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A.C. to G.J.Y. 2/2/30 ----- 171

...Oxford is going splendidly. We have got a don sleuthing around the wood pile, and when we have found the nigger, we will make him sing Hallelujah to a different tune. It is pretty certain, I think, that the University will not admit disapproval, so there will be a nice scapegoat to which we can apply our divine energy, even though he be of cast iron and the snowstorms raging without...

A.C. to G.J.Y. Knockholt 3/2/30 172

..The battle is on to-day at Oxford.

A.C. to G.J.Y. I. Percy Str. London. II/3/30

A.C. to G.J.Y. Aquila Press. 12/5/30

See A.C.'s letters to Gummer for the story

4/C. A.C. to G.J.Y. Aquila Press London. 12/5/30.

Berlin is very enthusiastic. The Tageblatt has a very charming little article about me with a reproduction of the John drawing. It is urgent that I have ~~reproductions~~ photographs of some of the best things for reproduction in an art magazine to prepare the way for the Berlin exhibition.

I had dinner with Thynne last night... His idea of a merger is that of an anaconda proposing the same operation to a rabbit... He undertook to purchase the edition of Magick for £500 cash, with me to get 15 per cent royalties on the sale; and he must be held to that. Then again the question of these pictures has got to be settled. The Mandrake ought to finance the exhibition on the terms originally arranged, that they are to pay all expenses and recoup themselves from the proceeds of the exhibition. I consider this a very generous offer on my part, as the principle object of the exhibition from their point of view was to get publicity for the Confessions and other books. Considering that they take the lion's share of the profits, they ought to be willing to spend money on advertising, and if I am shouldering that part of the burden, they ought not to put obstacles in my way...

A.C. to G.J.Y. Aquila Press. 16/5/30 174

The pictures have come safely to hand. There would appear to be about 160 of them. We have got a man to organise the Exhibition, name Hanchant... I think the fair rough arrangement might be to consider that the Mandrake and the Aquila would get about equal benefits from the show, and therefore should go fifty-fifty on the expenses...

The contract for the Aquila is not yet ready. Of course the lawyers would find some absurd *difficultly* formality to talk to each other about

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Yeoman House Haymarket. 8/8/30

I have got a flat, (89 Park Mansions, Knightsbridge), though I am afraid it is not nearly so uncomfortable as you would have wished.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Undated.

Awful mess (perhaps) at Bank. When I gave you that £80 to pay in, I had about £60, equals £140. I drew only 3 or 4 small cheques - nothing over £4 - and the £50 for Germer. My balance on Aug I was £58 and I drew the £50 to pay this trip and some small expenses at 89. So I assumed Karl's £50 had been paid. But he only paid it in on July 28, so it seems doubtful. But how can I have gone so wrong, unless you forgot to pay in the £80 or they forgot to credit it? Anyhow will you call on Bank and see that its straight somehow. Writing Marie by this mail.

A Portuguese poet who translated A.C. Hymn to Sun in Portuguese
and published a small book of sonnets in English. 46

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A.C. to G.J.Y. On Board the Royal Mail Steam Packet/Company's

Aug 31 1930

...We [A.C. and Hanni Jaeger] shall bolt for a fishing village and live at minimum rates until things are a bit fixed (i.e. unless Pessoa is on the job) Then go on and see Ambliello and Xul Solar -please send addresses etc- make McAllan write me introductions in Buenos Aires- then to the Galapagos, Tahiti, China, India and so to bed...

I've written to Germer to get me a contract to write up our trip round the world on £14-10-10¹/₂. See him about it-he may want to know that Monster [Hanni] can do good sketches.

I do hope you consider seriously the plan for you to rest up absolutely for 3 months at least. Do Yoga hard and secretly, but nothing else. Give yourself to the life of the Country.

Shall start G.M.R. at once. But the first week may be hard very hard, unless Pessoa makes particularly good. Do I hope Hanchant will sell the John well. Don't forget Augustus John's portrait drawings of A.C. He did 3 of them.

The hell of a sea fog most of the time. But peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin etc. Please send full news of Mandrake prospects. Will write more from Lisbon.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Lisbon No date.

Came out here (Estoril) Wednesday. A really perfect spot to stay put for a bit and diet etc. A really perfect spot, esp. for Yoga. All civilised convenience, but hardly spoilt at all. Temperature exactly right and no trouble in getting the sort of food I need for health. Sea A.I. too. No expensive idiots and stupid vices. There should be quite a lot of money turning it into a hell on earth.

We started round this afternoon to look for a furnished room, but this place does not seem to work that way. We can't even find shops, bar a few for visitors, and don't know where the inhabitants live, or how. To-morrow we'll cast over the Eastern Pool.

Most educated people here speak French and some English. There is a big English speaking colony in Lisbon. Pessoa comes out Saturday or Sunday, and will get him to help look for a dovecot. Also business. He could well be Mandrake agent here. Very slack after the morning swim and long walk.

P.S. One snag over estimates. There's a Govt. tax on hotel bills. It means adding 20 per cent to calculations till we get more settled.

A.C. to G.J.Y. Lisbon undated.

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Pessoa has found a capitalist interested in AL Ltd- i.e. a show to boost the work itself, not a nondescript "small press". Might be the R (ich) M (an) from the W (est). Must stay here and see it through. Conditions have been very bad owing to Aumont letting us down- to say nothing of London. There will be complete smash by end of month at latest unless substantial aid arrives.

one of the - to me - crazy prophets in the Book of the Law. He was to come but didn't.

A.C. to G.J.Y. Lisbon undated.

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A good voyage but 36 hours late from log. Cora insane with rage, so you should get £2000 in a week or so. Going to search this p.m. we can get pension at about £1 a day for two, and look round

Germer's 2nd wife

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Going to sea this P.M. we can get a pension at about £1 a day for two, and look round for a room where we can write the journey book and ~~ppia/~~ paint and swim buying our own food and cut down 50 per cent. Health marvellous: the O.T.O is the thing: Harley St is a stupid Chicago. That is what you want, the right girl and the right way of work. Your nerves would be O.K. in a month. Do your best with this contract to do articles on this journey and a book on return. The material is superb.

Pessoa is a translator and wants to do my stuff. I asked him to negotiate the Portuguese rights, but he says Rio is the place. (This town is a cess pool) So we want to go on there by the Asturias on Sept 29, and again a month later to Buenos Aires. Fares to Buenos about £200 and 2 months living, say £100; so ~~18 181~~ I'd want an advance of £300 and trust to the Gods to do some more in Buenos!

This town is one hell of a noise; even in the cafes they have radio sets 5 times louder than I have ever heard. And at 1. a.m. it's like a boiler factory with all the hands caught in the machinery. Hoping for your news soon. Monster sends love.

----- Hami Jager 181

Undated Memorandum from Lisbon (to G.J.Y.) *By this time the Mandrake was on the verge of liquidation*
Mandrake. The only sensible plan is to take all the sash you can raise out of the Mandrake or otherwise, take over all the A.C. stuff, get a cheap G.H.Q. outside central districts, concentrate all assets, have Regardie do the spade work gather Germer's £2000 and make a clean start with A.C. Ltd (or at least our own Press) by Xmas.

My personal debts are not many. I think £300 would cover all and doubtless £100 distributed wisely ~~would~~ with the proper excuses and promises would keep everybody quiet. *A.C.'s 2nd wife. No personal funds*

I am writing Marie. She must look after herself for cash. She lost her chance by sheer stupidity and bad conduct; and as she tried to seduce most of the men who used to come round to 89, I don't feel very bad about it all. *? doubt the seduction bit 474]*

£200 would keep us here in quite adequate comfort till Dec 31. (Pension 12/6 each, good wine at 1/4, cigarettes 3/ per 100. No entertaining or other excs outside bar tips and laundry) This of course bar threatenedngs of catastrophe, which always costs money to beat off.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. From Lisbon. Undated.

This desertion of me has resulted in the ~~greatest~~ gravest magical mischief. I had better return next week, and you had better wire me £20 to pay my bills here and the passage. Pessoa cannot help personally, but I think his capitalist is going to be good. Better rush Pessoa a copy of the A.C. Ltd prospectus in case the one from Kerman ~~does~~ does not materialize.

Don't send Monster's pictures to Berlin till further word.

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(Note. As A.C. had gone away with 'Monster' leaving his wife Marie penniless and without support in London, I kept back what little money I had of his and doled it out to her. At the same time I refuse to have further financial dealings with him, i.e. refused to act again ~~as~~ his agent)

as his agent. The Mandrake Press went bankrupt. I went on a 3 month walking tour in North Africa. G.J.Y.)

A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin 30/9/30. 183

It is entirely false to say I quarrelled with you as to expenses of G.H.Q. as you so maliciously wrote. I have not quarrelled with you at all: I am exhibiting zeal in service towards you, as my oath demands...

My journey to Lisbon gave you your second chance. You though you would starve me out or get me into serious trouble there. You seem to have lost all sense of the fact that the Masters arrange these ~~little~~ matters. You have permitted yourself to criticise what you ignorantly suppose to be my personal conduct, and you have spoken and written disrespectfully of me to others. The usual reward! I admitted you to familiarity, and like an ill-trained lackey you take liberties. But this is not the point. I care nothing for personal affronts. The point is that you have allowed your personal relations to distract you from the G.W. What could I do but suspend you, when you were clearly neglecting your duties as the representative of the Order....

A.C. to G.J.Y. 8/10/30. 184

Your quarrelling with me is not my quarrelling with you, as you falsely wrote to Cora. I'm perfectly friendly. You never did do what you say you can no longer do. You have never introduced ~~me to~~ one person of importance. You err when you say that I refuse to help Marie. I wrote her that I would. It is she that does not reply to my letters. "There are two of them and they both bounce". I still do not understand this sentence. (I had not liked to wire the word 'balls' G.J.Y.) Yet you wire me the phrase. I get a feeling of triumphal malice with this and other of your outbursts. Can you wonder that I doubt your sanity.

I went to Portugal on the strongly-worded advice of both yourself and Thynne. The finances were to have been arranged solely on the basis of the sale of the John, Aumont, and any contracts I could make for the story of the adventure. (I did not get into a mess: the Gods have arranged things very well.) But when you wrote that you intended to misappropriate the money - when you had every reason to believe that I was in danger of prison or starvation - your attitude was clear. And my duty was plain.... I hope your 'retirement' (the walking tour. G.J.Y.) will bring you to yourself, though so cowardly and disloyal an act seems more likely to bring disaster. I repeat that both you and Thynne were strongly in favour of the Portuguese Working- and your malice was one factor in its startling success.

Your letter sent to Portugal and just arrived, though even more malignant, seemed less insane. But you may as well know that normal men rarely appoint sexual degenerates to pass judgement on what is 'morally justifiable'. Besides you are pitifully bourgeois; you don't understand the autocrat. However if as reported (and apparently admitted by yourself) you are committing adultery with Marie, there may be some hopes for you. "Stepping stones of your dead self to higher things" etc... [Mention to say nothing that Cora. Marie died in Liberty Hall ~~at the asylum~~]

I have no intentions of returning to ~~England~~ and live in England

until there is a proper G.H.Q. where I can work....

I am the man in the soup -for I did think you were the heir. You have all the qualifications, except this moral thoroughness. And I still hope you'll win through.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 8/8/30 Nov 8, '30

Yours from Biskra. Very-encouraging to me. But I hope for quite definite RESULTS as well as a return to health etc. I hoped you would go to Mish -to see a Brother- But They are in charge. Incidentally they are testing every one of us; and I am about near the limit. (Not a financial trouble) All sorts of disasters everywhere followed your exit. I went to his oasis El Oued but he was away for the winter.

The culminating charge against you is that you tried to induce Marie to have me arrested. (On being asked for advice by Marie, I had explained to her the law re maintenance, divorce etc. G.J.Y.) I don't know for what. I was inclined to believe this when I heard it, because of your unholy glee in writing to me on my "crime and punishment". Of course I thought you were cuckoo. You'll need to be a very full 6 equals 5 when you come back; all has gone from bad to worse. Except the Lisbon Working, which improves all the time.

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A.C. to G.J.Y Berlin. 3 Dec 30

...You are funny when you propose disassociating yourself from matters out of which you have been chucked. You will do more wisely to ask rehabilitation in a chastened ~~spirit~~ spirit!

You don't know my methods till I explain them; as I can now do with your own view in perspective. But we should have a personal interview. I can put you up in this attic where we starve and freeze and rejoice.

No news of Marie, despite urgent enquiries. Perhaps her death lies at your door. You ought to have known that I would never desert her in any conditions - or even "disassociate myself" from "her affairs temporal". (I am afraid the old sinner did so G.J.Y) Floreat Atona. Nor is there any news of Astarte. I really wonder whether if you haven't committed the most abominable crime in occult history. And yet - patior....

Glad your getting down to El Oued conditions. The Greek inn-keeper (blind) at Nefta is a great scoundrel, and a great friend of mine. Can you get news of Belgacem bin Amor? Sorry you missed Abdul Aziz - an adept and a gentleman. And no fool. Give my regards to Captain Belvalte....

