if she can get a long tour in South America, it will be splendid. However, in case none of this comes off, I think it is best to dig ourselves in for the winter, and the first step appears to me is to transfer the lease of the studio to the trustees; I presume you would have no objection. I should like to know at once, so that I may sound the landlord. I have no plans at present, nor can have, until I know how these various affairs may work out. If my calculations are right, the C.T.C. as it stands at present, is just about solvent. The Polesaine rent nearly covers the payment of interest, the rates of Polesaine, and the rents and rates of the studio. The small balance is much more than made good by subscriptions. Of course at any moment one might find a really strong, sound man to turn solvency into wealth beyond dreams of avarice.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order,

23rd. October 1914.

To the Very Illustrious Sir Knight George Macnie Cowie VII^o

Very Illustrious Sir Knight, Most Wise and Excellent Councillor
of His Most Sacred Majesty and Most Dear Brother,

Thanks for drawing which is admirable; but I want
a little radiation from the cup. I do not mind it cutting the
horizontal line immediately above that cup.

I am fearfully rushed so excuse a brief letter.

With regard to the address Care Frater is the A..A..
style, and should be employed when writing of A..A.. matters.
I enclose you a list of these drawings with some notes. It had
better be copied and sent to Hammond, as I have had no time to
get that done. I hope you will write to mother, and keep her
happy. Luckily she is booked for next week, and of course that
may lead to better things. I hope you got the £6. cheque I sent
you.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order,

Cowie

Nov. 20, 1913.

Care Frater,

I have not had time to write to you, and I have not time to write to you, but will you call on Williamson, of 9, York Place, and ask him how much he would charge to draw up the little mortgage.

I am going to Paris on Monday perhaps, but expect to be back on December 15, and then I suppose I shall not set away again. My only hope of spending the winter abroad is that they will put me in prison in Paris.

It is extraordinary that a man of your acuteness of intellect should be taken in by the shoddy ad captandum humbug of the later Wilde. So far as there is anything in him genuine at all it was his pose itself, and any sincerity which you may admire in "De Profundis" is simply the yellow streak.

I am going to hear Larkin to-night. Of course, as a man I am an Irish rebel of the most virulent type, and I want to see every Englishman killed before my eyes: I would ship the English women to Germany, as I don't like Germans either. But, of course, speaking as a man of the world, I am a reactionary Tory of the most bigoted type, although a Pro-Poor; that is to say, my objection to the Poor war was the depreciation of property which it caused. I quite understand your own attitude, but it appears to me quite absurd. You have tried to

judge the matter on general principles, without prejudice, and
you have consequently no business to meddle with politics,
which is entirely dishonest.

Yours fraternally,

G. M. Cowie, Esq.

✓
January 6, 1919.

Miss Helen Bruce Hollis,
Centerville,
Maryland.

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

I was so glad to get your letter this morning,
and hope you are now quite well. I did not write before,
because I was waiting for your letter, and anyhow I have been
so busy that I am not quite sure which is my head and which
my feet.

I will write again more fully the moment I am
a little freer, but perhaps you will be in these parts before
very long.

Love is the law, love under will.

1 University Place,
New York City.

January 21, 1919

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? Mrs Carter to Leah Hissip

63, Washington Square.

Monday.

Darling sweetheart baby girl,

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

Mrs Carter got your note, and asks me to say: Check your baggage, and ring up Spring 4319. It depends rather upon what time you get to the city. It will be much best if you can be here early morning, or else after 5; but any time can be arranged if you write the time of your train by return mail. Then some one will make sure to be at home to get your telephone call.

Love is the law, love under will.

Ever your own true sweetheart,

✓ She did not
never saw it or this
until June (4-7)

63, Washington Square.

Monday.

Darling sweetheart baby girl,

Do what

63, Washington Square, N.Y.C.

April 5. (1919)

My dear sweet purple baby girl,

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

It was very sweet of you to send me the cutting; but you are a horrid little pig not to have sent me the picture of yourself you promised so long ago. The Queen^x of the dead souls wants to see it, too. You will have to meet her, of course. It ought to be all right, you are such a perfect little plum-pudding; and if so, there will be no reason why you should not stay in this luxurious apartment; only, as I said, you will have to work some place most of the day, because of not interfering with my work. I wish you had come up a month ago; as it is, we are starting pink teas on the 20th; and it would be a good thing if we had you in a crimson and ochre kimono to lend a touch of colour to this drab studio.

Love is the law, love under will.

Ever your eager sweetheart,

x Leah Hirsig

63, Washington Square,

New York City.

April 28.

My dearest little sweetheart baby girl,

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.
That means just what it says; so it's entirely up to you. All
I can do is to help you out in doing your will. I am very s
orry you did not happen along this way when you first
had the chance, because there is a great deal to be done,
and the time to do it grows shorter every day... You ought
to make up your mind right away. You see, it is a question
of this baby; the Queen wants some one she can trust, so she
ought to know you well, and love you, before he comes back
from Florida.

Love is the law, love under will.

Ever your own big sweetheart,

63Washington Sq.

N.Y. May 6, 1914

My dear Helen,

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

I shall be glad to have you come and take charge of my studio and my baby ~~as~~ Soon as possible. For this purpose I am enclosing your fare and some expense money. Please report to me hereat the earliest possible moment. Please telegraph time of your arrival, and telephone -Spring-4319, as soon as you arrive in N.Y.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours affectionately,

S. Carter

Composed + signed as above by
A.C.

