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To Louis Wilkinson

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To John Symonds

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To Professor Butler

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To Frieda Harris

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To Gerald Hamilton

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To Karl & Jarda Janner

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Netherwood

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Jan. 16,

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Love the law, love under will

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Yours sincerely, Flower Crowley

Netherwood
The Ridge
Hastings



Dec 18.

1945

Dear Professor Butler

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

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th

I will faithfully keep Jan 1 open for you,
a most auspicious beginning for the year.

If you will let me know the hour of your
arrival in Hastings, I will have a car to
meet you at the station; perhaps you and
your friend would do me the honour of
dining with me here.

I am glad you told me of your plans; for
women in St Leonards' will probably be

very difficult to get, expensive, and most
unsatisfactory. I would advise you to arrange
to stay here. The patron & madame lived for
many years in France; so the cooking is perfect.
Also, there is no limit to the things one needs
most: Eggs (I usually get 2 a day), milk, sugar,
butter. As for company, there is quite a
sprinkling of professors, lecturers, writers etc;
excellent in conversation.

I could book you two rooms for Jan 1 if you
will wire me without delay. The hotels are all
abject, but I will try a few of the least
barbarous. Unfortunately, there is no room
available here before Jan 6.

Love & the law, love under will

Yours sincerely

Heister Crowley



Netherwood,
The Ridge,
Hastings.
8.1.46

Professor E.M. Butler,
Newnham College,
Cambridge.

Dear Professor Butler,

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

It delighted me beyond measure to hear that you enjoyed your visit. I am only sorry that your time was so restricted because it has been very much on my conscience as to whether I have fully answered all your questions, and also because there are several points which I wish to make clear to you before you write your chapter.

I think that Captain Yorke has a copy of Liber Aleph, The Book of Wisdom or Folly, and if so I should like you to refer to chapters 32-34.

It is very important that you should understand the theory of the A.:A.: People like St. Germain, Rasputin, Eliphaz Levi and H.P.B. are not Magi, they are merely Magicians with subsidiary functions, Sometimes apparently disconnected with the main work of the Order, which is to send forth Magi from time to time uttering a certain word, which must be a single word, and must be a magical formula which puts
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into the hands of mankind a new weapon.

The Chapters referred to above in Liber Aleph give the names of such Magi, and the words that they uttered.

If Capt. York has not a copy I will arrange to lend you one myself. I think that you will find the study of these chapters very useful indeed for your main purpose.

Let me say furthermore that if, when you come to draft your chapter, you find any further difficulties, ~~that~~ you will not hesitate to take another day or so off to have a chat with me. I am afraid it is impossible for me to leave Hastings until the Dentist has finished ~~his~~ sublime task, which may be about the middle or end of April.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours sincerely,

Alister Crowley

P. S. You said that you admired Frieda
Harris' work. I have some sketches
by her, designs for a Penn & Judy show,
that she asked me to destroy when I
had glanced at them. They are much too
good for that, yet I cannot use them to
any good purpose.

So — would you care to accept
them as a trifling souvenir of your too
short visit? J. C.



FOR CHRISTMAS

Prof. F. M. Butler

Newnham College

Cambridge.

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1872

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in despair

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Dear Subscribers
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150 yds buckram, preferably
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John Symonds Esq
121 Adelaide Road
London N.W. 3.

Netherwood

Feb 2

Jan 9. 5.

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No change or hope of change
in weather. This prevents prints, who
has been badly ill, from getting on
with estimates. He can't even hint the
25 dust-jackets for h. m. p. OLA.

I think, though that 25 from you
450 would be as good; I'm writing ~~into~~ binder
by this post? If so, please let him have
them, & I'll replace them when he thanks if
ever! Comes

93.93/3 Yours A.C.



"Netherwood",
The Ridge,
Hastings,
Sussex.

28th August, 1947.

My dear John Symonds,

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

I cannot imagine what has happened
to you! It is ages since I heard from
you.

I have been a pretty sick man
all summer. When my Doctor went away
for his holiday, he said: "Well you are
in bed and you can jolly well stay there
until I come back." This I did, and
am feeling very much better.

I was helped immensely to
recover by Frieda - I think it must have
been - who sent me a copy of 'William
Waste'. (I have no words strong enough
to condemn that abominable blurb. I
suppose your blurb-maker has his eye on
the public.) What the book really is I
can tell you, and could find again no
words strong enough in condemnation. It
is the first attempt so far as I know, to
/over

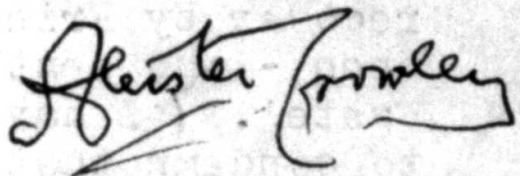
record a hashish intoxication in intellectual terms. You have broken entirely new ground, and, I think, most successfully. I hope the sales rise to the height of my opinion of the book. In every way it is one of the best pieces of writing that I have struck for years.