A.C. to G.J.Y. 2 Dec '30

[His Arab boy. I have one of his love letters to the old Oued ^{summer} [as I did]

...I had hoped that even one breath of El Oued - if you walked there - and saw the sunrise on the wind-curved hollows of the dunes - would have shewn you your life in perspective, and restored you to the vision of the Great Work. If you walk to Gabes, far from the railway, you may win through. I should return if I were you via Palermo Cefalu (for enquiries) Milan etc to Berlin, and help pick up the pieces.

Loyde writes that Marie has disappeared. This is not a stunt of mine; I am totally without news. Regardie does not answer my questions about her; nor has she answered my letters.. [They never reached her]

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Ia Wurtzburgerstr. Berlin. Jan 17 '34 31

This makes the 13th day of really ~~serious~~ severe illness -with Cora as severe

a hovering angel (mercifully) in the background. Germer has been kinder than is possible to plain human beings. (You might not understand if I itemized that he insists on my eggs being laid personally by the King of Denmark, and autographed by Frederick the Great. Indeed I am not sure if I haven't got this mixed up....

I see no point in discussing business at present... The bedrock fact is that of £1500 put into the Mandrake for a specific purpose, not one penny was ever spent for that purpose. And the Great Snag remains how to get out Vol III of the Confessions, which you and I agree to be the critical issue. I suggest that you concentrate on that... We got II pictures, thank the Lord. But oh! my Dead Souls screen! My ee-wee Lamb! I really worry about this. (The box which used to contain it arrived stuffed with other pictures...

Marie again: How could I communicate with Regardie away, giving no address? I wrote repeatedly and she never answered. I wish you would realize that since returning to Berlin I have/had not had one single penny that I could call my own. Even the £5 from the Settlement is counted into the very meagre allowance on which I subsist after a fashion. The worst is that this privation prevents me doing anything at all to help myself. The best is -the Monster...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin I Feb 32

...I asked Regardie months ago to consult Medley on my legal position re Marie. Why should I want to ~~consult/you~~ invoke you? Or are you a 'Co'?

The pictures muddle was dreadful; nearly knocked me out. How you interpreted Germer's letter a send the lot I can't understand. But I note that he has avoided showing me the letter...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin Feb 14 '31

My monthly payment should return to £7 next month. Incidentally it should be increased, as I have no other resources at all. Lola has a job and a family.

My suggestion was that Marie should receive temporary help while getting a job, and pendente lite. Marie has not written to me. I really don't feel too sympathetic. If she wants to be a lone wolf, why not? I wrote the magistrate...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Feb 22. Berlin.

Talking of what people write at different times, I seem to remember vaguely that you wrote me recently refusing to negotiate between me and Marie. I replied that I had never asked you to do so, that I did not do so, and that I never would do so while the Lord preserved my reason. You reply -after a decent interval -with Six Pages of negotiation. And I must regretfully decline to discuss the matter, as I have placed it in the hands of my solicitors [I was trying to help her]

A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin 3 Feb 31

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Thanks for Marie's address. I will inform my lawyer. Your ego-
mania in supposing I should want you to negotiate is really exhorbiaant
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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin Feb 9

Marie. I have written the Magistrate and referred him to F (ield)
R (oscoe) and Co. But really I think I've treated Marie ~~very~~/decently
with far more than "common decency". To marry her at all!!! My view is
that she forfeited the position I gave her; and I see no hardships in h
her reverting to the status quo antea... [I did not take the carrot 477]

Guess your right about the successor problem. The trouble is y
you assume (at times) that I am superior to all human weakness!

...Marie. She never answered my letter of Aug 3 with full
instructions until I had again left Berlin. I got it only Aug 24 or 25
and then it was just frivolity. She never answered other (frequent)
letters at all. I sent her cash as I could. 50-50 of anything I got.
Then she vanished, and Lloyd wrote he thought she had killed herself.
Hence my joke to you. I had heard she was with some man. I wrote all
facts with dates to Nick; but have had no answer. You see how impossible
she is. At least Dennes would have mailed me a letter from her. Any-
how what could I do? I haven't had the cash to buy a postage stamp in
3 months. And Marie has insulted everyone here beyond forgiveness. You
saw her with guests in her own house. And I gather she was worse when
I wasn't there. If you can suggest any course of action, do. (And you
will at once become entitled to all known and unknown grades of adept-
ship ...

Now for the serious part of this letter. I should like to see
your record. From the evidence I can deduce a purgative return to your
very fine normal self. But has there been a critical experience, such
as I hoped for? One of those events in a man's life which sets him
apart from ever from the herd of the profane? Once you have the Seal of
the Adepts upon you, you can't go really wrong any more, except for
silly details. [

NO.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin undated.

...There is only one ideal Home - the Churchyard. I've been
having operations on my nose, again, lot's of 'em and more to come. My
exhibition is a long story, but

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exhibition is a long story; but the aspects are surprisingly good. The 4 Monks, by the way, is utterly condemned here, save by Luisa Zschaetzsch (one of my Ersatz-girls during the temporary indisposition of the Monster) but I'm going ahead very strong...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin undated.

Yes: sorry indeed. Come for Eqx. Need not cost you a penny beyond the fare, if you don't mind a shakedown in this garret, and sharing the horse-and donkey-sausage which is now my main sustenance. Monster had an operation and is away very ill. The Germer's seem to have forgiven you, and would help feed you on Baked Beans.

Marie? She doesn't write and a letter to Belsize Ave came back 'Not Known', did you give me the right number?...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. From Berlin March '31

..I doubt Marie's ability to dispose of her corpse satisfactorily: I remember too well the trouble I had with my own. But I should take it as a great favour if you would entrust me with her letter of 28 Feb with envelope. If nothing turns up in a month or so I may have to make enquiries, perhaps to ask the Court to allow me to presume her death. I think I was human all right. I asked no more of her than ~~common~~ the commonest decency and good sense. You know well of your own knowledge how impossible she made life. In such cases a time always comes when one has to put one's foot down- and then is only sorry that one didn't do it at first. That is just where pity, and love of the sentimental kind, do such harm to both. *[she was unbearably & loved me - stand up to the strain of life with AG]*

Sorry about Thynne. He might have written a word of regret when catastrophe came, don't you think? The trouble is that, whatever the truth may be, he did act like a swindler in many ways.

Lloyd. I have to have him sign the DirtyDuty paper, and show very practical good will before I trust him. I think he has been playing fast and loose with me... *He had had a heart attack and died.*

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin . Pension Mea 7 Doernberg Strasse. Undated.

Its all the wrong way round according to the ideas of us Victorians, but you are becoming jolly beastly lovable. You are really A.I. on Marie: you've been sitting "At the feet of the Master" after all. (Why not enjoy life?) ((P.S. You are a callous bugger)) I've heard nothing from Marduk - whom I had supposed to be an Assyrian Deity.. I am really very glad to hear Foreman is in health. You scared me. I love that man... I have another Countess now, so feel fatigued. I apologize to Pailthorpe - whom I treated nobly here, as best I could - for not being impotent. I wish you were here. There is a chance of snitching the enemy a snapper on the snoot. And I am taking it.

P.S. While actually writing a new combination has sprung up involving Cologne. Jean Ross is coming to tea... She is an ambitious young actress (25) very good looking in her way - a perfect type for Monica - a banker behind her, but we aren't sure if he's big enough. She thinks she can sell film rights of Mortadello. The moral is that we must have time to develop all these matters. Its good going just because its slippery. Everybody is greedy to bite on any brightly coloured fly. Do learn dressing 'em

A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin 2 June '31

This notepaper does not mean that I have set up business as a whore I am recommending his Majesty to insist next year that all debutantes wear paupers uniforms. We really must sort people out. WERE not WHERE is the 3rd person of the imperfect tense of the verb TO BE.

You must have had many a laugh about the tobacco: but (a) I do important things in double (b) Karma is Karma, even if I have to wield the cane myself.

As to M (arie) I think it is all a practical joke of yours - provisionally. (I had written him that Marie was now in the workhouse G.J.Y.) But if it is O.K. and she learnt (a) English (b) how to behave herself (c) that it is not enough to explain that she is Marie Teresa Ferrarri de Miramar I shall forgive Charles Dickens (was it not, pride of Eton?) for inventing the 'workus', (I have just had a very pretty compliment paid me: that is why I feel so good.) I await with joy, as a Lion in the Jungle awaits the frail gazelle, the "pretty story letter" of the County Council. The mildness of my reply will probably class me with the late Moses ibn Amman. I thought by the way that that fella Dickens had abolished debtor's prisons. You're all wrong, young lad! Gimme the good old gallows and save money!

The idea of my coming to England unless someone will give me £1,000,000 per day to do it - in which case I will come for 10 days with a flock of Eagles - is the idea of someone who has never been in Berlin. Fue Pagan Thelema! Nunc dimittis!!

A.C. to G.J.Y. March

...I am very ^{7? 10,000 dollars 199} greatly distressed by the course affairs have taken. The worst is that it is sheer idiocy. The Germans claim that I have a good brain - but they have laughed at my advice on two critical occasions. I Joachimstal July-Aug '29. I urged to sell all U.S.A. stock and buy mortgages) dollars £0,000. To-day dollars 15,000 would buy back that stock. 2. When Alphonso quit, I went instantly to them, told them what was bound to happen - knowing Spain so well - and urged them to realise the balance left from the previous foolishness - about dollars 10,000 - and to sell Pesetas. We could have made at least 20,000 dollars on the deal. I know I can't keep accounts like a clerk at 25/ a week; but I have a knowledge of the world, and of the trend of things, and I know the theory of how to take advantage of it. Bankers and such can do the rest.

You won't take this seriously, I suppose; but if you could only see my mind with a clear eye, unprejudiced by your ideas about my 'extravagance', we could really do something. Especially in the world as it is to-day, full of bewildered sheep; a really sharp intelligence can make a fortune,

Why didn't I make one in the last few months? Vide supra. And every plan I make is thwarted by Saturnus for reasons which are plain to me and Dr Pailthorpe. I believe that the mark of the financial genius is that he forgets about the money he happens to have; just puts it safely away, and goes all out after other people's. The Cora type thinks only of the cash in hand, and so it disappears automatically, it's the Ego as usual. They think MY money, as something sacrosanct, quite different from the dross of other people.

Well I must to coffee.

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appeal to her through Regardie. I think too that her outrageous attitude towards the friends who were so kind to her in Germany was symptomatic of the coming trouble. I am afraid there is nothing whatever to be done about it. At least we must wait for the situation to be regularised.

What we have to do is to concentrate on carrying out the instructions of the Book of the Law. If you will give all that you have and all that you are to this Great Work, it will be to you what my renunciation of the Abramelin operation in Easter 1898 was to me.

A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin Sept. ----- 202

...You are in very great danger of becoming a 'browser'. There are lots of them. This year Theosophy, next Christian Science, next Psychoanalysis, then Inner Light and then Neo-Platonism or Neo-Thomism -ad lib. Don't spoil your appetite with kickshaws!

I think you should come to Berlin -but secretly- for the opening of the Show (of A.C.'s pictures G.J.Y.) on Oct II. And be at my birthday party.

You are totally wrong about the virtue of 'keeping on working'. Your grade does matter: that is why we have grades- as a moment's thought would assure any sensible person. One does not trust a man with Cabinet Secrets just because he has always been interested in Politics. There are Guardians; and every gate will be locked against you unless you have the keys. Do you really think that I am such a fool as to have entrusted any matters of real importance to the first comer? Or, did I do so, could he understand? *Allen Bennett - Frater Yahi Noor (dit there be light) in the Golden Dawn who taught A.C. his magic. Eckenstein put him on to the path '1930*

I do hate to think of you developing into a Pink-Tea occultist, as you are doing. The 10th Aethyr is not a nice place! You need discipline more than any man (of any promise) that I ever knew. I daily bless my stars that I had absolute brutes like Eckenstein and Ananda Metteya to bully me, and the sense to head their warnings...

I have reformed the Magical Link -this is the most important sentence for the Work in this letter- Am working against frightful odds, but all will be well again if you make good.

A.C. to G.J.Y undated. ----- 203

Just snapping out of 4 hours "breathing exercise"- yes indeed And I have to see the dentist every day now, or lose my fangs. I've a good man-used to do Teddy VII. Food runs out tomorrow. Tobacco runs out in 10 days, shelter runs out in a week. We are really too much under the harrow to attend clear-mindedly to Krako and the rest. Better avoid contact, than give them the idea that we are desperate... Could you get me a Raphael Ephemeris 1932? In case we survive? *Colonel Carter at Scotland Yard*

P.S. Tell Nick that Hohenzollerns crowded the Geduchtes Kirche on "Dead Sunday". The Hitler-Hugenburg crowd want to bring them back. They will be in power probably by Xmas. But that will mean French intervention, also revolution ending in anarchy with a probably attempt of the the Soviets to capture the century. It means utter smash all round. And Nick is not fit for his job if he bothers about other people's private affairs- morals or religion. And he talks too much.

P.P.S. Bro. Joseph seems a pretty good Mason- for once! He's treating my teeth on unlimited tick - but hasn't got the money to buy the platinum etc necessary and to pay the mechanic. So we have to get at

least R.M.300 at once. And he was Edward VII's special man, and travelled with him. What a world! Anicca, Dukkha, Anatta!

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Karlsruherstr. 2 Berlin-Halensee. 18-9-31.

