55 Avenue de Suffren,

Paris, VII

January 3rd, 1929

Answered 7/1/29

Care Frater:

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

Thanks for your letter, undated, posted at 2:45 am. on January 2nd.

I imagined that you ~~would~~ receive my long letter write before ~~first.~~ What you say about the trust deed seems inadequate. I may have, in some optimistic moment, said that Regardie and I could live at a pinch on £10 a week, but that must have meant mere living. Is there to be no allowance for postage, paper, etc.? I also call your attention to paragraph (a) of clause 2. I only do so to show how impossible it is to try to make hard and fast rules of this kind.

Exceptional circumstances are always turning up. The whole point is how to deal with them. If the capital would allow it, I should certainly think it wiser to keep on this apartment. We could economize Regardie's rent if he came to live here. Otherwise the whole plan of constructive work would be broken up. We have the address of several studios and will try to find something at a reasonable price. But we ought to have in view something like semi-permanence. You could not carry on your business yourself if you had to move every other month or so into another section of London. And it is absurd, when people are getting interested, to break up the whole thing. As things now are, £10 a week plus the rent, is adequate.

I saw Church yesterday, and he is making out a contract with Aumont. I will send you a copy as soon as it is ready, which I hope it will be today. The main point is that he is to deposit with us copies of the translation as soon as they are ready, and that, unless he is successful in negotiating to the extent of 50,000 francs of royalties within three months, he loses his right to any royalties at all.

Cope is being rung up this afternoon to send the amended sample page. I ~~also~~ think four parts are better than two. The book will be something like 800 pages, anyhow.

I shall be delighted to receive the latest edition of "Who's Who in Occultism." But I don't propose to contaminate my pure soul by looking at it, still less should it be put in the hands of an innocent child like Regardie. I feel the best plan is to circularize Occult Booksellers and offer them a special confidential price. I will go down to see Galignani this afternoon and get some tips from him. P.S. I did. He agreed. Also he willing to act as Lucke's agents, & advises you to go & see them. Thanks Simpkin Marshall will be

Incidentally I may point out that Regardie has got his hands extremely full with the most important work. Altogether apart from his own training, the work that he is doing for us, even had he no interruptions, would take him something like six months. He must be regarded as the apple of one's eye. He must be protected like a pregnant queen. It would be absolutely comical to put a man of his value on a job of addressing circulars.

Personally I don't think that the circulars sent out in the way you suggest would bring in a dozen subscriptions. Most of these people are either hostile or scared, or both. Our appeal is just to those people who are sick of all the bloody

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nonsense of the ~~"Who's Who"~~ Hoosehoose.

I really think that the key to your letter is the combined cold and headache of which you complain. I tell you we are in the middle of a magical attack. Last night was the first night I had a natural sleep for about ten days. The Queen of Sheba is herself feeling pretty rotten, constant cold, fever, and headache, and heaven knows what else.

I don't understand about Pickfords. The transaction dates back to July of two years ago. But I am not going to argue in ~~John Dice~~ Jaundyce vs. ~~John Dice.~~ Jaundyce. As I indicated above, we are in the middle of a fight, and the question is what to do to keep going.

I am not taking any further notice of Hunt, because the business in hand is to get out Part III of Book 4. But please don't imagine that I am afraid of any libel actions. I have looked in every cupboard in the flat, and I can't find one, and it is a good many years since I began calling people scoundrels when I felt in a pleasant humour after a good dinner.

I really think it would be better to put off your visit for another ~~week~~ one or two weeks earlier, if it is possible, and make three days of it, as you did last time. It would be stupid for you to come here to superintend, so to speak, our ejection.

Either we get a studio suitable for Magic, or we simply leave Regardie where he is, and I pack my ruck sack.

What you say about making money last is not quite fair. I have really a sense of economy so highly developed that I am positively accused of avarice. You must recognize that it

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is necessary to make a show of decency if one is to attract the right kind of people. The problem is simply how to do this on the available funds.

To mention one incident. There is a Mme. Barbe, whom Galignani told me had got all the Equinoxes and was exceptionally interested, and had written me, only I did not get the letter. Mme. Barbe has disappeared, but her sister the Countess of Something, connected with ~~the~~ spiders, had an address, so I wrote to it, and the aforesaid Countess (of the sixth part) forwarded my letter to Mme. Barbe. The next thing is that the Countess rings me up and says that Mme. Barbe will be back in Paris during the month of January. I say, well I'm here until the 20th, and after that I'm not sure. This seems to upset her, because she has probably got private information that Mme. Barbe will arrive on the 22nd.