You seem to have forgotten altogether about me. Of course I wasn't well enough to see anyone or discuss business, but I am now well on the way to complete recovery, and it would give me immense pleasure if you could spare a day to come down and have lunch here. There are quite a number of points which ought to be discussed.

Accept my very best wishes, and the reiterated hope to see you soon.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours sincerely,



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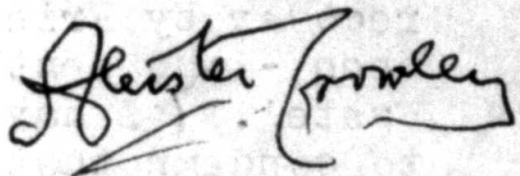
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J. Symonds Esq.,
121, Adelaide Road,
London, N.W.3.

Will jokes about fork & noses, but ~~is~~ ill feeling. See The 3 of B. & L. & L.!

Netherwood



Sept 10

Dear John Symonds

93

Thanks for yours of 9th

A witty hostess - I believe in Disraeli's phrase -
summed up: "Every nation gets the Jews
it deserves." However, one day brahmins
will take you to "New York"; you will
understand the feeling better.

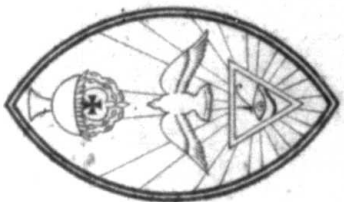
Anyhow, I enclose my "apotropaic" - it
ought to cheer me.

100 years ago the Law here stood for integrity,
good manners (but some severity in the lower classes)
and benevolence. x

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Also in Germany; note that the Prussia

will jokes about pork & noses, but in ill feeling. See "The Sch. Ballads!"

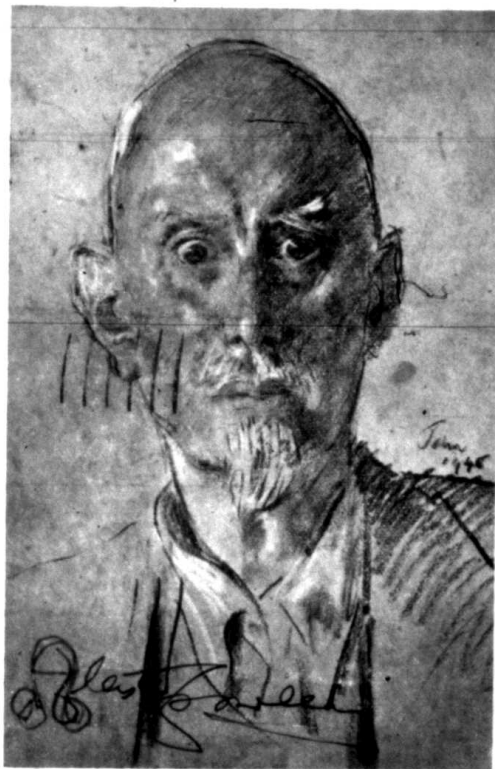
Consort's father was a Jewish banker.

It was the Russian revolution that crashed it all; Everywhere, Jews were identified with Communists.

One other point you have forgotten; OZLA is first of all the self-expression of Every man. "Every man & every woman is a star." Is Lady Macbeth to talk like Florence Nightingale, or be dumb?

I think you are right to suppose that we do not really differ - though I share your opinion of Roy Campbell, I might disagree with you about Rabalais. You are not I - or what a dull world it would be!

9383
93 Yours Glenister Crowley























Symonds

121 A deliaide Road

London NW 3

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I have been in the 'it' - collapsed
on floor - cannot get up - but to be
in the dark, I shall be well up
later. On some of the
autumn I have not been in the
house for some time -
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house for some time -

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house for some time -



Symonds Esq



121 Adelaide Road

London NW 3

93. I have been awfully ill - collapsed
on floor - couldn't get up - had to be
brooded - I don't write well now
better. On 24 Aug 94 probably
nothing & but don't feel like writing
for a day or two -
Dinner now.

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Yrs Delicate Emily



121 A

93. I have been really ill - collapsed
on floor - couldn't get up - had to be
buried. I slept well night
before. On 24th I was probably
nothing & but don't feel like working
for a day or two -

Excuse me!

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Yours
Dorothy Cundley

An Interesting

9:30 W

~~much~~ and No
better hope
See you Friday
with kind
D.V.C.

Carte Postale



London
12-1 Adel side Road
London NW 3.

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Cyclists' art time.

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R.C.



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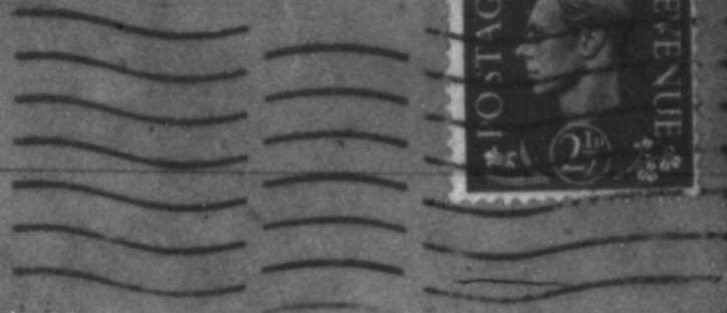
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Dec 18

Dear J. S.