Yes I hope so too! But I never told or wrote you ~~before~~ this before- you run round after Knowledge like a cat after valerian, but you never go deeply enough or accurately enough, into any one thing, to get Understanding. I do hope (again!) that your Father William is the one that I have always revered so profoundly since the days of my first governess. Glad you're coming here...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 7 Aug.

From various indications it seems that the time may be at hand to make a big move. I am convinced as ever that the fulfilment of the instructions in Liber Legis -e.g. by the publication of Vol III ~~of the~~ Confessions- would bring about immediately the full realization of the rest of the programme. When are you coming to Berlin?.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 1st Oct 31 Karlsruherstasse 2.

I hope to see you here next Saturday -with all the added virtues wrung from deserts, caves, and cargo-boats, where they ~~manufacture~~ manufacture adepts

I am inclined to think you had better come straight here. I cannot tell you why in a short letter. At least be prepared to do so. A very grave situation has arisen, of which finance is only a minor detail. The S (scarlet) W (oman) turned up just in time. I hope finances will be straightened out for good, and all by the time you arrive. It could have been done a month ago (but for Germer's developments. My soul is very sad for him. I had a long talk with Dr Adler yesterday, and he says there is only one course. Adler should join us. Will try arrange you meet him at dinner. Well we must go down to fix the final details about the Show. (His picture exhibition from Brill Busch

at the Sforza -- gallery 209
See binder of his letters to Germer and the latter diaries

A.C. to G.J.Y. 22 Oct 31 . Karlsruherstrasse 2.

I'm very glad that you have been able to see for yourself how I have been placed. I came to Berlin last October because Karl Germer had promised me £2000 to reconstruct the Mandrake, and I had to be on the spot. But his sadistic mania postponed this and kept me utterly penniless so that every penny he advanced was taken up by urgent necessities. He thwarted every effort I made to get to Reinhardt and other men with whom I might have done business. Finally he gambled all away. Even if I had had money, I could not have sent it to Marie, who stubbornly refused to answer letters, or to communicate when Regardie begged her to do so. I was never sure of her address either. [He could have got it from Regardie]

As soon as possible I shall of course pay up all monies expended for her support by the County Councils. By the way I have had no demand from them. I may also mention that my information was that she was being kept by one or more men. I am proposing to divorce her as soon as it

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becomes practicable; and I shall be prepared to pay her passage back to her father in Nicaragua-where formerly she earned her living well enough by painting and embroidery -paying her an adequate allowance until she is on her feet again. But of course all this needs money- and I can literally do nothing until my present negotiations are completed. [I think he would have done when he had the money]

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A.C. to G.J.Y. I Nov 31

...Can't you get Lloyd to stake us for (say) one year? It is the uncertainty that upsets Bill (Busch) and me too-yea even me. We can live and entertain and work and put things over on £40 a month. But we must feel we are safe from being thrown into the street in n days time; the imminence of disaster deadens all one's faculties as well as sapping one's self confidence. It even attacks ones physical health... Coat cost-R.M. 200 -damn good one too! Bill looks superb in it.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 3 Nov 31

The one serious result of the delay about the £50 is that Frau Mattner and her lawyer have lost confidence. One thing is sure, we must pay the rent on the date Nov 15. Germer is again in hiding; Cora, protecting the poor darling, passes from tears to rages and back. I fear we must settle all this through lawyers, simply to get ~~more~~ some sanity into the proceedings. If Cora really thinks she can get anything by threats, God help her!...

The facts are we have quite a new gang on the job: I quite think we can pull it off. The one trouble is that Bill is distracted with work and worry: so breaks down more or less for a few hours now and again.

Oh Lord, how long? I do wish Cora wouldn't cut off her nose to spite her face. She told Bill the other day that she didn't care about the money at all; her only object all along has been to separate me and Karl!! Queer notion of how to go to work?

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Nov 10.

Being £9 short on expectations, we were down to 20 pfennig last night - so: back to the pawnshop! Bill has been so damned heroic that I could have ~~kept~~ beaten her; she nearly killed herself yesterday talking to Krako, but got him to give a dinner for us to meet some good people Friday, if we can live till then, Made herself damned ill. Other lines promising, but we can't start properly without some feeling of security, and not one word from you for ever so long: we wonder if you're ill.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Karlsruherstrasse 2, Berlin-Halensee. Undated

Do get your "honesty" untangled. The plan is to put me over in Germany as they did for Bernard Shaw, Frank Harris and Oscar Wilde. Then, and only then will the English follow. We want G.H.Q. here, to arrange translations, productions of plays and films etc. There is no prejudice at all against me here; yesterday Ullstein- very big publishers- asked me for a series of short stories- Reinhardt's chief man is reading Mortadello without giving a single thought to my atrocious views on Sublapsarianism. There is really great hope here. We should have got much further had

adequate supplies been available. Bill has been a nervous wreck: she has even been timid.!' Krako is a man who needs pursuit. But the Schliffers are now working actively with us. S.W. and Frau S ~~are now working on a~~ were all this a.m. translating "The Berlin Manifesto". You will get a copy in a day or so to be circulated in England... You can be perfectly honest in boosting a Cause: and the Manifesto gives the reasons... I can't tell you how wonderful Bill has been inspite of every physical and moral attack on her. Your silence distressed her terribly; we thought you must be ill.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 16 Nov.

...You know you ought to be at it day and night. We have six weeks at the most now, bar absolute miracles, to avert complete catastrophe. Germer wrote that he would pay the rent till Dec 15; and he will probably be O.K. as soon as Cora is ditched in Leipsig. Then it will be up to us to help him: I think he can hold down a routine job, and I can give him one if Krako comes across. But we must weight down Bill with pearls and diamonds- she is, as Solomon noticed, above ~~rubies~~ rubies - if we are to get Krako going properly. Anglice, she does need a couple of frocks.

What's wrong with Regardie? He has retired into the Sanctuary of Silence for months now? And here is Ullstein howling for short stories - and R. has the MSS! [~~He was by now disillusioned re A.C.~~]

It's really too bad! With 1000 pounds we could have ~~put~~ G.H.Q. going really strong for 6 monthd. Bill would be her own gay self again, and do her stuff. In the meanwhile, having no money for other forms of ~~amusement~~ scientific research, she examines me all the time for Impotence. She doesn't agree with G.W.P.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Nov 19.

Herewith the first pamphlet. Useless, of course, until we get a G.H.Q. Working on "Confidence". Parnus saner. Hates Cora. Wants her dead. She very annoyed with you because you have not written her a letter to say that you got home safely and enjoyed your visit to her house, as laid down in "How to behave like a Gentleman"- by Daphne of "High Society".. So once again you are Found Out.

I have only one serious worry - tobacco. ~~Don't~~ If only you could get me some Perique-Oh do! please do! please do! I'm so tired of having bronchitis from the local shag.

Bill suddenly recovered this morning. That damned miscarriage left her in a rotten state. Now she's O.K.

But all is simplified. She and Frau S have got to sit on Krako's head until he is obsquatulated, as my Aunt (I, too, had Aunts!) used to say- and gives us G.H.Q. and cash to carry on. We may survive till Dec 31; but then, yea, then, yea, then, there comes the bloody bump

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Nov 20

...You need not worry about my relations with the A.A. .I got very definite encouragement on Aug 1 -did Magick- and met Bill two days later. But remember that some methods are mysterious.

Hamilton has a good story. He met one Jean Ross, aet. 25, working on radio etc, and mentioned me. She: Oh yes, I've known a

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on radio etc and mentioned me. She: Oh yes, I've known of him for many years. He: ?! ?! ?! She: You see when I was a little girl Nurse used to say: Now Miss Jean, you behave properly at once, or I'll fetch Mr Crowley to you.

When I say we are 'safe' till Xmas, it doesn't mean that we can do much work, only that we can mark time. Which is bad. There is one v. important point. My eternal bronchitis was discovered - mostly by me - to be septic: I have a Bro. Mason here who is taking me to pieces, and the bronchitis is practically gone. But to put me together again - which must be done the moment I am cleaned up - needs gold and platinum. Otherwise I lose all my teeth, as dear Watson Turner wanted; and that would finish me. Needed, some RM 500.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Karlsruherstrasse 2. Undated.

Bill is a pretty sick girl. I began to think she had gastritis or even the beginning of gastric ulcer. So I called in a bloke: he confirms my diagnosis, adding a few ell-chosen words about her gall-bladder. He wanted to cart her off to a nursing home right away; but of course this is impossible as things are. In any case I disagree. The general upset of life, the feeling of being among strangers etc more than counterbalance the alledged 'perfect rest' of the Klinik.... Bill is not a good patient - bad when ill for the very reason that she's so good when well. I think personally that a couple of days strict adherence to diet would put her right. If she won't, I don't know what next. Of course no business till she's better, it's all vert trying; but then, one had to be tried - what are we out for, anyway? If things come to a crisis I'll wire you.

A.C. to G.J.Y. Nov 23.

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Bill practically well, having had sense enough to rest and diet. But nerves have to be tackled on Marathon lines.

I notice Jiddu (Krishnamurti, G.J.Y.) has resigned once more from Messaiaship. I think this time it may be final. A great chance for ~~no~~ anyone who ~~puts up~~ had the guts to go all out and make a proper proclamation. Might at least collect a nucleus large enough to give us our organization. Could Willett carry the Fiery Cross?

A.C. to G.J.Y. Nov 30

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The Day after St Andrews Day. Bill made a posh haggis. There was great joy among the angels in Heaven this morning when the tea arrived. (You get a good mark for the way you sent it - no trouble at all this end) The Devils in Hell are also gloating over the Perique famine. But the Angels came back at them because Mrs Grey invested all her money in Iridium-pointed, Platinum-edged securities at 99 (probably on Karl's advice) and they stand - on slippery snow-covered ice-slopes - at 40. Karl, free of Cora for a week now is almost human, but implacably wroth (like Jehovah) against Bill. It is one hell of a pity that so fine a man should have this raw-egg (I quote Adler) complex. We wanted to put him up in your room. No No No Nanette Friedrich der Grosse wouldn't hear of it. Oh dear! Oh dear! I do wish people would be reasonable. (I think he would come, but he's afraid that Cora would ~~hear of it~~ not like it) Oh dear! Oh dear! Etc etc etc etc etc etc. I have a hunch that things are moving here; but Magically I feel that all depends on you, one foot in the boat and one on the quay -- No, no, (once more) Nanette

A.C. to G.J.Y. Karlsruhestrasse 2. Dec '31

...You know my impotence. The record stands Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 21. What is to be done about it? "But it's ill jesting with a heavy heart" as Sergeant Buzfuz said. The fault is with you. (I am so exasperated that I am goaded into telling the truth) You fail with Lloyd because you haven't made the Magiccil Gesture that gives you the moral right to master men. Your letter was perfect technically; but it wasn't loaded. (God, if I had your assortment of aunts!)

What is a "fraud". Knowles is simply a scoffer, as my Uncle Tom would say; but too conventional to object effectively to people ~~who~~ like Carter. The days of wishy-washiness are over; we are down to brass tacks. Bird-seed must yield to Man-seed!

This applies, like the Law of Thelema to every atom as to every composite body acting as an unity. The one best bet is that you may understand what your motto implies- and get through the Ordeal of a Neophyte. *(V.I. I will to ~~an~~ understand)*

The writing of pamphlets is like nothing else. One has to select with more care than in a sonnet. And one is not even helped by the cut-and-dried rules of the sonnet. "Confidence" had to be side-tracked for "Commerce" - and probably "Wealth" has to come in between

Meantime we are uncertain of our daily corn, even till Dec 31. We have to rely on the Gods -and ye should be as Gods, knowing Good and Evil -Instead you are Mr Worldly-Wiseman, without wordly wisdom! Oh tragedy and comedy of the Great Work.

But I am done. I die. I bring forth fruit. You cling to life and lose it. Even your poor mangy Bhuddhist Bhikkhu would have known better And he is only 50 per cent he-man, red-blooded, clean-living, American citizen. You have to be positive or bust.

P.S. Monday. You should have been at our P.S.A.. Bill suddenly lost all consciousness of what she was doing, walked in from the kitchen, and stabbed me with the carving-knife. Then she got violent, and it was great fun holding her down till the doctor came an hour or so later. A bluggy business. The cause became apparent this morning; so there's another hope gone west. She sends you lots of love, but is in too great pain with this damned dysmenorrhoea to write for a day or so.

? another miscarriage.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Dec 10 '31

Going on well: stitches out on Saturday. Very interesting: it appears on enquiry from various sources that the Elemental Spirit of Korn has a sense of humor; it is his regular trick to let people go on without any obvious effect, and then suddenly remove all their personal reactions, so that they can (and do) do just ~~what~~ anything that happens to occur to them. Quaint! (i.e. Bill was drunk G.J.Y.)

Everything here at a standstill. Bill really ill these last 4 days. Terribly depressed mentally as well. The last ? of Bruning has upset the whole country. It is so childishly absurd that wise folk think that he is riding for a fall. I shouldn't be surprised at civil war breaking out almost any day. Our personal affairs are in a mess. No more cash in sight after Dec 22. As the Good Book says, "Merry Xmas!"