This may mean absolutely nothing. On the other hand, it is an opportunity; and if I am to do any good at all, I have got to be in a position to jump at the opportunities.

I have a very friendly letter from Millage, and I should like to roll down to Saint Raphael for a week or so, if the opportunity arose.

It is like trying to construct a chess problem. You have to put a pawn in one place to stop something or other, and then you find that that pawn intereferes with your plans in some other direction. So you take off a knight somewhere, and then the absence of the knight means that you have to put on a rook somewhere else and so on. Observe how different this is from a game, in which you have an accurate knowledge of all the forces

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I must ask you to define the word "miracle." As I take it, it is something at which one wonders. It appears to me, that it does not matter in the least what the thing is; it depends upon ~~wen~~ne's own faculty of wonder. Now please don't write back saying that you disagree with Berkeley.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

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Oh the waste & worry of
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New York,

December 21,1928.

Dear Beast,

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Last night C. surprised me by saying that she would send the $ 3000. She is taking steps to sell some of her stock so as to reduce her debts. I hope she will be able to send the cheque to Yorke before Christmas. I will cable you to-day, so that you will be reassured about the matter.

The change was due to a more reasonable letter which C. had received from Yorke yesterday. His last letter sent 2 weeks ago to her had upset the whole affair.

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Yours fraternally

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55 Avenue de Suffren,

Paris, VII

January 5th, 1929

Care Frater:

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

Thanks for the two ephemerides.

A rather extended magical ceremony last night gave us more "Light on the Path." It appears that Aumont gauged Mr. Hundt's intellectual capacity much more accurately than either you or I, and proceeded to pull his leg by a tale of my raping a little girl in Tunis; and this is where he really became funny - and that his family put up enormous sums of money to hush the matter up.

Hunt swallowed this hook, bait and sinker, and wrote off that idiotic letter to you under the impression that he had some genuine information at last! You rather asked for it, didn't you think?) You had already read Aumont's postcript of his letter of the 23rd December - which letter I return, as per request.

I remember that you were agloat that the Capri story is less evidential than most.

Please do come down to brass tacks about this nonsense. What stories are in any way evidential? It seems to me that perhaps unknown to yourself, your mind is being infiltrated by the idea that if you only add enough naughts together they will make at least one.

I am really a little concerned about you. I am

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always nervous when someone signs the Oath of the Probationer. It seems like chucking oneself overboard. I have been through it, and I know.

I hope that "The Vision and the Voice" will be ready within a week. But it is very difficult work, as the pages have to be arranged so that the footnotes fall as they should. My idea is to have a book which can be published separately.

There is another difficulty about this book. The intensity of the Visions is such that after all these years I can hardly bring myself to read a page, at least of the more important Aethyrs. I think if I were in the desert I might be able to stand the magical strain. But as things are, I am simply shaken like a leaf at the mere touch of these things.

This prevents me from supervising Regardie's work as I should. There were a few omissions of quotations, etc., in my manuscript, and I don't seem able to force myself to look for them. If you could understand what this means, you would be very much encouraged, and very careful.

I am really in despair as to what to do about this question of moving. To find a suitable place is going to be a hard job. I don't see how I can leave Paris at all, much as I should like to go South, for it is certain, if anything is certain, that those printers will want to be worried as by a bulldog. I ought to be on the spot, day and night. I ought to make absolutely certain of the returning of the proofs as they come out within twenty four hours. If you have ever had anything to do with the production of a book, you would know about this.

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There is also the question of making all sorts of business arrangements with regard to the distribution, and really I don't think the publication of the book is going to be helped if I am thrown into the gutter.

Madame de Miramar thinks that this apartment will do perfectly well for ceremonial, if we get her a piece of canvas on which she can paint the circle. This can be put down when we want to work, ~~and in the meantime,~~ while the furniture can be moved into the dining room or the hall.

I do think that this is honest-to-god good sense.

When you vacillate, it has a most paralyzing effect on the work.

The Lecram Press promised me still more faithfully than before, over the telephone, this morning, that the new sample page would appear in the course of the day, and I shall mail you a copy as soon as I get it. If they cannot produce a satisfactory page, I shall turn the whole thing over to Herbert Clark or the Pegasus Press, whose boss I see Monday.

I am still on the sick-list, but expect to be all right in a week.

Love is the law, love under will,

Yours fraternally,

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Answered 8/1/29

Care Frater:

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

In pursuance of your esteemed instructions of the umpty-umpth instant, we have imported the Serpent, thus saving some five hundred francs or so for the present. But the combination of my health and the weather is not immediately favourable to house-hunting. I really think it will be best to carry on here. But I want a telegram from you to say so. It seems the only chance of any continuity in our arrangement. Even so, we are going to be a good deal crowded, and we shall not be able to have anyone to stay in case of emergency.