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450 copies OLLA have been
sent to you "by the quickest route
possible". G.O.K. when you will get
them.

If you are writing personal letters to
reviewers, you might remind Desmond
MacCarthy that he went up to Trinity
the same year as I did, and "Peterborough"

that he knows who I am.

Ralph Straus is an old friend.

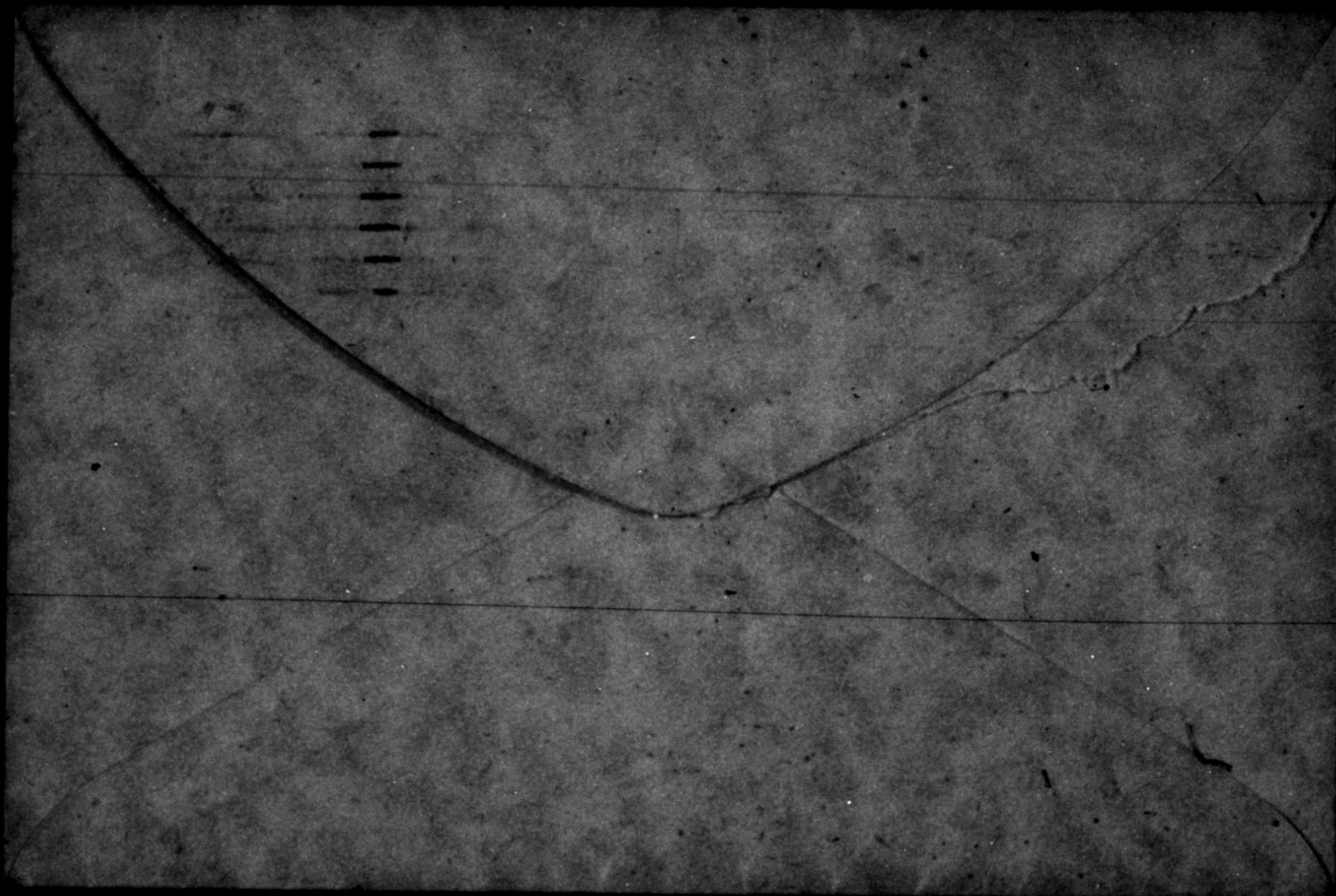
No word from you yet about the Advt
idea - limit of cost is what I want
to know.

I had hoped to see you & T.F. here
before Xmas. When, then?

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93 Yrs in haste

A.T.



P.S. Thanks for
Aug N2 etc.

Netherwood,

The Ridge, Hastings.

23. 7. 46

Dear John Symonds,

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To begin with, with regard to money: the question immediately arises how much do we need? How much have we got? How much can we get? What is the best way of starting to get it? I have quite enough people on my list to make a reasonable start, the first step is to get those people together in one place at a given time. I suggest a date when people have come back from their alleged summer alleged holidays.

