

Bell Inn  
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July 16

Dear Brother and Right Reverend Father in God,  
So what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Many thanks for yours rec<sup>d</sup> July 12.

Devotion to the Past is usually  $50$ ; have you  
a planet there? Do send me your 'horoscopes'<sup>(horoscopes)</sup>  
in any case: I find them most helpful.

Chaldean figure, I hope; it shows the  
angular houses at a glance.

I am a little surprised that you have  $8$   
in Asc<sup>Asc</sup>; I should have thought  $11$ . Perhaps  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  hr later would do it; can you make one?

It has occurred to me frequently to tell a  
sister that his figure is wrong, + what it  
should be; sure enough, enquiry proved  
that I was right. [Example in the last  
3 months: the published figure of Clifford  
Bates:  $0^{\circ}$  was given. I said Rats!  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr. The

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investigated, & it was so.]

What I don't approve of "is having more organizations with terrific titles than there are members in any one of them.

"Holy Willie's Prayer" is one of the best poems of Burns.

I return the revised leaflet with applause.

I am glad to see that you have correctly appreciated the idea of the Masses to the funerals of G & V.

The Mariavites are wrong, as you say. Remember Johnson's reply to the feminist who insisted "What real difference is there to be?" — "Malum, I cannot conceive."

A separate sheet for notes on Myranis &c.



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I am 97° (Grand Hierophant) of  
Memphis, & 90° of Migration.  
I have never seen a single ritual of  
any one of these grades.

[Ararat, Sharon &c - just Yankee's  
flowery way of saying: Build up the  
whole show afresh from the start.]

The 97° Memphis was "reduced" to 33°  
by Yankee by arrangement with the 33°  
Scotch of the Grand Orient of France.  
But our 20° is their 33°.  
He gave me a printed volume of the

4° - 33° (1° - 3° are Craft Masonry) They  
are interminable, dull beyond belief,  
hardly anything worth saving. I took the  
book out to the Sahara, & read it - I  
had only one or two other books with me -  
forwards & backwards for months on end.  
They are totally unworkable - who

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is going to commit to memory all these  
Egregious discourses, in present day conditions!

So I picked out the very sparse phrases, &  
put the whole of Masonry & Super Masonry  
in the rituals of O.T.O.

This system is simple. The speeches are  
short, & specially written so as to make it  
all easy to memorize. The system is  
twofold.  $0^{\circ}$  - P.I. consists of 6 degrees  
[Incarnation - Birth - Life - Death -

Reincarnation - Nirvana is a loose way  
to put it] The other degrees  $V^{\circ}$  -  $IX^{\circ}$  ( $X^{\circ}$   
is honorary for a Nat<sup>l</sup> Gr<sup>d</sup> Master &  $XI^{\circ}$   
known only to the  $X^{\circ}$ 's.) are a progressive  
comment on  $II^{\circ}$  (Life)

Yarker was delighted, but died  
even before I had finished the work.  
We elected Meyer  $96^{\circ}$   $90^{\circ}$   $33^{\circ}$  to succeed  
him in England & Pappas as  $97^{\circ}$ . Then  
Pappas died & we had a Spanos to center-  
arise whose name I forget; then it



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came to Theodor Reuss, who had (in any case) been the brain & energy of the whole push for many years. He had been O.H.O. & Frater Superior of the O.T.O. for a long time, also Noble Gr. M. Gr. of Germany; also of Austria where Rudolph Steiner discovered what the secret of the IX<sup>o</sup> did actually mean, & took flight - also refuge in Jesus! When Reuss died, I succeeded him.

That should make everything clear.

Now then - let me inject about 3yrs Stychnic & swallow a pint of B78 brandy, and tackle your "Historical Jesus". This is the most learned,

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and the least crowning, of any  
autograph that ever came my way!  
Your knowledge has every quality of  
nightmare! It is as if you had com-  
pressed "his Unveiled," "The Golden Bough,"  
and the Encyclopaedia Britannica for  
your measure, into one Iron Ratio  
of Erudition!

But make no mistake, Right  
Reverend Father! It is your own head that  
is being crushed by this Pelion. We  
should be so happy with a simple Thesis  
- which, after all, doesn't matter two  
hoots to anybody else. But your Old  
Man of the Sea obscures you all the time;  
you have the proof, & so you feel that  
you must prove it. So you do. But what  
is the upshot? Well, about 90% of the  
readers are bewildered, about 85% bored  
as well, and 99.8% stunned by the



Shall we fight of it!

In my own case, though my knowledge is as one moulted feather compared to your colossal eagle-plumage, I have felt this, and tried to put as much trouble as might be with the limestone by a certain lightness of style. It has not wholly succeeded. In despair (at the urging of sensible friends who half believe in me, & wish they could understand more of my mind) I am trying to write a purely colloquial book, with the answers to such simple, such fundamental questions as first occur to people when they begin to think it all.

[E.g. "Do you believe in God?" "What are Angels?" "What happens after death?" "How do I begin to learn Magick?" etc etc]

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I must tell them what to study, why they should study it, how they should go to work, and so on. You merely present the bread-sucker with a brick when you throw Apollonius' views on Cosubstratation at him. (Now please don't tell me that it wasn't Apollonius; just the first name that comes into my head.) People don't want to be correct about dry-as-dust details of subjects they have never even heard of.

You said "people not suitable for O.T.O."  
But all men have to go through the actual experiences of which O - P.I. are the symbolic dramatizations; so they all have a right to take those 6 degrees.

Love is the law, love under will.

Fraternally

Herbert Crowley