I had a long and very interesting interview with Mr. Holroyd Rhys of the Pegasus Press this morning. His present plans are to enlarge his business to that of a general publisher. And if so, he will want as formidable a programme as possible of the kind of writers that count. I am therefore sending him up this afternoon the "Net" and the synopsis of the Memoirs.

With regard to this question of headquarters expense I have drafted a sort of rough idea for making Bayley's scheme practicable:

I think people interested should be asked to contribute either five or ten pounds per month. If the former sum, they are entitled to all works published. If the latter, to re-

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I have written to Soror Fidelis to get in touch with you on the question of money. She can probably contribute something, if it is put up to her in the right way.

I am still awaiting your telegram to know whether I shall go on with Lecram. I have not yet received "Who's Who in Occultism" or the ephemeris for 1929.

I am seeing my doctor this afternoon. Also Mr. Church with regard to the Aumont matter. He has promised to have the contract ready for me today.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

AC.

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3,000 francs. If you cable £40 immediately on receiving this, we should be able to carry on at least until your visit, at which time we can talk things over more adequately than is possible in letters.

Please send me a duplicate of your letter re Lecram.

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January 9th, 1929

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I will take on this apartment for one more month.

The bank says that no money at all has come in since the £70, most of which, as you know, had to be used at once to pay back debts. I have not really had any salary for four weeks.

I am doing everything possible to economize. I expect Madame de Miramar is going into the country for a few days, anyhow, so that again will reduce expenses in a sort of way.

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Really, I could do nothing to find a studio. The weather has been perfectly impossible, and I have been practically confined to the house.

I do not see the sense in your cancelling an appeal already made. As you see, it only means that you must send it out again, and people will have the idea that our policy vacillates.

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January 10th, 1929.

Ans 12/1/29

Care Frater:

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I should like to see your complete list of geomantic sigils. I cannot be sure a priori that it is the same lot. Anyway, I am not quite satisfied that mine are accurately drawn.

I am very annoyed about the "Golden Verses." The only thing I can do is to get a first rate Greek scholar to go through the text with me, and make a literal word-for-word translation. It could be done in two or three days, and it ought not to be difficult to find a sound man.

I ought to tell you what is happening at the Banker's Trust Co. They have become extremely confused and dilatory. They blame the Westminster Bank for the delay. But Trimoille, the tailor, tells me that they are losing all their best clients. He himself is one of them. Mr. Church told me the same thing, and went into more details. It seems that they are reducing their personnel, and that to some extent they are replacing their American and English clerks, who are familiar with civilized ways of doing business, with the cheap Frenchmen at three or four hundred francs a month. There is some complication about the French law. There is a provision that any firm must not employ more than a certain small percentage of foreigners.

I remember last year, that the authorities came down on the Ambassadeurs in the Champs Elysees over their jazz band, which was composed of American negroes. The management simply engaged the requisite number of French performers and told them to go right ahead, but not to make any noise. The restrictions on trade everywhere are becoming more and more idiotic.

A further instance of this is the contract with Aumont. If I make a formal contrat with him, it has to be registered under heavy penalties, and is taxed at something like 30% of the amount involved. Contrat does not mean the same as Contract. It is not a contrat if I go into a shop and order a dozen automobiles or a thousand tons of coal. On the other hand, the exchange of contract letters involves no taxes or penalties, and is equally bind. Incidentally, we could not have got the contrat through for an indefinite period, because the papers would have to be submitted to a number of French officials, none of whom know their own regulations, and they would have disagreed with each other on every point, probably to be upset at the end if a decision of the court were asked for. Please do not think I am writing nonsense. I am repeating what Church told me.

(I have not yet received your letter with regard to the Lecram Press.)

To refer back to Aumont, the result is that I wrote a letter to him, a copy of which I enclose, embodying the terms.

I have just received a letter from Mr. Reeck, and send you a copy, with a copy of my reply. Please make the necessary dispositions on the strength of this answer.

This reappearance of Reeck messes me all up about Goedel.

I understood that Reeck had abandoned all hope of placing the "Drug Fiend," and his letter surprised me very much. In consequence I handed the book to Goedel, with full authority to go ahead. My only plan is to refer all business questions to you. With your clear buoyant brain, you will be able to straighten out all my iniquities.

I enclose receipt for £22-8-1.

I return the lettercard, which has edified me and not annoyed me. You have probably noticed on several occasions, that my memory has ~~betrayed~~ failed to inform me. But it is one of the deliberate methods of my memory not to record things when I pass them on, as in a case where I am not likely to need the information any more, unless further developments fix them in my mind.