To begin with, we must draft that letter, and having agreed on the terms, arranged for its distribution. Here, fortunately, we have got Barbara Kindred, who ~~has~~ I believe written to you offering her services, which will take a lot of routine work off our shoulders.

In mid-August my theatrical-control-~~ing~~-Berlin-man comes over to stay with me from Germany, and I suggest that you should arrange to spend 2 or 3 days here so as to coincide with his visit.

I should of course like to have a day before that, in fact as early as possible, so that we may arrange a preliminary programme. Can you arrange to run down here for a day in the immediate future?

With regard to Olla, Augustus John did a very striking drawing of me yesterday week. You do not make it quite clear whether Simpkin & Marshall had turned down the book flat, or merely refused to risk their money on it. If they are willing, as they were in the old days, to undertake the distribution, the sending out to reviewers and all that donkey work with a royalty of 10% as their fee for the service, I should like to know at once The printer clamours

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John Symonds (2)

That is another point about which I want to see you at the first possible moment, because as you told me the book ought to be in the hands of the reviewers by August 21st, and I must know what to put on the title page and dust cover.

Please let me know at the earliest possible moment.

Love is the law, love under will,

Yours sincerely,

John Symonds

P.S.

I do not know whether you are familiar with the story of the *Mercure de France*.

A number of literary and artistic blokes were lunching at their usual café when somebody got the idea of running a high-class literary magazine: then everyone thought what a fine idea it was, and the trouble began.

The oldest and wisest of the crowd said "But where do we find the capital?" "Oh," said Marcel Schwob "capital is it you want: here you are!" and pulled out a ten franc note, and put it on the table. "Now let us get on to the business of the meeting." They put their heads together constructively instead of destructively, and the paper dominated all serious French literary thought for the next 20 years or so. *a.e.*

"Netherwood",
The Ridge,
Hastings.

10th June, 1947.

Dear John Symonds,

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

Thanks for your note with enclosures.

There is no sense in my coming to London until
civilisation has ^{been} removed its beneficent sway.

For the last week, a man named John Bunting has been staying here, and we have had very extended business talks together. He is just starting publishing, and thinks of taking over some of my books. He gave me the enclosed list of booksellers and such like who should be informed about 'Olla'.

Bunting has also encouraged me by saying that he thinks he can get me an adequate supply of hand-made paper in London. I expect him to report to me on this matter within two or three days.

The bound copies on moulded paper of 'Olla' have now turned up, and I have signed them as arranged and sent off his copy to Watkins.

I feel sure that we shall find Bunting of great use in many ways, which is just one more reason why I should like to see you. It seems to me that our only real difficulty in getting rid of these small editions, is that our distribution is at fault, and I think we should most certainly discuss this problem with as little delay as possible. Surely you can find a spare day or two to run down here: it is very pleasant in Hastings at this time, and by all accounts London is anything but that. I hear the most appalling stories about prices. France seems even worse: I heard this morning of a dinner party for three in the South of France where the bill was £34, and another in Brussels for two, and the bill £22. I don't see how any one is going to bother about running over for a week on these terms, especially as the prospects for return seem somewhat dim.

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Love is the law, love under will.

Hoping to see you down here very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Browning

p.s. The wretched printer has delayed delivery of the first prints of 'Liber Aleph', but they are promised certainly within the course of the present week.

Netherwood,

The Ridge, Hastings.

23. 8. 46

Dear John Symonds,

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

I am rather under the weather at the moment, and have been for several days past.

This letter is in the nature of a delirious appendix to yours of August 14th. I don't know who you are, or who I am, or anything, or anybody.

You seem to be in a similar position, sending me unfinished letters.

Your question as to my supporters is a very pertinent one, and I don't seem able to answer it. I cannot give you the slightest idea as to how many copies I may expect to sell, but the same applies in my experience to any publisher. It seems to me that a great deal will depend on your activities in London. In the past I have never taken the trouble to make any such calculations.

For instance, sometimes a book sells by the hundred without any argument; other books one can put a lot of work and expense in to and the result is exactly nothing. I don't know why any of these things are and I don't believe anyone else does.

I have heard nothing from Frederic Mellinger for a week or more, what that implies I cannot tell you. Probably it implies nothing. Anyway I think the line "let ships fall where they may" is the only sound rule.

I am feeling three parts dead, and the fourth part comfortably buried, and the moral of that is (said the Duchess) Good-night, and I hope very soon to see you - not that there is any point in doing so, but it is a poor heart that never rejoices.

Love is the law, love under will,
Fraternally yours,

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a. Crowley
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24. 4. 48

Netherwood,
The Ridge,
HASTINGS

Dear J.S.

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

I was delighted to receive your letter
with the enclosed copy of The Occult Review.
It is indeed a treasure both for its depth of
insight and its breadth of comprehension. I
hope, incidentally, that it will result in sell-
ing a few copies.

I have been very anxious to see you for
some time, just to discuss the policy of sales-
manship which we ought to adopt. I do not see
how we can settle anything by letter.

My first idea was to get some regular
commercial traveller to put the book on his list
and show it round the country, but this is
perhaps impossible and anyway I should love to
see you.