I think I could work Schiffer if Bill were well enough to do the intermediary. It's evident good sense to let down an international anchor out of the stem, and wait for the day. (See Acts 27) Meanwhile

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two people we know both making good incomes have got the bailiffs in. And when 10 per cent comes off wages, as it will on Jan 1, bab revolution - why revolution.

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Xmas Eve. Bill Busch to G.J.Y.

Just received your letter- thanks for your good wished. Hope you got a nice Xmas. † must say you are a cheerful person -about A.C.- I do not want to live if A.C. is no more so you'd better do your utmost to keep us both alive. I have to pull that film business off and several other things - I am only happy with A.C. around me- and I would dread loneliness. I had too much ? as it is.

A.C. adds on reverse.

I wish you would read my letters carefully. The wound was not dangerous, though I lost quarts of blood; but it just missed being fatal which is different. I am preparing to get on to the next inc. (arnation) simply because unless we get cash in considerable quantity by say Jan 7 at latest I shall have nowhere to sleep, and the exposure would doubtless kill me at once... *doise*

Karl is in great form now; had ditched Cora with his family and got a charming girl of 31. They are just coming to dinner so I must break off. Bill is always her sweet tender heroic self; it's worth living while she's around. So I struggle on.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 12 Dec.

The wound has not healed properly- too much ekker (?) before it was dressed. So another week is wanted - it got all twisted up. But I take it as a message that I'm still wanted, as in the case of the Chinese pony. A quarter of an inch lower would have done the trick. I made my dispositions in case. Bill is much better and more cheerful to-day, we have a very clear idea now of what to do and how to do it; but of course there's always the question of the time and means. Germer dropped in to-day, most calm and amiable; the only trouble is that he argues exactly like a woman, with no hold of general principles.

The pamphlet game has been squelched by the last Notverordung. A crazy document- I think the Govt is riding for a fall. This is where we get a chance with Mortadello; the Royalists want films of this type as propaganda for the "good old days" of brilliant uniforms etc etc.

...Weather here gloomy as can be; always on the point of rain or sleet, with the temperature changing every half hour from muggy warm to bitter gusts of wind- Rotten! and we have to go out to-night to dine...Ugh! No other news. So long!

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Undated

Where did you get that stuff about my arm? It was below the shoulder blade, and only missed a vital spot by millimetres. This afternoon I'm clear of the last bandages, I hope.

You'll get a copy of my will in a day or so. In case of catastrophe. A night's exposure would doubtless finish me, very promptly. You must look after Bill in that event.

So very likely this is my last letter. I have thought for over two years now that my work would be sterile, as regards the succession, unless some man took the full responsibility as I did in

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P.S. Smith will follow me in the O.T.O. Am writing him.

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(no date) 224 ----- *See A.C.'s letters to him and Karl Germer on him in his letters to A.C.*

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Our own affairs are past praying for; we need a man. At least the Gods do. Bill is slowly getting better. I was really ill yesterday: asthma all day despite injections. So I guess that's that.

I don't see at the moment how you will get over the magical bar to chieftainship - unless some damn miracle happens, and the Gods gave you another chance. I feel somehow that you would be O.K. if you understood the machinery of Magick -if you saw the whole thing from outside, and from the perspective of say 100 years. Wish you were here.

Bill is asleep now -Germer's swinish attack upset her badly, after all her great goodness to him - but I'm sure she sends you every blessing. A good woman!

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A.C. to G.J.Y Berlin No date

Karl went to Potsdam chiefly to dodge taxes, so he says; but he has started raving on the telephone. This has upset us again; we don't know how what will happen next week. He really is the most accursed plague ever sent by God to harrow souls! *[He succeeded A.C. after all]*

A friend of our actress has promised RM 30,000 towards filming Mortadello. But it will cost some 2,000,000. So we want to use the cash for a preliminary company. Unluckily the "angel" has flown to Prague for some days. So of course this would be the moment for Karl to start worrying us again. The fall of the £ makes it all worse. And not hearing from you is devilish depressing. Bill moans a maternal blessing, but it's a very feeble moan.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin Jan '32

...The Masters want some-one to follow me who will do more not less than I did. If somebody else put up £100,000 it wouldn't help you. Practically if you joined us with £2000 we could put things over in Berlin. Everything is ripe, only you hold back. And in a very few month's time all capital of the old kind will have vanished - already 30 per cent has evaporated. The Devil always cheats you. Look at yourself clearly with the eyes of a God, who smiles at your background - Live wholly to the Spirit, and you can face Life and Death as cheerfully as I do.

Thanks for tea and tobacco - and 10/- Krako dodging (?) Bill too ill to pursue. Schliffer's away for holiday. Lilian Harvey not yet in tow. Bill in bed with inflamed ovary for the last week. A.C.'s breathing more difficult daily - Mostly nerves I hope. Germer failing to take full advantage of his good luck. Not one pfennig towards January rent and Frau Mattner pressing. No hope of further income. Quite paralysed until security is established. No money at all, even for food after Sunday. Bar a final desperate pawning of things in necessary daily use: about RM 100 Doctor's bill not yet in but probably big.

A.C. to G.J.Y. Jan 10 '32

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Why in Hades couldn't you tell me that Lola had settled her reversion? Upon whom? If a reasonable business person, it might make it all easy. I have been getting £7 not £5 (from trust fund of which I and Jones were trustees. G.J.Y.) as you ought to know. And I have had advances, as you must know, which will prevent me getting any more at all till August or September. We are nearly insane with worry. Insomnia (for the first time in my life) is dreadful. Never sleep till 3 or 4 a.m. but collapse suddenly at all hours of the day. It can't go on.

Yours of 7th. So there was no commercial value in W&S. Maughans plays because it took him over 10 years to sell the first. None in your family business because it didn't pay from the start. Nothing in Charles II because he had to wander penniless half his life. Up to you to play General Monk ...

I have my plans all laid for Thelema. Like all writers, I don't show my work until it is ready. You only saw the draft of the New World pamphlet because at that moment it looked as if we could put it over simultaneously in England and Germany without delay. You seem to think that the proof of statesmanship is interminable scribbling in a hurry.

I think you fail to realize how thoroughly Germer balked me here, in his insane sexual wish that I should have no friend or helper but himself. He made Bill's task impossible; she could not dig up her rich friends without decent cloths to wear; this had been promised in September and then his madness gripped him again...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 15 Jan

Your recent letters cheer me. Though Bill has been ill in bed almost every day since Xmas, and is only just getting over the shock of Germer's letter. I send you a copy (with notes): useful for you to know the diathesis which leads to the Left Hand Path. But I still hope to save him

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My asthma is pretty bad. Practically every day it takes me hours to clear up my breathing and by what time I am mostly too fagged out to do much. Nerves

Its decent of you to bother so much about us. Hamilton says he could get his bank to discount a promissory note at 6 months, provided the drawer could prove his solvency. If you could do this it would give us all 6 months to turn round in under good conditions. The plan is for R.M. 1000 for January and new clothes for Bill R.M. 800 a month for 5 months reserve for emergencies RM 2000. Total R.M. 7000 or roughly £500 On this we can make a campaign really well-enough to go out to, meet people.

Trying to get Lillian Harvey to commission a film. I have an A.I. idea for her. Ullstein should answer by Monday next. Had a v. bad morning trying to breathe - too exhausted to write properly. So excuse.

Bill adds

You'll be glad to hear how nice A.C. was when I was ill he even did the cooking - All this somehow seems quite different to what I heard before. I am getting quite concedated. to think that he does all this things for my sake - but now he is having every day his asthma - so bad that I get really frightened. - can not make plans - as I never know how long his attacks will last - and I cannot leave him alone. It is rather depressing to sit in the house and watch him - trying to get his breath - I do hope after rain follows sunshine - I shall not leave the ship - I'll try to get it going full steam in the high sea.

A.C. to G.J.Y. undated.

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On Sunday I got a go of asthma bad enough to render me helpless; so Bill (abetted by the sinister Hamilton) rang in a doctor on me. That, with the medicine, has bust the show. To-day is all we can count on. Absolutely no development in any quarter; but Lees in Paris found a MS of Little Essays towards Truth and is quite off his head about them. This sort of thing is always happening; and it is much less gratifying than infuriating. To think that a hundred thousand people would adore these essays if they were properly presented. And its seven years since they were written. And you are annoyed that I don't write more and more and more!!!

For A.C. A.I. not Thilman, O.F.O

You had better attend yourself to all postulants at present, but do try to be absolutely businesslike. Also stick to the regulations of the Order. I blame myself much for having relaxed them on many occasions, because it seemed good sense to do so. "May Because be accursed for ever!"

(at diary)

Bill read your desert notes and agrees with me thst they are A.I.

Russell (Frater Genesthai, G.J.Y.) appears a quite irresponsible maniac. Don't say anything against him to French; but insist that he join no club or society but correspond with you alone.

Too tired after the big show (it was nearly as spectacular as one of Allen Bennet's daily or almost daily attacks - so I can't complain) to write more. Bill is asleep, worn out with nursing me and getting 4 weeks washing done - but she's probably dreaming of you.

~~A.C. to G.J.Y. Jan 21 '32~~

A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin 21 Jan '32 *msic*

...Your remarks on jumping over the cliff are excellent. But that is just the magical issue. One ~~met~~, There are two ways of success. If you want to be a surgeon, admiral, judge, or archbishop, you go along the old lines very warily, with the maximum of adroitness and the minimum of risk. You must not lop the branch you are sitting on. All the ways are there, and all the rules are reasonably plain. If you are just a little more energetic, tactful, and intelligent - not to say subservient - than your competitors, you get to the top almost automatically. This is the way for a Wolsey, a Richelieu, a Disraeli, or a Kitchener, et hoc genus omne.

But there is no case of a first rate man, one who has made a real mark in history, without a moment in which he makes a clean break with everything and everybody concerned. Because the ways are not there; he has to cut his own path through the jungle. And there are no rules for success; he has to use all his own virtues and intelligence. Consider the Buddha, Mohammed, even Luther! Consider Napoleon, Harvey, Lister, Lenin! Remember the axiom of Descartes, that you cannot start philosophy at all without passing through the crisis of doubting everything without exception.

It is because you have the elements of true greatness that you can be a candidate at all for a first-class job in the Order. I couldn't write like this to Lloyd, could I? No, he could very well support the work without straying from his vegetable garden. ~~Remember/Top~~ Remember too that I never urged you to take this definite step until you had so clearly shown the stuff you are made of in those Desert Letters. I rather undervalued you as having become the President of Pop etc etc, and wanted you to inherit quietly and dance the Princess Mary into adhering to our programme. But now that you have gripped reality and cross-buttocked it, the position is totally different.

Obviously one does not want disaster; with luck, you might in one of several ways suffer no damage, and inflict no pain upon your family. But the gesture is of supreme importance. As in the war, a man did not enlist to be killed; but if he did not enlist, he couldn't command an army

I was compelled to play the role, but decided against it and have not

...I'm tired, being on duty to-day, as Bill has overdone the washing and got a chill, and a trifle of inflammation again. So I'm cooking.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 26 Jan.

Mr Hamilton has to go to London to-morrow night on business and has kindly offered to see you about the ~~loan~~ projected loan; also in re the T (heosophical) S (ociety) as Mrs Besant is reputed in dementia and dying... Will you extend to him the Hospitality of the Order for Friday evening

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A.C. to G.J.Y 26 Jan 31 2Karlsruherstasse (Still!)

That eater of birdseed (Col Carter, an assistant commissioner at Scotland Yard, G.J.Y.) should never have discussed me with you. [Gerald] Hamilton leaves for London to-morrow night, and may probably call on you, if he should learn that I am as I was born, my usefulness would be over; and if he should even suspect that I have any relations with N (ick, Col Carter, G.J.Y.) beyond pulling his leg, there would be work for you within a week or two with that embalmer. So please avoid

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discussing my politics, or, if forced to do so, say that you regard me as at least 80 per cent Bolshevik. Do please take this most seriously and be as cautious as you know how. (Note. A.C. was being paid by Col Carter to report on Hamilton's Bolshevist activities. I never knew the details. But A.C. got one cheque for £50 out of Carter. Probably in notes. G.J.Y.)

I hear that Annie Besant is in senile dementia and moribund. She may die any day now. It is most urgent that I should be instantly and widely proclaimed as H.P.B.'s legitimate successor. As to my reputation, I'm the Silent Martyr. Jesuit calumny is the shining token of my Mission. Throw yourself into this wholeheartedly, and we come right out of the Big End of the Horn - with Nick and all England too! - in two shakes of a rat's whiskers.

You can talk freely to Hamilton about my mission and the Law of Thelema; he can help with broadcasting the Proclamation. Only ~~not~~ avoid politics like poison. He thinks that I want to use the T.S. to help Communism. Encourage that idea.

Germer has let us down over Birven - made friends with him. And he has fled - probably over the Austrian frontier. "e are enquiring. Terribly nervous and anxious; but more hopeful. A favourable wire from you would save the whole show for good. Bill sends maternal blessings.

A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin I Feb 32.

I have no right to ask members of the Orders as such to contribute. Your position is different - you being chosen...