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(A.C. hand)

25 June 17



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To : I deem I will come Wednesday morning, because I may be withdrawn from circulation at any moment now. The Call of the Wild is heard from Sullivan County, for one thing; I expect to go there Thursday, and (may be) next there.

If not convenient better wire. Time is short: the Lord is at hand.

I was reading the sermon in the Herald yesterday on Rom XII 4. What blessed words of comfort are those "many members in one body".

Salutations to your Scorpion Spouse, and to the Olive Branches, and to the candidate for cellar burial. Gings to the Jews for me, and from for the Germans: Thus let us

escape imprisonment yet awhile: though it's rather
a disgrace to be at 'liberty' (Ha! Ha! Ha!)
in S.O.C. But there are three really great
Americans, and I delight to honour them,
especially the one that uttered those three
words of Latin which I half wish I had the
pluck to say myself. I think if I were quite
sure that I were dying, and could be of no use
at all any more as a constructive force, I
might end in a blaze of glory after all.

Don't put yourself out about my coming with
elaborate preparations: consider me as a mermaid,
+ yourself as H.G. Wells. Horrid Thought! So long
as the champagne is well iced, and the terrapin perfect,
I shall not complain, at least to your face, because I
was taught that it is not polite. (But perhaps it
is polite in this country!) Yrs. A.L.

164 5th Ave

22 June 17

Ludovicus mio

Où es-tu ? dis, car je

voudrais venir avant la fin du mois

pour chercher un nid. 'Tis plying hot here;
I hear your shush-shush-shush-shush.

Have you heard the horrible story about the
French; who, deprived of alcohol, are now
distilling spirit from corpses? They admit
it themselves; they even boast of their
'Esprit de corps' as they call it.

I saw Gounod's child, but he was too busy
to talk about paints — —

Cris done T-A.

? July 1917



HOTEL MCALPIN
NEW YORK

V-33!

'The Butterfly-Net' has
arrived at last. I want
you to be kind & read
the MS. & tell me if it's
hopeless.

I'm utterly miserable
- lonely, ill, and penniless
- but rather enjoying my self

Hope all's well your way

When do I see you? That
would indeed be joy.

Really miss you a lot

à toi,

à priori

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HOTEL MCALPIN
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or long to answer your
most charming letter

yesterday. I'll hope for another soon,
when the short stories are finished. The
'action' gets faster; after Chapter VIII there's
not much discussion. But one had
to explain the theory on which the
Operation rested.

I'm using your plea for better
moral in this work's International,
and shall want something for
next month - one of those

went. I'm going to rent a house & the whole plan.
So come up soon; amen.

So,

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month. I'm going to revolutionize the whole show.
So come up soon; amen.

so.

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short stories, perhaps. We can't pay
much yet, as you know, but it will
be good for you to get your name up
don't you think? Anyhow, come up and
see me about it as soon as you can.

Ring Faray at 9777 between 10 x
12 any day & will pretty sure to get
me.

I hope your trouble is vanishing steadily;
I think it should, daily, from what you
told me.

I'm very dull this morning - occupied,
like Martha, with details of magazine
construction. There's going to be a lot
of time in the old town in about a



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20.4.17.

My dear Dambreville,

So what then will shall be the whole of the Law.

Glad indeed this soul of your scripser; the Elisei is justified
one more of her children.

Not materialist, dear bundle of sticks, but Buddhist;
Soon to Nibbana's strainless peace shall come that whose
complexities, realyed as mere chance combinations, consent
to dissolution.

In the youth — ambiguous and, Ghostly One! Hard
words to understand — but, let the worst come to the
worst, I will always be a sister to you.

Quiesce will bring his 'sisters' — not his, apparently, but
each others'. We can hardly start before 4 o' the
clock; we should catch the physiological cycle
on its upward-moving run; and we should give
much time to pass on.

I'm sorry indeed I could not cross-examine you
on that psychological state; I might have

helped you to a further & higher analysis.

You shall see (the Gods grant it!) that Atman
is Anatta, and Anatta Atman, in the
Tao. Hast read my 'Book of Lies'? Nay?
Then I'll read it Wednesday - and you shall
have your hand upon the testicles of Dragon
Truth.

And so - till Tuesday his day the
host of An xiii with O in **II**
Love & the Law, love under will

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A. C.



"BAYNARDS,"

INNES STREET, OBSERVATORY,
JOHANNESBURG.

TELEPHONE 1229 YEORVILLE.

26th. Augt. 1917, E.W.

To His Excellency Sir Stansfeld Jones X^o O.T.O.

Box 70, Vancouver,

Very Illustrious and Very Dear Brother,

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file - personal

323, Dauphine Street

New Orleans La.

Jan 26.

My dear Cogswell,

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

I'm sending you an article which
Frank Cummings had thought might
suit you.

I do hope so; I have struck a bad
patch, and have been staving for a
month.

If you could spare me \$50 for the
article, or as a personal loan
which I can repay as my royalties
on "Pirate Bridge" come in, I should
take it very kindly. It would enable
me to get on from here to some
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wholesale (this is confidential to you)
but in the meanwhile I am up
against it as I never was before.

Do let me have a line, and if
humanly possible a check,
by return mail. If I can only
get away from here I'll be all
right; but in this place I get
deeper in every hour.

Let me have good news of you,
nevertheless. If all goes well, I'll
turn up in April, and will hope
to see you.

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Yours ever very truly

Alister Crowley

The article should illustrate extremely
well; you may think it needs
padding out; if so, fiat.
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A.C.

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