I am rather disappointed, by the way,
that The Times litt.supp. has not given us any-
thing; they used to let me have quite a lot of
space. I don't know whether you are in a
position to give them a jog?

Letter to John Symonds 1947



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One of the disadvantages of my hermit policy is that I do not know all the people who hold the ropes which should be pulled.

After that terrific gale yesterday and last night the weather has let up on us a little and I think you could have a perfectly good time down here. For once in a way there is something to drink!

The Book of Wisdom or Folly is now in the press and they think I shall have the first proofs in about a fortnight from now. It will of course be necessary to concoct some sort of prospectus and send it round, and there are various other preliminaries about which I should like to see you.

(owing to A.C.'s death it was not published)

Miss Buddicom has not yet been able to come down again so "Magick without Tears" is still not arranged for the press. Incidentally I wrote another letter for the series last week.

I enclose a draft of a note which I think you might put up to the Editor of the Occult Review or rather to whoever does the publishing side of Wm. Ryder & Sons. You might also approach John M. Watkins.

I will say no more now as I hope to see you

very shortly.

I am asking my secretary to sign this note and post it to you as that saves two days.

Love is the law, love under will,

Yours fraternally,

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Alister Crawley
— mch



"Netherwood",
The Ridge,
Hastings.

30th June, 1947.

Dear J.S.

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

Many thanks for your letter of
no date.

I certainly would like you to
come down to see me, and it is an
excellent idea that Lady Harris should
drive you.

You can supply the two copies
of "Olla" ordered, and I have one of
the "Equinox of the Gods" which I am
sending to you by registered post: it
is the last copy and the price to book-
sellers will be two guineas. I do not
think I have any of the other books you
mention, though Lady Harris may have some
"Little Essays towards Truth" and some of
"8 Lectures on Yoga".

I seem to have heard the name

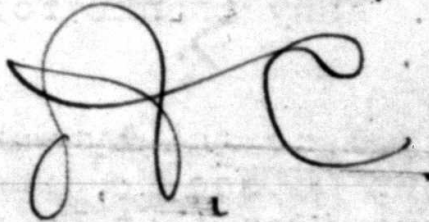
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William J. Clark of California, and have half an idea that I wrote to him some time ago.

Love is the law, love under will.

I hope to see you, if possible, next Sunday.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'W' and 'J' followed by a 'C'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Netherwood,

The Ridge, Hastings

21. 1. 47

John Symonds Esq.

Dear J.S.

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

I will have a talk to these people, again, but your remark about the binding is certainly very obvious. The same with the other things, I think you have spotted most of the ignominy of the business. I should like very much to have a face to face talk with you and see the printer at the same time. I think it would be very much wiser.

Is there any reasonable hope of you getting down here within a week or two?

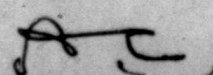
I hope you are quite in your best health now.

I am very depressed by your absence. This is twice that the frailty of the human constitution has held up this important business. Please remember any day is good for me.

With regard to the printers, they have a 5 day week which is a decided snag. I think however that they are anxious to get the order for Liber Aleph, and it looks to me that a round table conference might lead to our coming to a swift and satisfactory conclusion. Please let me know at your earliest convenience when you will be able to drop in.

Love is the law, love under will,

Yours ever,



Wetherwood

May 21

Dear S.

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Am sending Clarke autographed Olla
with letter.
Please put him in address book.

Want your help compose prospectus
for Golden Twigs.

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J.C.

Wetherwood

May 20

Dear J. S.

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Am I never going to see you again?

I could put you up during the first two weeks in June, if you can find a day or so to spare.

We must talk about the 2 books in the press, & also *Magick without Tears*.

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Yours in a hurry

A.C.

Netherwood



Sept 12

Dear John Symonds

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Thanks for your latest.

I think "road-hog" should settle all to the satisfaction of both, because it removes the whole point at issue.

[Unless! you want to erect a kind of moral Syllabism:]

All Jews are hogs -

All hogs should be made into pork.

Any reference to a hog is the advocacy of the
millions of
massacre of innocent people!]

To replace the whole poem would involve trouble, delay, and expense which I cannot afford.

So I do hope you're happy now! If not, please
write, as the printer must have the book for press
at once.

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Yours ever

Alister Crowley

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18.11.46

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I seem, on second thoughts, to have
answered this letter. There ought to be final
news of 'Olla' in a day or two. They are at
least at the binders, according to what I hear
this morning.

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You were a little lighthearted in asking
me to make sure of those volumes of The Hag not
being lost to the world. It costs² near forty
pounds as makes no difference. *Hee!!!*

I am sending a spare copy of the type-
script of The Book of Wisdom or Folly. All the
people who have read go crazy about it, several
times they have put up 10 pounds to have it re-
typed.

I think ~~Wm. Rider~~ ought to publish it if
you explain that it is for advanced students and
that many who have read the typescript consider
it the best thing that I have ever done in the
Magical line.