I have not touched morphine in any form bar about a dozen ~~min~~ minute doses by the mouth in 1917. Bill has had to have injections from a doctor about 4 or 5 times since I have known her on account of extremely severe pain. These lies stink of the swine Germer. Please send me the letters in which he makes those statements that I may deal with them. I demand this of you as a Brother Mason, hand over back: and I beg you to think deeply of your Oath as a M (aster) M (ason) and all that it implies... [He kept anticolonism *luminis* in a cupboard in Berlin when I spent a long weekend with him]

Do cease your debauches with Dean Inge, which cause you headaches; and do remember that since you have not got a job in all these months, you have no commercial value, and are a weakling, and have nothing before you but the workhouse or suicide. The above reasoning is your own, not mine.

The £50 by the way doesn't count at all as the necessary Magical Gesture. So don't cuddle yourself about it.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Undated

My dear Father (wrote our Ancestor Blackstone) I assume that he has been born; if not, let us say Farinacci - is sharper than your cleaver. I will therefore carve the souls of men, and a career for myself, instead of mutton chops. My son will not be a baron of beef, but Baron Hardwicke.

To-day

My dear Father,

In an obscure situation, only one thing is clear: we are all in the soup. I am your son; on me rests the whole responsibility of the Fortune of the Family. I accept the Burden. The Victorian Formula of playing safe is no longer valid; Forthampton cannot stay Forthampton; unless it is to become a Soviet ~~Refuge~~ Refuge for ~~Incurable~~ Incurable Plumbers' Assistants' Aunts; it must develop into a Castle (Read your Roman History)

You admit that your system is doomed, that neither you nor any of your friends know what to do. I do know; you will go down to history as a traitor to the Family unless you back me to the limit.

Yr afft son.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin 8/2/32

I sent Amexco £5 on account. Will you call and ask them to hang on till I can send balance. We must not lose that stuff. There is much of saleable value; also, a lot of my work on the practical application of Thelema. Just the stuff you reproach me for not writing now! It is utterly sickening to write year after year and never get beyond the typescript stage at best. After 12 years or so one gets a bit discouraged.

I cannot understand why you have not sent me Germer's lying letters about the morphine, to say nothing of some sort of apology from yourself for having believed such nonsense. Why do you call yourself my friend and spread all sorts of calumnies about me?... Remember that we have Germer's secret malice established on his own confession. "I want to hate, to fight, to see blood". "I must play my father a dirty trick" etc etc- in old old letters to I.W.E. -long before he knew me well. She has written me an admirable pamphlet re the T.S. stuff... (Martha Kvalzic)

Bill much better all round for some time. I too bar some very grave attacks of asthma. Many letters to write.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin 14/2/32

Surely any lady has a right to stab a pal in play without these artificial aids! You do take trigles far too seriously, and are casual about things of real importance. Bill does not drink a bottle of Korn a day. Also, you never knew me "take to drugs", however mildly. What drugs? [This is contradicted in his diaries and letters]

What is the sense of talking about my making a 'big effort'? What big effort? What is there to do that I am not doing?

You are a little impudent in calling me a 'mutt' for acting sensibly. In 1930 I expected to be back in London any day; if I was not able to do so, your defection was at least half the cause of it. That and Saturnus' double game. (By the way he is now stealing registered letters - I have had to put the authorities in Leipzig on to him. Cora is going back to New York. I am writing her to keep in touch with me so that I can help her promptly when it becomes possible)..

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Pension d'Este Kurfurstendam Berlin. 24/3/32

The £25 came by a miracle. Have good flat- very good. But unless £150 come Tuesday morning all is lost...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Undated

...Approach Holt of Duckworth re my book on Berlin. Work him up with tales of suicide, burglary, stabbing, wild love affairs etc enough to get him to ask me for synopsis. He must understand that my terms are £100 down in advance of royalties of 12½ per cent rising to 20 per cent as may be arranged...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 16 March

I am not really interested any more in this money; all I wanted was for you to free yourself. To know that you were fit to carry on after me. But if it becomes available, I want it carefully handled.

It should be a joint account needing your signature and mine. After the first RM 1000 required instantly to get an apartment etc till end March, I should have cheques marked "Not over £ 50 signed by you and dated 1st and 15th of each month. I hope to save 50 per cent on each cheque and will put such savings into a special account as reserve or for emergency. The main object of this is to save us both worry, It must not be possible either to anticipate the income or to risk its being attacked.

I want an official letter re Marie so as to clear up that part of the mess in London as far as can be done without jeopardising the success of the campaign

----- 242 His wife now in Colony Hospital asylum where she died.

A.C. to G.J.Y 27 March 32

B...Brussels writes that there is hope of £5000 but you must play your cards shrewdly. There is also good hope of my going to Paris - with expences and a safe-conduct early in April. We decided not to approach H's men till we were in a decent flat. We found one

bei Schonheimer. Sybelstr 68 and move in on Thursday. NOTE WELL! This means that the money must be here by Thursday March 31 at noon. The muddle and delay (and halving the amount arranged) has been dreadful. Cost in actual cash at least R.M.100 and may yet cost more. Worse, Bill really broke down: she had behaved most admirably, but she wilted, poor kid: that last day was simply frightful. I take it that the wire made you do something drastic; about 4 P.M. the Bank rang up - after hours - to say we could get the money if we called before 5. The events of that 1/2 hour are epic. Not your fault; but oh! The point of this rigmarolle is that the cash must be here on March 31 at latest.

I shall go on Tuesday to the Branch of the DRESDNER Bank which is near the new flat and tell them to expect £150 on Thursday. I shall then wire you the name of that Branch, so that the account can be opened directly on receipt of the money... All this has been thought out most carefully, and other arrangements made to dovetail; so please do not try to improve...

Arthur of Scotland Yard

H (amilton) I am pretty sure has sold out to the French Secret Service. This may make my relations easier, or harder, with Nick - I can't tell till I see Ham. But it means at least that he will have some money, and facilitate his relations with us, at least on the surface. We facilitate

decided not to have him to live with us. Whether as a friend or an enemy he will be easier to deal with if he is not in the house. Be very careful please not to assume that any letter or telegram from him has our approval. Also in case of telegrams from me or Bill, we shall not in future sign Crowley, 666, Bill etc but the ~~XXXX/XXX/~~ initials of the first five words of the telegram itself. Never forget that Hamilton is capable of getting us £100,000, or doing us out of a fiver. I do think that he has in fact a real moral reliance, esp. on Bill to look after him; but it would be insane to bank on this, as she is a little bit inclined to do.

On Tuesday I go to Dr Lubinsky - I feel he is a first-rate man - for a third operation. My nose is not yet anywhere near free, and I suffer a good deal from actual pain in my Pingala. (One would not believe there was room in one's head for all that junk). He will go on

[Left with right nostril] Cont p 118 119

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin I Apr '32 [this should follow 244 overleaf]

Your phone call was distressing ;but there seems no other way.Of course you must writ Pontifex (i.e my father G.J.Y.) for the full £2000."e plan full campaign later.H (amilton's) Paris man guarantees success on the strict condition that every-detail of the campaign is to be carried out with military precision.You and I have bo both got to take a Vow of Unholy Obedience, so to speak.This means that if you are told to go to Bagdad and speak to the seventh one-eyed donkey-driver that you see,you go and do it.

Pass Stronghilos to neophyte."will send you his record when I have corrected it."ou can add notes of your own.Its appalling; but he works.(Go thou and do likewise) Do you prefer acidophilus milk to oxygala? Either goes well with shave grass or Irish Moss.But never neglect innerclean.

I have been very ill since writing the above. Woke up with violent pain in elbow-some rheumatic gout- could hardly write. Then coughing,vomiting,asthma -worst go yet- just when I thought it was all cured.But my black eye and swollen cheek are almost back to normal. Bill has been a wonderful nurse.She's ever so happy in the new place, even though we're still naked.New disciple coming at 5,

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to my heart, lungs, kidneys etc etc etc until he forces me to make up my mind either to die or get better.

This is a long letter, but, ill as I am, it had to be written. And I hope it will be read. And Carefully. And acted on.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Mar 31 1932.

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--- see 243 for next letter on 118a

A.C. to G.J.Y. 4 May 32

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Its silly to talk of objecting to being "Blackmailed by circumstances". This happens to everyone all the time, and it is only your filthy hothouse training at Eton that makes you squeal at every breath of fresh air. Any people - Gods, or Masters, or Captains of Industry- have a right to find out whether a given man is fit for a given job. Don't I know it; but at the worst I didn't resort to any cowardly expedients. Now its squarely up to you to take a manly attitude at last. Borrow what you can to carry on till August, bring in your writ, and come to learn the austerity of the Adepts. As long as you try to play both ends against the middle you stay in the Hamilton class. The Work is All, and the rest Nothing: your efforts to value in percentages are grotesque. I write with a breaking heart. I cannot even express myself as I would.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 13 May '32

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Long friendly letter from Walker... Dr Horsch favourably impressed by Mortadello: urgent to arrange meeting with Reinhardt. Impossible even to see Dr Horsch, being utterly penniless. Hans Weber, important publisher, wants to call her after Whitsun to consider general contract for all my translations. May be difficult to arrange if telephone is cut off on Tuesday 17th... Bill pawned coat and ring once more to enable us to eat over Whitsun...

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The basis of this is that G.J.Y. is able to say "I am putting all my own money into it -and that at great sentimental cost:otherwise it's just a touch and impresses nobody..."

- 2.The syndicate to concentrate for the present on
 - (a)The Sullivan Book [about A.C.]
 - (b)Such books as Little Essays towards Truth and Liber Aleph might be offered to publishers [chays]
 - (c)Mortadello, the Three Wishes, stories etc on the Rosenfeld plan
 - (d)The Confessions (both full and condensed)

Sorry I'm too ill to finish this properly.

A.C. to G.J.Y May 8 247

said that ...The trouble now is also health. Bath Lubiansky and Etter sath I'm for the Abbey in very short order unless things are done at once with great vigour. I rather agree: I've been abusing my will-power to fight against these auto-intoxications....

You must do as I said: Borrow from pals to carry on till August, bring in your writ, and come here to take a special training...

(Note. I consistently refused to borrow from my friends or to write my family. I borrowed to the limit from my bank, tried the Jews, who would not touch me, and declined to do more. But it all took time G.J.Y.)

A.C. to G.J.Y. Undated. 248

Letters from Walker more frequent and more friendly. I feel fairly sure that he will come in as soon as he understands more fully the scope of the work, and provided that he is not put off by actual disaster. I think that you could get him going ~~top~~ at once if you came in to the limit. There is a rush for Occult Films. they have even dug up Mary Shelley and Sheridan Lefanu from the limbo of the Regency. Rosenfeld is back, and I have put him on to selling either Moonchild, Across the Gulf, Ercildoune or something similar...How can we tackle Reinhardt, when he gets back, without food or shelter? It is always you who writes "Remember you have ten days from now, but not one minute more. Now do some real constructive work". The Common Hangman would have more sense and decency. Still we go on with the shot-drill.

Frau Schonheimer wants her rent paid punctually on the 2nd as is only right and fair. But we have also to consider getting out of here. If we could spend the summer reasonably near Walker, there would be good hope of financing the whole business properly: if he came in to manage it, he would make a fortune out of it. He really seems to understand general business principles, not merely his own routine. It is a good sign he is on his own, instead of following Papa.

I shall act as if this plan is settled, give Frau Schonheimer a cheque now, so that Barclay's pay her on June 2; and I shall also give her notice, so that we can leave Berlin on July 1, storing what is not needed in case Sullivan comes along, or what not.

A.C. to G.J.Y. Undated 249

...I will not use Hamilton in this Walker business in any way. He has no idea but to bring off a plain swindle, and I won't be party to it or countenance it in any shape or form. Your damned Eton politeness prevents you from taking a firm line in such matters. I don't in the least mind taking

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mind talking to Ham as if I were a crook double-dyed-in-the-wool: I do it in order to learn. but I reported everything he said to Nick the day he said it.

(let m) He says he wont go to Bonn this week-end because your appeal to W for funds made it impossible for him to put over his stunt so soon afterwards. (You know he really thinks we are of his kidney. That enough?) But I suspect that he has gone to Petre (another Nancy boy) to try to raise funds to get to Bonn... Brief: I wouldn't trust H to push any honest proposal: all he wants is a coup: 50-50 (if you can get your share) and a quick get-away. I vomit. I repeat: I only tolerated the animal in hope of helping England against communism...

A.C. to G.J.Y. 20 May 32 250

It was you who proposed we should kill ourselves. I have your letter to that effect. Our idea was that we were being murdered. As we are month after month slow torture. Typical: every word you wrote is an attempt to dodge your own responsibility..

The £30 - not yet here means reprieve till the end of the month. No more. And it does not in the least remove the feeling that we are standing on the drop. You are treating us as Boston treated Sacco and Vanzetti; and you apparently expect compliments and gratitude...

Now here is another ethical point, and one so deadly serious that I must copy your words and rub it in. "If we start talking of the cat, I would suggest you qualify for its reception by involving a sick woman in your affairs when you were not in a position to look after her properly". You really wrote that base and vile sentence. It is before my eyes, or I should find it hard to believe that any man-however low-could have written it. But I'm afraid that's you all over. "What? he's sick? he's poor? he's likely to die? his work is in danger? Hurrah that lets me out". "Your one thought is to abandon the ship" "Allright I'll take the MSS and you can die in the gutter".