The last paragraph of your letter reminds me very much of myself at your age. But your "act" is not sufficient. You have not made any magical link. Your act is not an act of truth, but of superstition, ~~the~~ a sort of "13 Club" stunt. If you "knowingly and deliberately" spill salt, as the municipality of Paris has been doing by the thousands of tons a day for the last week or so, one need not expect any particular misfortune. There is a catch in all this business somewhere, and it is up to you to find out where it comes. I thought I had made it perfectly clear that in order to evoke a demon, it is not sufficient to go through the preparations and conjurations as laid down in the Grimoires. It is just the same thing trying to make an artist by buying him all the colours and canvasses he wants, with a short book of instruction, preferably by Ruskin, as to how to do it.

Hitherto, I have been profoundly impressed by your comprehension of Magick; ~~and~~ for the first time you appear to me absurd. As I said before, I am reminded of myself. (And that is not a nice thing for you to have done!)

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

666.

P.S. I very much doubt your getting away on Friday night. It would be a very poor Passing. Can't you stretch a point and take off the Monday?

P.S. II. The Bank has just rung up that they have just received (11 a.m. Thursday) a transfer of £10.

I hope you will have transferred the balance of what I asked for before now. It is [redacted] urgent that we should carry on.

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January 11th, 1929.

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In answer to yours of the 7th, I cannot find any letter of Germer's of the date you give, which has anything to do with distribution. In any case I doubt if Germer's views are of much value. I am pretty sure the best thing will be to make connections at this end with people actually in the trade. I might (for example) sell some of the sheets outright.

I have not yet received the draft for Aumont. This is annoying, because immediately on receipt of your letter, I wrote to him telling him that by the time he got mine, I should have that draft and be able to forward it to him on receipt of a wire worded appropriately.

Your letter of the 8th. I enclose acceptance form and return correspondence.

I have no views about insurance against fire. I believe there is some legal difficulty about it.

There is no justification in spelling rime "r-h-y-m-e." It is a mere blunder due to some person mixing it up with rhythm, but not before A.D.1550.

Yours of the 10th. The Serpent will make further efforts to unearth this famous letter of Germer's.

I did not ask you to correct Lecram's proof. I supposed that you would understand that what I wanted was your approv-

al of the general style.

Your remarks in a previous letter about my retiring until the final proofs are ready is a grave misunderstanding of the situation. My constant supervision is required until those proofs are ready. Afterwards, not before, is the time for a run across to Bagdad in the Rolls-Royce.

I am cutting down the supply of mineral water after today, as you are right in thinking that typhoid fever is cheaper in the end.

I shall be very busy between now and the time of your arrival in thinking out why to bring out a book in two parts instead of four makes certain of a book coming out! The wisdom of the Serpent is, I feel sure, equal to this problem, but it includes so great a faculty of silence that I will not waste my time by asking him about it.

However, I will consider the point when I see the sheets. I don't want the book to look clumsy and unwieldly, and 400 pages on thick paper will make a pretty fat volume.

I note that your remarks about Aumont and the £20 are entirely contradictory to those in your previous letter. It is this sort of thing that messes up arrangements.

I really do wish you would read that agreement since you are always talking about it. It is no good telling me that the money arrives automatically on Monday when it does not do anything at all, but arrives about 11 o'clock Thursday morning, and then take no account of back salary owing.

All this hamstringing of your race horse diminishes his

efficiency out of all proportion, and it does not save any money at all. It costs money.

You must not think we are being extravagant. We have none of us been to a single place of entertainment of any kind since your visit. General expenses have been very much cut down. The High Priestess, despite really serious ill-health, is acting like a real trump. But your suggestion that we should take turns to scrub the floor, is not really as economical as it sounds.

I am sure you will see from the two matters of Rhys and Reeck, that it is fundamentally necessary to carry on, if we are to make good with Miss Eaton. It would not save a penny to move into a cheaper apartment. It would cost just the same to eat and drink, and any economy in the rent would be offset by the inconvenience of getting ~~out~~ at papers, and the complete loss of credit, which would follow any transferring of headquarters to a slum.

I am certain you will see this when you come to talk it all over.

The rent is due on the 20th. It is, as you say, approximately 3,000 francs.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

AAA

P.S. I hear nothing from you about Og and Frazier Hunt.

I should get after Nelson King. I see that the "Eternal Flame" is being produced at the Court Theatre, which means, I imagine, that the play has made good in the provinces. If so, Nelson

King may be in a position to back his opinion of "The Three Wishes." I think the policy would be to job him gently, as if by accident.

666.

Mrs Waller it was who introduced him. This may all work in.