By the way, it is not very just to blame
me for the loss of Volume 3 - it was the fault
of Gerald Yorke who allowed the best part of
2 thousand pounds which we had put up for the
Mandrake Press to be stolen under his nose by
the late Major Thynne. Of course when I had 2
copies of the Press proofs, I thought I was
perfectly safe, and I do not know to this hour
how they disappeared, who took them and when.
It is absolutely heartbreaking; but in this case
I can get most of it reconstructed, but the
spirit has so far gone out of me that I cannot
command the energy to do it. The necessary
manoeuvres must be done for me.

Love is the law, love under will,

Wm. Aleister.

Netherwood

Feb 14

Dear Sasha

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law

This is my Valentine — to
my dearest & most precious Sasha!

But I think my money should be kept
in Dollars; many people here think the £
may go the way of the Mark in 1924.
In fact, no one doesn't know what to do.

I hope your leg is quite right now;
my own has taken a spell — there
last 6 weeks — of repeating its old fun

Briefly, I must rest it to the maximum possible: avoid walking &c. I should really keep it horizontal. The trouble about this is that my electric fire is on the wrong side of the bed, so that I can't write in that position. Then, any secretary can come only from 2-4 P.M. and there are just the hours when the heat is cut off. Rather Irish-tragic! In any case, my brain & fingers seem frozen.

I am reduced to lying still and loving you & Karl! This is fine, but it doesn't get any work done! Not that this matters very much at the moment because (as I said before) my brain seems frozen stiff.

The printer in charge of my work has been ill for weeks with rheinitis; that is

why you don't get any estimate for Liber
 Aleph. But - no need to worry; if any
 extra is wanted, it won't be for a long time.
 There is plenty in hand, so far as I can judge,
 to pay the balance on OLLA, and most of SS
 as well.

Perigue 2lb came this AM. if the next
 lot arrives by end April, all's well.

OLLA 1 order for £10.10.0; ordinary copies
 sell in shoddrables. No reviews so far!
 But with everything stuck as it is, what can
 one expect? You have no idea how dull
 and dull the whole country is. Same
 everywhere, no matter what the subject. The
 best chance of getting things up is for this
 crew of imbeciles to resign; a new
 General Election is possible, even probable;
 the need is indispensable. And even if
 the Tories got in, what could they do? If only
 Winston were 20 years younger. But he
 isn't!

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Don't send me money — don't, unless
I ask for it specially. I suppose the £ is
"pegged"; but one thing is sure — you can only get
a one-way ticket. It would be awkward if I
needed money in U.S.A. (E.g. suppose I can't get
my paper for £5 & we had to print it in N.Y.)
Keep a separate eye, but not in my name
only because of the trouble over money here
shortly after the Constable, Ninc etc fuss;
in short keep it somewhere where I can
get it as well as you, but not external
— — — — — Oh! I'm getting muddled, and
my brain is tired; so I will stop all this
nonsense and go back to lying quiet and loving
you & Karl!

93 93
13 Yours, oh! so weary!

John Galsworthy

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Feb 20

P.S. I have been talking things over with various people - God bless me! I can't spell - about this pseudo-paralysis, and they are all in the same mind or whatever it is. Nobody can think. My printer is ill - very ill, so there is no prospect of any extrinants for an indefinite period.

Also, the electricity cuts have stopped all their machines, so that I can't even get little half-horn jobs done!

Forgive me, then, dear children! It has taken about 6 weeks to write this scraggy letter! Morning after morning one wakes to find no change, no hope of change.

The moment something happens see

get back to normal - or so I hope!

Meanwhile, I'll be in the lounge
(which happens to be empty) and send
off this letter and read *Reformation*
very kindly sent me by Max - a
first class book - most encouraging
- by Anne Rand and hope till the
heat comes on at 4 P.M. and be
quiet and love you both

BBG
[Signature]

Wetherwood



Sept 16

Dearest Sascha

93

You poor dear darling duck! I am so
distressed to hear of your accident - I do hope
it'll mend quickly & thoroughly leaving
only the painful memory.

I'm not too well myself; but I tried
to write with my own hand So here you
are

Love Fletcher

Frank Alexander Crowley
Bell Inn
Aston Clinton
Bucks.

1944?

June 10

Dear Basil

This is where I am - I hope for the summer - since April 8. The change, rest, quiet, comparative absence of worry, have combined to improve my health out of all knowledge.

Your recent thrilled me - if the girls are as good as the programme, you should have made a terrific killing. I await eagerly news that this was so.

To-day I am just a little strained; Lady Harris has come for a night, and I have to be polite, which is always irksome. But chiefly - I have at least a dozen letters to answer, and the subjects for 6 or 8 of my letters in the 50-letter series which is to be the basis of my next book - "Magic for Maroons" ought to be the title! It is to answer all the natural questions that a beginner, or a person just curious about it, could put. And I can't get even the ghost of a secretary. It's too awful, having to sit down to write 3000

words or so right off - I haven't stop, once I start, or the spell is broken. Dictation is so much easier. Still, I pull through somehow.