I'm not delegating any of my work to any one else. Who is there in the field? I only want a chance to carry on - which nobody can do without some sort of a guarantee against disturbance. For years now I have been thwarted in just this way: I started scores of things, and always the axe fell and prevented fruition.

Your £4 a week plan is rubbish. One cannot live and work my kind of work on less than £50 a month; and that is cutting it fine. Takes no account of urgent medical and dental treatment, which I must have if I'm to live at all in any conditions. Never mind! Go on with your little dinners and dances with people who don't count, and are doomed any how to perish of their own stupidity. Really, you know, your failure to understand the essence of the Work of the Order, which is to abolish the original Curse, is heartbreaking. You almost make me turn philanthropist.

A word about your puerile form of fatalism. "if it is important it will happen". Your child is drowning: if it is to live, it will; so you walk away whistling. You seem not to trust me on these points: I do wish you would ask the opinion of the first Admiral you happen to be dining with. Nobody can oppose Fate; but if you don't do your damndest, you're a cur and a bloody murderer. And apparently such a fool that you think nobody will notice you sneaking out of the trenches; (This isn't abuse, dear lord; just paternal. Only I do wish you would reach puberty.

A.C. to G.J.Y. From 68 Sybelstr. Berlin. Undated.

The damnedst things are happening all round. See enclosed wire, arrive 24 hours or more later. How the devil did Fosterel get on it? Your wire Hobbs ill etc also went there- and this time we have not even got a copy of it. Bismark Fosterel is a Ranger's near Liebenvalde 40 or 50 miles away! And for all we know, subsequent wires may be lost. I never got the one with your decision.

Bill is frightfully worried -can't even go out with her coat in hock! but I'm really serene, since I feel that you have got the ground under your feet at last. I only sent the wire on Friday morning to make you feel quite free to choose: it would not do to tie yourself up completely to spare us a few days more-or-less hardship. Also £150 would only clear us till Whitsun, and it would be a desperate chance to make good before then. The need is 6 months' clean freedom from worry. Hamilton was to go to Paris this week and bring back his man to Frankfurt for a conference; but the business has fallen through or been postponed. Next thing is the Walkers on the 16th.

Now listen. On the back of the telegram you will see a receipt for our first month's rent. I had to give a cheque on Barclay's Bank Piccadilly Circus Branch where my account is dormant. Essential, then, to pay the equivalent of R.M. 290 by Monday morning -though I don't really expect it to reach so soon. Probably your best course is to go to them and explain personally -perhaps give your own cheque to meet it, deducting of course from what you send us... The delay has been terribly wearing even to my hardened nerves. Were ~~it~~ it not that I now feel that my life's work has not been wholly wasted, I should be fed up.

A.C. to G.J.Y From Berlin. Undated. 211

...The disgraceful conditions in England (to which you allude) will probably be ameliorated by the destruction of all the noxious nincompoops. Hitler - I put up this proposal last September, and was ruthlessly snubbed. I think rightly so: I was at that time very ignorant of German conditions. Here he is regarded as a swahbuckler- and an alien at that. Statecraft is not really an affair for a lot of bloody ruffians. Calm Wisdom is wanted now in the world as never before

A.C. to G.J.Y. May 25. 1932

Just wired you "Barclay cheque dishonoured. Rectify telegraphically. BCDRT". *Walker*

W and I now in vigorous controversy- he no longer uses the typewriter and shoots back quick. If I could go to Bonn for a few days I am pretty sure I could pull off something. Meanwhile still on a lee shore! And no fuel for the engines. Oh for God's sake don't mess this up! Always so near success, and failure from exhaustion of reserves. 't must not be.

I am not losing any sleep over W.T's troubles. The animal is an assassin. There is no need to pull out any of my teeth, with one possible exception. But there is a lot of work to be done. Remember that I have neglected all these things ever since I left Paris, because I thought that I ought to save every penny for the work. Except season '30 when I was forced by actual suffering to go to Murderer's Row- and got nothing but wrong diagnosis and attempts to bully me into a series of operations, totally needless, which would probably have been fatal. This new dentist is a really A.I. man: about £50 to £60 will put me in perfect shape for years to come. There is also the nose business- waiting till I'm well enough to have more snips.

Went through Little Essays again ~~less~~ yesterday -being much better for some sun-bakes...to send to Walker. They need the preliminary introduction (on the Tree of Life) which you or Regardie might do. Also the glossary, or explanatory notes. Its the sort of thing I can't do myself, not knowing the scope of the mind of the "gentle reader".

Bill A.I. now-though its hellish her still having to fight against swindlers and blackmailers who got a pull on us because we happened to be stony at end of Feb- sends love. But of course her Diathermy treatments have had to be stopped for lack of cash.

A.C. to G.J.Y. From Berlin . Undated. (?1932)

On Saturday and Sunday I was in such severe continuous pain that I was goaded into going to see a proper dentist... (Even at that I had to have a few drops of morphine to enable me to get through the night). This a.m. I woke up fresh and without pain; after vomiting, diarrhoea, and severe physical collapse caused by perusal of a nastiness which arrived by the second post I went back to Etter. He tells me (what I knew before) that there is any amount of infection, caused by the neglect of the last three years - you will remember that I have denied myself all proper treatment in order to use every penny to push the Work through. It's the physical basis of the deadly torpor and lethargy which has been numbing my faculties, bar short spurts, for so long. It is not too late to restore me to my pristine vigour; but there is not time to lose, and there must be no more monkey-business. The bacillic infection of the scalp has now practically disappeared; it only requires some 4 weeks of continuous treatment, and this is the first time in the two years that it has lasted, that I have been able to look after it.

It appears to me senseless (1) that you should (I) try to interest a man in a book (2) secure (a) the destruction of the documents on which the book will be founded (b) the death of the only man capable of interpreting those documents and filling in any lacunae.

Abramelin (our sole text-book on the Sacred Magick) specifically warns the Aspirant that his family will oppose the Operation in every way possible. It is therefore a primary condition of attainment of this particular operation to break formally and finally with the family-until success is achieved. This is harder for you than it was for me because of the natures of the two cases. That is why the insistence is greater. But alas I doubt whether such offerings as you propose will be accepted at That Altar.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. From Berlin. 5/6/32.

A letter of abuse.... Personally I'm not interested in vague possibilities of raising cash from people whom I have personally approached before without success. I am interested in getting you to toe the line...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. From Berlin Undated

...Well, you're my executor as well as my executioner; so you'll have to look after Bill. There will be a loud noise, and there's always money in that. But for God's sake get Walker or some business-man with ideas to handle it. I shall do what I can to put MSS in safety, so that he has something to handle. Bill's better over in London; there's no sense in involving her in the details. My idea is to start out on my travels - at the last minute - and get somewhere, or else not. I wish it weren't so blasted cold, and this nose and jaw do complicate matters.

Missed Reinhardt here: he's gone to Vienna. @ could get to him, and probably sell Mostadello in a week, if Monty Evans could come with me. Can't write more.

A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin. 6/6/32.

A.C. to G.J.Y. 6/6/32. From Berlin [A.C. dumped Bill in London to me]

Dear Slippery Joe (a good 3 equals 8 motto!)

....Do you really suppose that I let Bill go to London without having a definite plan of campaign? I wish you were a chess player of other than the happy-go-lucky one move to next kind. I assure you that my silence is extremely fertile. And I do think that it is perfectly sickeningly disgusting of you to inflict such totally unnecessary pain on those who by Victorian standards should be nearest and dearest to you.

However nothing can be done about it until I hear from Stockholm and I bet I'm in for a bit of a wiggling myself! I blame myself severely for ever having fallen in with your worldly-wise ideas of policy...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 13/6/32. From Berlin.

Wish to heaven I could come over. But I have my nose to-morrow, and no money left, bar eating for about 3 days. Nor can I leave till ~~Kla~~ Klaussner is settled, and the girl paid her wages. Also Schomheimer is pressing vigorously for balance of rent - about £13. Also I must arrange about the lawsuits...

By "starting on my travels" I mean that if things don't clear up in a day or two I get a rucksack and start to walk to London. The North Sea (or German Ocean) must take it's chance. It will be difficult to instruct Dennes...

Now listen! I will not meet Beaverbrook except to horsewhip him. But I will not seek him out for this purpose; still less intrigue for a professedly friendly interview. It must be a chance meeting. If Bill persuades him to make reparation for his crime, all right: I won't stand in the way of Justice. But a million won't purge his offense; when and where I see him I go for him. Get me? [His 8 = 3 motto]

What is the use of being 8 equals 3 if one worried about the tragedy of one's personal position? V.V.V.V.V. thinks: are we sure of developing a winning attack by the sacrifice of the Knight A.C.? 666 t doesn't give one poor unfriended fart for anything but the establishment of the Law of Thelema. As soon as you get these facts in your skull, you will be an acceptable Candidate.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 68 Sybelstr. Berlin 17/6/32.

I have received a letter from Bill which really frightens me. Do not deceive yourself; you will be held responsible even before earthly tribunals if anything goes wrong. I simply can't understand your present attitude of callousness - going on with your butterfly life while she is eating her heart out...

I have made arrangements with Soror I.W.E. to come here and take charge; and I would start for London ~~to~~ at once if I had the fare. I cannot leave Bill alone any longer. She was so confident of immediate success when she started; now she seems to have lost all her morale.

Cable me £20 and I'll take the first train...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. From Berlin 17/6/32.

The Schonheimers came down like a wolf from the fold this morning

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so my impermanent address will be The Grunewald (Tree No 913) after Monday. R.M. 200 will avert. It could be sent to Miss Kuntzel here. Long friendly talk with Walker on phone this a.m. He is distinctly interested and willing to help...

P.S. The Schonheimers have just cut off the telephone. I am therefore now quite helpless - in the middle of very promising negotiations with Dr Horch- Professor Haas and the Offel-creature. I am really just a little bit fed up; but I hope you will enjoy dancing with the Princess Mary.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 68(still!) Undated.

... I confess to more than a little elation. Professor Haas turns out to be an initiate of the deepest dye. A gentleman and a scholar- and the rest on top of it - blimey! yer cud knock he down dahn wiv a fever!

... By the way your a blasted liar about money for rent. But do see this: if you owe £x, and receive £x - y, you have to use what you have for the nearest urgency. And only the man on the spot can judge what that is.

I'll come over - now Schonheimer is placated (I hope) given adequate funds for the job and some reasonable purpose. The Life of Frank Harris is distinctly an idea.

My dear Yorke junior, you haven't outgrown your schoolboy ideas of honour, as you haven't outgrown certain schoolboy habits. That's the trouble. I ask you to read Vallum Abiegni vv Io-I2 very carefully. Eqx I 6 pp 24 sqq. and your psychology is all wrong: you'll hurt your people very much more by being the villain of a sordid tragedy. Your crocodile tears over Bill will bring down the price of cigar-cases. Also I never abused he, dear noble girl - Jesus Christ! if you had 1 percent of her loyalty and courage we shouldn't have this fuss...

It is useless to keep on bleating that you haven't the money, because you have... You have got to do what you are sworn to do; if I had £100,000 I should use the power to push you through the ordeal.

Bar the lawsuits you let us in for, there is nothing urgent here, I can live on R.M. 3 a day. Meanwhile take care of Bill: my saving her is just as important as a Symbol to my present working as my saving you.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin. Undated

.... It would be absurd for me to land in England without resources - unless I walked. which I shall probably do start to do almost any day now... I miss Bill lots more than she does me...

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin undated.

I don't see what the devil I could do if I came over. You have never given me the slightest idea of a programme, or the possibility of carrying out any programme at all (To do anything I'd have to be able to run round and see folk) I never wrote one word about "new clothes and a good hotel"... what utter rot you talk about my destroying women! You can't quote one single case. Don't be so mulish. Come in with us instead of driving us to distraction; the minute you do so, all will go right.

When I wrote £200, I was writing common sense. £50 means forlorn, hope tactics. £20 means immediate smash here plus dishonour - but you don't mind that, or understand what the word means to a man, the

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seizure of all papers, pictures, clothes etc. This is not a promise to come over if I receive £20.

You promised £500 to carry on for 6 months; you even tried to get it in a quite stupid way; and now you leave us flat. Don't try to shift the blame on my shoulders. I am doing my utmost to live economically etc: you do nothing but make scenes...

I'm not going to be so mean as to leave here without paying the servant her R.M. 80...well what else can I do but walk out if I've no place to live. I wish you'd talk business instead of this mixture of callousness and slop. I never have one single word from you about the real business which can bring in money from outside - money earned instead of borrowed. What of Cope? Sullivan? Publisher for projected book on Berlin? Life of Frank Harris? etc etc. Really it's getting past my patience.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Berlin Undated.

If I did come over to England I should file my petition in Bankruptcy, attributing my failure to your negligence, and to your cowardly and dishonourable conduct. I should attribute it so loud and so long and in such detail backed with so many documents, that even the furthest Patagonians would get a kick out of it - and you a whole lot (if you'll excuse the jest. In any case I've got a rod in pickle. That reminds me, I went through your record the other day...Of course the fault may be mine for being too gentle. So thinking, I have referred the matter to another adept with a reputation for never making that particular error. I don't think you need trouble yourself to travel to the Yellow Sea to discover the meaning of Typhoon. Incidentally if Bill continues to find London uncomfortable, I shall instruct some Chinese in the art of making using Chicken-Liver in Risotto. I wish you were here now.