This is a delightful place of its home kind. I must say I miss Beauty of the sort I always loved. A Canadian Canoe on Lake Pasquaney would please me much better. One misses the natural uplift of the Spirit that wild scenery has always given me.

I am ashamed of having neglected Karl so much in the early part of the year; but the situation was always changing, & making any thing I might say too silly! And my nerves were, in any case, so rotten that I couldn't face it.

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Nov 20

My dearest Sascha,
Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law.

This is just to thank you for the
perfectly lovely wallet. Its
real point is the Magical Link
between us, and I use it constantly
as such.

Let me hope that you did
obtain a genuine unbreakable

Sign or Message from the Sixfold
Star. I shall expect to hear
of this; especially, what of my
47th Magical Birthday on
Nov 18.

I am damnably overworked; so
no more but just plain Love
and firm Will for your health
and prosperity.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours Heister

Wetherswood
The Ridge
Hastings



March 9.

My very dear Sascha
Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law.
Unpteen thousand Ta Muchlys
for the Parcel with New Year's Greetings
which arrive at the beginning of this
week.

I have been very much distressed by
your other baby's accounts of the
state of your innards. But you
are near Spring now, and N.Y. ought
to be reasonably kind to you, while
your California plans mature.

I too have been having a far from
satisfactory time this winter; in fact,
I only just missed pneumonia, which
would probably have finished me. Luckily,
the doctor here is a most careful and
painstaking man, and took no chances.

One great good thing, I have now got some
one to look after me; so the future looks
fairly bright. Oh - damn this pen!

I hope the other one comes back from
hospital soon; penless, I am miserable!
I can't write what I want; it makes me
hate everything!

So - lots of love to you both!
Love is the law, love under will.

Ever yours devotedly *Alister*



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31st May, 1943 e.v

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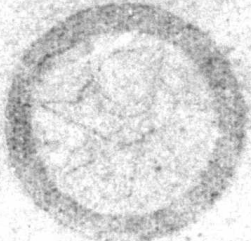
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Best of love.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours very sincerely,

Dec 26

Most

Secret



from

Sascha!

For God's sake don't let her get a suspicion of this. Her sympathetic thought and prompt action moral. are very deeply & I can't thank her enough. But I can't wear ready-made shirts; my "St Andrews" swing "stopped" that many years ago.

It would have been better to send the material &

They have not yet arrived; when they do, I will find out if I can legally sell them - if so, probably for 2 or 3 times what S. paid, on account of the coupons.

[Lamenting as the gesture was, it was needless; the coupon people sent me some to replace the loss, and I had new shirts a week later.

This does sound so horrid - when my heart is overflowing with love and gratitude etc.

It would have been

X ~~it would have been~~ better, by the way, to send best quality: laundries here, bar accidents, are A. to

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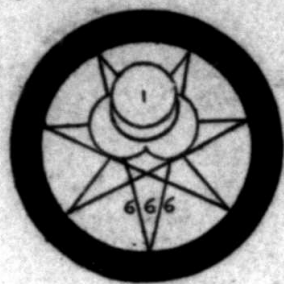
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Bell Inn
Aston Clinton
Backs



27-6-44 ev.

Dear Karl & Sascha

Here at last are the cards! The 8
sets of blocks required to reproduce
them for the American edition are being
sent to you by sea. You can therefore go
straight ahead as soon as you can find a
publisher. Do be careful to pick a man
of first-rate reputation; and it might
be wise to let me see the contract before
you sign it.

There has been delay with the binding.

The sample copy was m.g. & I had to have 2
new tools cut. One of these was done wrong.
Then, just as I expected delivery, the "robot"
bombs unhoused some of their staff; so
now I am hoping for July 8. Out of the question
to send by air, of course; the book weighs 3 lbs.
But I shall send you copies, inscribed in
some cases, as they come in. Possibly 2 for
Washington D.C. Use your judgement.

Cards: will send you a few sets by sea,
& you can distribute as you see fit. I'm
sending Jane a set by this mail (air) &
2 or 3 sets ~~lots~~ by sea.

Lots of love, and I hope your holiday
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5 / of toxins into my system; much trouble with bowels,
and exhaustion follows slight effort often enough.
E.g. 200 yds walk may start asthma; a serious game
of chess overtaxes me after 20 or 30 moves.

Don't confuse the "Comment" with any "Commentaries."

Ab-ul-Dig: a "Master" who invaded us (Mary
& I & me) in Zurich & on later dates. "Book 4"
is due to him. "Evidential" - finding Villa Caldarazzo in
Posillipo.

Hitler & Co: see "Letter" re A.: A.: impact on
planet - suggested by you. I sent this separately to
you & J.W.P. last week. Can't afford Air Mail, of course,
for each bulky 4 ss.

Give love to Sasha, & thank her for her charming
gesture about the present. I go to Oxford, via London, for
a night next week; if I fail to get a thing I want
badly in either city, I'll send description. Love (Glen) (Glen)

56.

To Cora Eaton Farmer

KARLSRUHERSTRASSE 2

Berlin-Halensee

Tel Uhland 81-93

Oct 25 '31 W

Dear Mr. Farmer

In acknowledgement of your services to the Order, I,
as I.G. Trustee, am prepared to make you an
annual payment of One Thousand Dollars,
or alternatively a lump sum of Fifteen Thousand
Dollars. This offer is made without prejudice.

The payments or payment cannot be made
until funds are derived from my interests
in the Company whose formation we are now
trying to negotiate.

In Mr. Gahes' opinion, the best chance of realizing
this is to give Frau Busch an absolutely

free hand. She has been badly hampered in the
past five weeks not only by the impossibility of
renewing her relations with her old friends for lack
of smart appearance, but by actual worry and
uncertainty about rent, food, &c. It would thus be
much to your advantage to guarantee her all that
she requires until Dec 31 as originally agreed.
It is also bad for the negotiations that we have
had to show an anxiety to conclude them quickly.

Please acknowledge and agree this letter,
if possible by return —

Yours sincerely, Herbert Fowler

(1935)
(TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN)

Home Secretary
To the Director of Public Prosecutions. } *cc.*

Sir, *Secy Law Society*

in re REX v. EDWARD ALEXANDER CROWLEY, on a charge of receiving letters alleged to have been stolen.

Bound over. July, '34.

I ask, and shall enforce answers to, the following questions.

1. Messers Waterhouse, solicitors for Constable and Co. in Crowley v. Constable and others, while employing their staff to procure evidence for the prosecution, turned over the public conduct of the case to an obscure solicitor named IWI, from the Gold Coast.

Why ?

2. The allegation that the letters were stolen was made on April 13, 34. The arrest was only made on June 21.

Why ?

3. Messers Waterhouse gave notice that they would apply for security for the costs of the Crowley v. Constable appeal ~~XXX~~ on May 17.

They only made the application on July 24, at the moment when Mr. Crowley was most hampered by the criminal proceedings.

ARE NOT QUESTIONS 2. AND 3. CAUSALLY CONNECTED ?

4. During the whole summer of '33, when the civil action was expected at the opening of the October term, Betty May, Mrs. Sedgwick, was continually sending messages to Mr. Crowley that she was ready to confess the truth. Was not this approach made on every occasion when Messers Waterhouse revolted against her levies of blackmail ?

Mr. Crowley refused her advances, and she accordingly perjured herself

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in the High Court (Crowley v. Constable) in the Marylebone Police Court and at the Old Bailey. (Rex v. Crowley.)

~~WERE THESE PERJURIES KNOWINGLY SUBORNED BY MM. WATERHOUSE?~~

5. Betty May, who had been living with Cruze during the early stage of her dealings with Messers Waterhouse, used him and a solicitor introduced by him in those negotiations. She had "parted with him on good terms", and was still seeing him from time to time, long after the supposed date of his alleged theft of the letters. She valued them at "hundreds of pounds".

Was she not the instigator of his approach to Gregg Mather about the offer to Mr. Crowley of the use of the letters ?

6. A Warrant was issued for the arrest of Mr Crowley, who was available at any time. Only a Summons was granted against Eddie Cruze, who was then and still is, in hiding.

Why ?

7. Detective-Sergeant Davidson seems to have made no serious attempt to serve that summons, although he was supplied with all information necessary.

Why ? (P.S. He denies that he received this information.)

8. On April 10, '33, Cruze was seen in London. The next morning Detective Sergeant Davidson was notified. He stated that the Summons had been withdrawn.

~~WHO ASKED LEAVE TO DO THIS? AND ON WHAT GROUNDS ?~~

(He now says that Iwi did this ; grounds, inability to find Cruze.)

WAS CRUZE ASSURED OF PROTECTION FROM THE FIRST ?

If not, what is the explanation of the Magistrat's action ?

IS IT NOT MANIFEST THAT THE SOLE OBJECT OF THE WHOLE PROCEEDINGS WAS

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TO 'FRAME MR. CROWLEY ?

9. The negotiations about the letters were directed by 'Aunt Nancy', an intimate friend of Cruze, and a barrister.

Why did he not come forward ? What is his name ?

10. No proceedings of any sort were taken against Gregg (alias George) Mather, who actually received the letters from Cruze, and handed to him the £5 paid for the use of them.

Why ?

11. Mr Isidore Kerman (Forsyte, Kerman, and Philips, solicitors for Mr. Crowley) received the letters from Mr. Crowley. No proceedings were taken against him.

Why ?

12. On Dec. 19, '33, a conference was held at the 'Falstaff' in Fleet Street to discuss the purchase of the use of the letters. present: Messrs Isidore Kerman, Gregg Mather, and Karl Germer.

Mather related the whole of his negotiations with Cruze, and on his statement Mr. Kerman advised that the transaction should be carried through, though he said that the value was less like Five Pounds than Five Shillings.

Mr Kerman swore at the Old Bailey that he had had no previous knowledge of the proposed transaction.

Why ?

I submit that the above facts constitute a prima facie case for a full and impartial investigation into the whole of the circumstances.

I submit that they establish the very strongest presumption of criminal conspiracy against Mr. Crowley.