- "A slave

Whom stripes may move not kindness" The Tempest.

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A.C. to Bill Busch. Berlin undated.

Darling Big Girl

You have got a gift! Schmidt was so tickled by your letter that he was sweet as honey and stood me a couple of drinks! But the Mattmer business is in a bad way without you. Meller went down with me to Kuntzel and had a long talk. Wallas postponed till July 5

It's true I ought to be over for people like Norman Haire - who seems to be the sort that might do a whole lot. But I don't trust Lloyd one inch. Under that stolid placid mask is a vain dishonest Welshman.

God its' damn dull here without you. Not a carving knife to be seen for miles! The difficulty about Yorke is that he is such a brainless ass. He has more nerves than an hysterical woman, and less imagination than a lump of shit. He simply can't act until the situation is hopeless before his very eyes. That is why it is so difficult to bring him to the point. So, once he starts to say "Well, I suppose I must try to do something take a firm grip of him and rush him into taking irrevocable steps - signed documents that he can't slip out of...

I'll ask Meller's girl to pack any available things of yours - send them or bring them according as £50 comes or not. I want you badly dear my love.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. London ~~2 July~~ 2 July ? Year

I wish you would understand that your conduct has compelled me to ignore all communications except from students in good standing. I ignore all letters unless from those who are paying £5 a month to the income account of the E.A. Crowley Trust Fund care of Dennes.

Re mundane matters. I gather that the Bankruptcy Proceedings begin this week. I am sorry not to be able to shield you, but as your cowardice and treachery are the sole factors in the calamity, you can hardly expect me to perjure myself. I have been hoping that China will make a man of you; if you see any signs of it, come back to London and face the music.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Undated scrap

I am told you have a letter from Betty May confessing her perjuries. Is this so? A cable would be a blessing; and the letter if it is with you to follow. You are missing quite a lot. When exactly do you get back to Blighty?

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 24 May Probably 1933

Good for M and M (my tailors. I had written from China that I declined paying for clothes ordered by A.C.) But don't forget ~~XXXX~~ little Sulka and your old flame Ma Lewis. Or even my £15,000 You really do stink a bit after Carey Street; quite a lot of talk round London. I may have to issue a statement: it is the psychoanalytic facts which explain your infamy.

Thanks for your admission that you "were not surprised". Exactly; you were the chief cause of the (bankruptcy) proceedings, as was made abundantly clear. I do think you will shortly learn that cowardice treachery and dishonesty do not always pay, even in the rotten state of things we have reached.

I shall be glad to see your record: and have hopes.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. June 17 ?1933 Savoy Hotel notepaper.

Got your note, and dropped in for lunch to answer it. I have no idea of Bill's address. But: you would not have written to her spontaneously, so she must have written to you. And this can only have been at the instigation of George Bentley, in pursuance of some plan to blackmail you. G.B. is in the Dare Philips and Alan Burt class as a ponce and swindler, but just a shade on the brutal side. (He says he was middleweight champion of the Army) On Good Friday night he beat up Bill good and proper - a five hours job. She was in bed with a vet and bandages for a week: thought at first her spleen was ruptured. You see the poor old drunken prostitute - who has you to thank for dropping back to that after I had rescued her - cannot get men any more. So Bentley beats her more, and it does not improve a woman's allure (in some men's eyes) if her face is a purplish pulp. I tried to help her again, but Bentley robs her of every penny, so I gave up: until he goes back to prison once more. They even tried to blackmail Parsons! and staged their "bloody bastard" act in the office. Not a remunerative effort. Then they

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 59 Great ^{had} Ormonde Street 22 July 36
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 Don't worry. We should have course have informed any intend-
 ing investor that your written guarantee was as worthless as your
 pledged word. It is commonplace that abortions usually turn out
 onanists, thieves, liars, and cowards: so, naturally, whenever your
 name comes up in conversation---

But you cannot run away from yourself indefinitely;
 sooner or later you will have to face yourself, and see your actions
 as they are. Then you will fit yourself for taking your proper place
 in the Great Work.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. II May 36

...C.E.M. Joad is always calling in the wilderness that the
 one need of society is a religion which educated men can use. I suggest
 you tackling him, especially as his History of Philosophy is very weak
 on the Asiatic side, and 93 will fill the bill. I am not eager for
 results, but gestures are good manners. See Liber AL.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. II Manor Place. 5 Aug 36

I woke at 3 a.m. with a violent cramp - at the same ~~time~~
 instant there flashed on me the true Key to the Yi that I had sought
 in vain for 30 years. Why is it cut at XXX instead of XXXII? Why does
 III seem such a crazy breakaway? And so on. The answer is so simple
 and so Beautiful that I could almost cry. And I can demonstrate the
 correctness to anybody not completely a moron. But especially to a
 musician. The Book is a miraculous rhythm. It's really absurd that the
 Chinese themselves should have been baffled: probably the examination
 system accounts for it. Hope your having a great time. Excuse brevity;
 but thumb-joint hurts damnably.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. II Manor Place. 20 Aug.

Confucius lacked the advantages of algebraic notation. The ~~good~~
 good work goes on steadily: even my hand is a little less crippled now-
 it hampered badly. I think I can get out a graphic schema of the Yi in
 time- but it needs another month's work.

About you! Earnest young ~~seekers~~ disciples are O.K. They
 become masters-as the mulberry leaf becomes satin, and by similar means.
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 ing investor that your written guarantee was as worthless as your
 pledged word. It is commonplace that abortions usually turn out
 onanists, thieves, liars, and cowards: so, naturally, whenever your
 name comes up in conversation---

But you cannot run away from yourself indefinitely;
 sooner or later you will have to face yourself, and see your actions
 as they are. Then you will fit yourself for taking your proper place
 in the Great Work.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. II May 36

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A.C. to G.J.Y. II Manor Place. 3 Sept 36(?)

Food poisoning on top of the rest; been sick for a week. Not quite right yet. YI going strong. Great news from U.S.A. Clymer has forced Lewis to maintain that I never had authority from Reuss to work O.T.O but invented an imitation order myself. Now Clymer publishes photos of Reuss' Origlammé with my picture and titles and so on as large as death and more than twice as unnatural. We've got 'em cold. Vive le IX degree Mortadello had been accepted by a producer; we hope to have it on in London before Xmas. Personally I doubt it. But it might help me to find a market for the film rights. Hope to see you at once. The Californian Crisis may develop rapidly by cable. Could let you know to-morrow -important conference to-day.

P.S. Am trying hard to release Al before ☉ in ☽

A.C. to G.J.Y. No date

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I think order of the Hidden Masters

Lewis has dropped the A from Amorc in his latest advts!! The poor fish seems to think that that makes it all right. Michaud is quite convinced that I am the genuine holder of the traditional authority and is formulating a plan by which I am to be the Secret Chief - residing preferably on an island in Lake Tchad - and work an entirely unified movement, of course on the basis of AL. He gathers nucleus of advisors.

You are pretty badly wanted in London; at least I want about 1,000,000 hours with you; for you would have to be the Demiourgos. I do want you to take this up whole-heartedly. It is for your personal attainment in the A.A., the price you pay is just that subordination of the Aspiration to the K & C of the H.G.A. and so on to the undertaking of the well-being of the Race. To do this you must acquire the faculty of making no difference between any one thing and any other thing; each point-event is equally essential to the jig-saw, and your job is to fit each piece in.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 56 Welbeck Str. W.I 8 Sept 36

I enclose order form covering the 12 copies for which you subscribed. No more to be had: this edition (250 copies) will be more valuable than the SI-I-O one. About 50 of the latter are sold already. (The Equinox of the Gods). Publication 5, 26 a.m. Sept 23. Books to binders on 14th...

A.C. to G.J.Y. No date

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AMORC

...Great things again re AMORC. His Brussels man is giving the whole show away. I ought to go there for the week-end and fix it personally. May be able to submit plan in detail in a day.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. II Manor place. Sept 20.

Thanks for passing the £15 for my holiday. I ought to tell you though that this is the exact minimum required: I won't be able to have a drink the whole time, or even go ashore for a small look-see. If you could spring attanner it would make everything comfortable - including the purchase of some warm things - woollen sweater, scarf etc - and v necessary for first and last weeks.

Dennes and Co are sending a destroyer to watch me, with 333 neutral observers. So I had better explain now that something might happen in Belgium - where I join up on Saturday - to throw the whole plan

down down, but this would be a good thing as far as the money side end of it is concerned, so that in no case would you lose any sleep about me starving on the Embankment. Anyhow I need the voyage, so we'll hope the good thing keeps cosy till the end of October and then turns up tenfold. I expect to leave London Friday so -if as I hope you can help out- let me hear Thursday A.M. at latest.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. II Manor Place. Undated.

Thanks for the cutting-familiar. This is the £70,000 a year racket Lewis, the boss, has claimed to get authority from Yarker and Reuss; it has now been proved by Clymer, and can be shown by me, that I hold the authority. Lewis' claim is plain fraud. I want to force him to hand the organization to me, so that it can be run honestly. I want you to help me do this.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. II Manor Place 12 Nov 36

I pulled off the deal at Luton, but on very hard terms which allow me no personal relief whatever. So I have to write to you. The long struggle is wearing me out very fast. Even to-day's success fails to encourage me as it should. I merely feel like Nelson, with not even Hardy to kiss me. The landlady is at the limit of her patience. I've told her to sell the Asthamon: I may as well choke as starve.

I had a letter from James, which we ought to consider at once.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. II Manor Place 17 Nov 36

I am sorry about yesterday. I dare say I was immeasurably stupid, for assuredly I am very ill. But I can't understand you of all people preaching slave-morality plus grippe-sow stuff. And I do think if harm came to me, you would remember many ways in which I tried to help you- not always unsuccessfully- and feel sorry that you had not done your utmost to avert it.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Speldridge Camber Rye No date

Thanks to you and Fitzgerald I am here-finding out so far how very sick I am. There is a dim hope of extending the week, if I can get in touch with Louis Fox, who has a cottage at Ashburnham. I need at least a month to take the rheumatism out-and bumper weather at that...

There is one thing you would do if you could. Tom Brown of Conduit Street has two suits for me. I have only paid for one, and he won't do a thing till the balance -about 13 guineas I think- is paid. I'm damnably hot in these Irish tweeds, and they don't look too well in London in August either. So if you can whisper in his ear ~~do~~ please do.

I have asked Chellew to come down here for a day or two, and ~~hope~~ hope we shall be able to make some really sound plans. He is a shrewd, sensible bloke: sees my real assets; the fact that I'M not a financial success and don't want to be; the fact that I've gone on working in utter disregard of circumstance.

Now that the hour has struck at last, and that I am really through the ordeals, there ought to be a clear current. The general idea is to begin with U.S.A. and bring the Law back here with the prestige of success over there. I shall consult the Yi about all this during the week. I am rather too collapsed for a day or so. Best of all to you and the angel child.

[Now my wife Angela]

A.C. to G.J.Y. II Manor Place. W.2. '37 ?months

I have taken a Yi for your marriage with exceptional care. It is XL - loosing - one of the best in the Book - a solution of all your difficulties. Gratters!

Will you ring up before 10 to-morrow? This place is opposite St Mary's Church - the Coroner's Court at the end of the alley. Come about 12 and pick out your picture; then we can go on somewhere if you feel like it. Either Tuesday or Wednesday would be good.

I am really beginning to see daylight at last. Several elements seem to be combining in a favourable direction. One resolute push may take the City!

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A.C. to G.J.Y. II Manor Place. Undated.

I agree with practically everything that Sanderson says when he talks of affairs... But I think his theories either wrong or ill stated. E.g. "race" There is ~~no such thing~~ such a thing, but it does not depend on continuous breeding in a class. Everybody has a stray 'noble' ancestor or so; and therefore any child may be a throwback to such an one. More generally, his principles appear too nebulous. I find no logical process from axioms. And to put a theory over you must be able to command universal assent. It is useless to have a religion on a soul when Buddhists deny that there is any such thing. I wish you would put these points to S and arrange a quiet evening for discussion

About my proposed work. I. Commentary on AL

2. Yi King

3 777

4 Tarot

I think 3 and 4 are more or less on their feet, but you ought to put your shoulder to the wheel about 1 and for 2. I should welcome your collaboration, esp. about 2; I need some other mind to tabulate my data.

I'm keeping lunch free Thursday, so that if you can manage, we might talk over possibilities. And I'll hope for news of you.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 66 Redcliffe Gardens 26/1/37

I am sorry you will not be able to get in touch before March for I should have liked you to help me revising a document which I am promulgating for historical purposes. Do you want copies of my lectures on Yoga?

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A.C. to G.J.Y. Undated

Thanks you shall have the lectures as they arrive. The last was the best because I have been coming out of the ~~strain~~ constant strain of worry.

If you will make arrangements for a possible mode of living, I can promise to turn out work as good as I have done or better. I have learnt a lot about the management of money, and economy in general in the last few years; but there is a minimum if activity is to be allowed at all. I want £5 a week, paid weekly, certain, besides my £2, and a Secretary at £3. I could live well on this, especially as I should then be able to live in the country - or abroad, where it is cheaper. I should then set aside all receipts from consultations, lectures,

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Banyan Books etc, in order to repay this allowance in full. And, I think that as things are shaping I should be able to keep square within a month or two of the start. What has hampered me so badly is the constant breaking down of plans, due to interruption of necessity-violent efforts to get rent- need to go to credit shops- all that. You know.

O.K. for March 3 7P.M. at the Langham

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A.C. to G.J.Y. No date.

I was kidnapped by the Gods on Saturday and given a glorious week-end in Hants. I lunch with Grove at the Café Royal at I.15.. Should like to see you afternoon or evening as there is good news from Germany, which may release the Book but possibly needs adjustment. Explain when I see you. If you don't do this, will you drop me a line c/o Imperial Turkish Baths Russell Sq W.C.I. making a date for Wednesday. (And don't forget the lecture Wednesday night).

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R.C. to G.J.Y.

P.S. (This is a P.S. to the letter above ending O.K. for March. G.J.Y.)
The above plan is merely an alternative to the Bracewell scheme, in case he breaks down completely. Edward Grove might cooperate if you talked to him sensibly. Why not ask him to join us on March 3. I propose to limit the plan to the period of your absence from London, then we can take stock.

Why the devil didn't you take a less inaccessible cottage and lend it to me for the duration? I had a glorious week-end in Hants with Bruce Blunt in his cottage

A.C. to G.J.Y. 26/2/37

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I hope you got the second lecture safely. I saw Bracewell last night. I think he can be persuaded to fix things up about a third or perhaps half way of the way. About your seeing Bracewell: there was no question of your entering into a business arrangement with him. All you were asked to do ~~was~~ is to express an independent opinion as to what would be fair terms and a working arrangement. See you Wednesday at the Langham at 7 o'clock

A.C. to G.J.Y 24 Oct 37

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O.K. but had much bronchitis And gout no better. Things move. The Belgisn bloke still sticky, but he doesn't matter much anyhow. The Clymer book and my charter from Yarker settle everything. A V. big firm of lawyers in Chicago has offered help spontaneously, and think cash can be raised there on the 'Hag'. Hope you have been having a good time and getting fit. When do you rise, move and appear?

--- 255

A.C. to G.J.Y undated

Here's your advance copy. May it bring you to the true Understanding
I've had a further dental catastrophe. I do wish you'd fix something on some secure basis that would enable me to carry on reasonably. I don't mind killing myself over the work, but I think you ought to. Anyhow ring me up when you get this, or say Tuesday A.M. before 11, as I must go out early Monday and tackle people about the distribution

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A.C. to G.J.Y. II Manor place Undated

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Miss C Stanton (landlady of II Manor Place) to G.J.Y. 2 Aug 38

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(I replied to her that A.C. was an undischarged bankrupt, and advised her to consult her local police court magistrate. I wrote to A.C. to request that in future he did not give my name and address to his landladies. G.J.Y)

----- 200 260 *clair of life pills. See Re 2nd*
A two large red wrap books in
 A.C. to G.J.Y. 6 Hasker Str S.W. 3 16 Aug 38 *letters in Re Warburg Institute*
 Just back from a ripping good fortnight in Cornwall with Shakespeare and the sea. The Amrita is going strong: I am well started and have something to show when people begin to come back. My osteopath is supplying the Sunray machine; I am buying the Vibrator and Infra-red (I found some money in Cornwall); so he is writing to you about the Zotofoam. I have now got this house for at least a year - unless things go so well that we need a bigger place. So I'm turning the upper floor into a regular clinic. Hope you both are having a good time

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(I replied to her that A.C. was an undischarged bankrupt, and advised her to consult her local police court magistrate. I wrote to A.C. to request that in future he did not give my name and address to his landladies. G.J.Y)

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 6 Hasker Str. 20 Aug 38

Ever so sorry to hear your news: (I had been operated on in hospital and was poisoned in the process. G.J.Y.) but I told you on March 15 that trouble was on the way between then and Xmas (☽ ☐ your planets in 6th from mid-May: he goes back, and again forward next year. So more may be coming) Curiously I had written you only an hour before your letter came. Miss Stanton played a most treacherous trick on me. Her rapacity overreached itself; she has been paid in full and that ends that. Of course she knew your name etc: she listened to every conversation. I don't know whether you have got Jackson's letter about the Sun-ray Lamp; he was to send you the papers to sign as you promised. (I bought the lamp for him G.J.Y.) Hope to hear better news from you soon

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 6 Hasker Str. No date

Glad to hear your out of the Awful Place; (St George's hospital. G.J.Y.) hope all well and no lasting damage. When do you rise move and appear? I'm well, but distracted with work and business, and getting the House Beautiful on its feet. Just finished revising Liber Aleph and the press proofs of the Heart of the Master are just in. See you soon I hope, love to you both.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 6 Hasker Str II sept 38

Still relying on you for Zotofoam. Your delay is holding up the treatment. The name is H. Jackson 28 Grove Park Gardens W 4. Of course I'm paying you the £6 when Income Tax comes in. Sorry about the £2: I thought I had sent you Karl's cheque. Add that. Cash should be in before end of the month. (my Yeomanry)

Glad knee improves; you'll need it in your armoured car. The figure for London at ☉ in ♈ is the most menacing I ever saw. ♄ in ♈ all in 7th. Herschel rising under Saturn, and Jupiter the Lord in prison retrograde in the 12th. Last night lots of people expected an air raid. I was rung up by half a dozen people, and am cross-examined daily by people delivering goods. There can be no peace while mad dogs are loose.

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H. Jackson to G.J.Y. 23 Nov 38

A I think it my duty to let you know the position as regards Mr Crowley and myself. I have personally stopped all treatment to him, as he is in debt to me of a sum exceeding £10 he being an undischarged bankrupt, and did not disclose this fact to me. In fact he imposed on me and is still doing so with other people, as I have just discovered this morning. By making claim as a Doctor. You first gave me the warning By telling me he was no Doctor. However he has acted in such a dirty manner and owing me £13-15-0 for treatment which I gave him at practically cost to myself. Of course I have now discovered a great deal against him, which I did not know. He also once gave you a very foul name to me, when I mentioned you. However the whole affair is now in the hands of Solicitors, and also "John Bull". But as you have made out cheques for the Zotofoam Equipment and this may later be seized. I think it fair to warn you. Of course I myself am to an extent also responsible for that equipment. The letter I have from him and my reply are in my possession if you would care to see them. I have come

to the conclusion that Crowley is just a common twister and I am not afraid of making that statement to anyone. Yours Faithfully.

(I replied to the above "if Crowley has treated you as you say you are quite right to sue him. I became so dissatisfied with his conduct myself a few weeks back that I resigned from my position of trustee to his settlement fund. Now in 1948 I cannot remember why, ~~G.J.Y.~~ beyond the fact that he was financially unreliable, to put it mildly. G.J.Y.)

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A.C. to G.J.Y. 9 Aug 39

I was sorry to miss you on your way through London, but it doesn't matter very much because things are not ready. I hope to have finished the explanation and description of the Tarot by the end of this month. Unfortunately that means that there will be a large stack of rather incoherent papers. I feel sure that there will be great lack of consecution, together with redundancies and possibly serious omissions. On the top of that the whole thing has to be vetted for in-growing obscurity. Frieda is very pleased about it, but she is not a good judge; we want a book intelligible to anyone who has only a smattering of the subject. As you know, bad as I am at writing, everything connected with writing, I am worst of all at compilation. This is where you might come in if you cared to when you get back to town. It would be of immense assistance to me if you would go through these papers with me and bring your orderly brain to work. Until the end of the month I am in a G (rand)M (agical) R (etirement). Letters should be addressed G.P. Glasshouse 57 Petersham Road Richmond. P.S. G.P. stands for Giant Panda

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A.C. to G.J.Y. From 57 Petersham Road Richmond. 3/10/39

So you have gone boldly into the valley of death. It is a particularly vulnerable spot: don't be surprised if at any moment you see 80,000 Russian bombers with snow on their propellers.

I do not think that the war will last long. I think that Mr Dillinger has gone into the cinema with the red-haired girl. I never thought from the first that there was any soundness at all in the Nazi strategy; they used up all the cash; they used up all the credit, and there was nothing left but to try to shoot a way out.

I am very busy with various things; the Tarot is now nearly finished, and the aim must be to take it over to America where it is saleable. My main effort is concentrated on that. When plans are a little further advanced, I shall write you again, or possibly come to see you at the Front.

There is ten-year of the forties to come, so don't get too military (sic) and go off half-cock

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A.C. to G.J.Y. From 57 Petersham Road Richmond. 10/10/39

How are you getting on along? Ilfracombe seems a funny place. When I was last there, it was infested by the Children's Special Service Mission, for whom I played against some less godly folk and carried my bat for 54.

Things here are very nice and quiet, if anything, too quiet. I am a little nervous about the Solstice publication. I should like to send it to the printers at once. I have been through it again twice, and it is quite ready for the press. The delays in printing and binding will probably be very great, but I cannot think of anything else much shorter or sweeter.

I am enclosing a Memorandum which will show you the present position. I think it immensely important to keep the flag flying, because it will make it very much easier to negotiate the publication of the Tarot, which is a big venture, the cost of production cannot fall short of £1,500, and in view of increased prices, may reach £2000. I think it ought to be sold in America, and I have tried to arrange to go there. I have asked for my old job (there is a strong current of informed opinion in the States that we are not being straightforward and sincere in our policy. I want to correct this impression. Certain persons whom I will not name might do a bit themselves in the matter, but they don't.

I have finished the book except for the description of the Court Cards. It is no use my beginning this until I get them from Frieda. But I can polish them off in a couple of mornings...

I am afraid my birthday is going to be a bit of a washout. This year no party.

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A.C. to G.J.Y. from 57 Petersham Road Richmond. 17/10/39

...I do not think there is as much difficulty about California as you fear; things may get suddenly very much better, which would not surprise me in the least. I have always been of the opinion that the invisible reserves of Germany were at a very low ebb; you remember what Karl said in Berlin 8 years ago, that all

the apparent prosperity covered the greatest privation. A thin, ~~however~~ however brilliant, skin. A little like the flush of the consumptive. I think to-day that it is ten times worse for them. If on the other hand things do not improve it may be essential to exploit our friendship in America. I might be very useful over there, and I hope they will have the sense to send me out...

To recur to the present situation: what you say about men's lives is true enough, though all men are mortal. Life must be made worth living. Surely, in one way, the very thing for which we are fighting is to give men the opportunity of developing themselves in nobler ways than mere physical well-being; do not forget that the objective of the O.T.O. on the material plane, is to prepare a social order based on the finer instead of the coarser ~~qualities of~~ qualities of man. The supreme task of society must always be to give its individual members, each one, the fullest scope for the development of his individual genius. The real object of organisation is to secure this.

It seems to me supremely important at this moment when ~~everyone~~ is bent on destruction, to affirm as a magical gesture, the everybody) existence of the creative spirit. That is why I am most anxious to get out a publication at the Winter Solstice. There is not nearly enough time to print Liber Aleph, which is so important a book, that it cannot be produced in a cheap form; nor do I consider that the printers could do it in time... I think we should get out the Tao Teh King. I feel sure that the printer would put it in hand if I let him have £50 on account; see what you can do about it....

It came out. ----- I forgot it? that a contribution to the printer.



A.C. to G.J.Y. 25/1/40 From 57 Petersham Rd Surrey

Please note the above address which is in the telephone book under Chutney.

I have been guarding the Holy Grail in Richmond.

There doesn't seem much news except that the Tarot is going on steadily. It's at that annoying stage where one never gets any nearer to the end, because as fast as one does new cards, one finds flaws in the old ones, but at least we are thinking far enough ahead to consider the question of booking a gallery for the show. It is hard to tell what the season is going to be like. It is really ridiculous having people barging about, invading first one country, then the other, and then not doing it. If our propaganda in U.S.A. had not been so abominably ill-done, it might all have been over by now, but we send people who dine at the best houses and meet all the so-called important magnates, and do not understand the temperament of the people or what they are thinking....

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War Work refused to A.C

A.C. to G.J.Y. From Noel Arms Hotel. Chipping Campden 1/3/40.

I hope you got Temperance safely. I'm rather desperate about the Sol in Aries book. On top of everything else, the Trust Fund dries up periodically. Last week £1-0-7 only! this week Nix. I don't mind tightening my belt but I don't want to carry on at all unless I feel that I am being some use to the Work. So I'm feeling depressed. I am having a week's holiday ~~with~~ here as the guest of Lady Harris; it was needed badly. I have been more or less ill for the last month or so - my usual ~~one~~ one-down-tother-come-on series of small ailments. No luck at all yet with N.I.D. I'm furious: I feel that we are messing up the U.S.A. work. Insularity and class-consciousness. Officials don't know how to "fraternize with the licentious soldiery". In other words everything's bloody. Perhaps part of it is the usual reaction of relief from immediate strain coupled with poor prospects on return to work. Enough of grousing. Tarot goes on A.1. Only 4 more cards to do and 7 to do over again. Yesterday I saw a lot mounted, lettered and framed. They are really stupendous. You'll be amazed when you see them. Lots more letters to write; so with all good greetings...

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