55 Avenue de Suffren,
Paris, VII

Ans. rec'd 7/1/29.
sending money for visit.

January 12th, 1929

Asked for decrees addresses called L^20 (3) Aumont

Care Frater:

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

I have received an entirely satisfactory letter from Aumont.

I have not received your promised draft of £20 to his order. You have made me break my word to him; like the late Queen Victoria, we are not amused.

He is very anxious to receive the money on Monday, so as to begin work at once. I have consequently sent him my cheque for £20. I ask you, therefore, to arrange with the Westminster Bank to telegraph to their branch in Lyon to cash this cheque over the counter on Monday. They ought to get the telegram before

closing hours, so that if [illegible] presents himself at the bank in Lyon by, let us say, 3:30 Monday afternoon, he will be able to touch the money.

I am sending him a copy of those parts of this letter that concern him.

Aumont wants to defer his visit to Paris till the 26th, as in that case he will have the work in shape to revise with me and can spend a week here. I therefore strongly advise you to defer your own visit till the 26th also, and if possible to extend it at least over Monday, so that we can, if necessary, have a free business day to talk to people like Rhys.

I have agreed to the terms of the Lecram Press, and I think you should send them the cheque for £300 on account as early as possible.

Regardie hopes to complete The Vision and the Voice today.

We are going to be extremely busy going through the copy of Magick, as Cope complains that some pages, though good enough for an Englishman to read, might be difficult for a French working printer, and any mistakes due to our faulty copy would be charged to author's corrections.

If you have not got the six Simon Iff stories in the International, I shall have them typed by an outsider. Regardie and I are going to have very little sleep for the next month. Incidentally, we never know whether we are going to have anything to eat, because it is quite impossible to find out from the bank what money is or is not there. This also induces an irritation unsuited to our exalted grades. I want to have enough money in the house to go on for a month without bothering.

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Yours fraternally,

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Paris, VII

January 16th, 1929.

Care Frater:

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

Thank you for your telegram of this afternoon. I recommend a further study of French law! Everything has started going with marvellous rapidity; but we are completely tied up from one minute to another, not knowing what is and what is not in the bank. Unless we have some kind of reserve to draw upon, we are unable to take any positive action. We never know whether a cheque is going to be cashed or whether it is not. You are very much in arrears with the £10 per week, as I told you before. The bank has not given us any receipt for your Pickford cheque or for another cheque that I had the other day, and we are completely fed up. We are paralyzed. We are almost on the verge of beginning to become annoyed!!

I had a furious letter from Aumont this morning. But I suppose that by now he is all right. But why in the devil you cannot do things the way you say you are going to do them, I cannot understand.

Excuse the brevity, which if not the soul of wit, is the soul of something else which rhymes with it. I will answer your letter when the numerous callers on important business (whom we cannot entertain properly owing to your remarkable ideas as to the proper conduct of a trustee of a fund) permit.

Love is the law, love under will,

Yours fraternally 666

P.S. I am signing this letter as AC is busy and I want to get this off before 6 p.m. He is still, by the way, on the sick list. [illegible]

55 Ave. de Suffren,
Paris, VII

January 17th, 1929

Care Frater:

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

I have not had the time before now to answer your letter dated 12/1/29, which refers to mine of the 29th. I do not know what you mean.

Well I dunno! It's to cost 700 francs

I am having the Simon Iff Stories typed for Reeck in Paris. My arrangement with him was that I should have 50% of all sums received by him on account of any translations; the selling expenses fall on him.

The point about Goedel is that we don't want two men translating the same book, and that we cannot give anyone exclusive terms.

The rest of your letter is very puzzling. I shall have to wait for your arrival to discuss the matter properly. From your letter I cannot discover even what the matter is.

From the hasty note that I dictated yesterday, you probably gathered that I was enraged by the way you were handling things. This assumption is largely correct.

The final proofs of the prospectus have arrived today and we should be able to get delivery of a good bunch by Monday. But there the matter will have to stop. I cannot even begin to formulate plans for distribution of this prospectus, unless I know that there is money available for that purpose. This is a

matter of prime importance. Incidentally, my salary is still two weeks in arrears, and this fact keeps me in constant difficulties. No money is being saved, but a great deal of time is being lost.

Also I don't think it is quite fair; even the most patient lady expects to be able to go to the hairdresser at least once a month. This woman has behaved damned decently, helping us in every way to save, and is not making any kick, so I have to kick for her.

I assume that you will be here on Friday the 25th. I should advise you to put up at the Hotel Bourdonnais; it is a very nice little pub, and not dear. It is just across the garden from here. But please let me know two or three days beforehand, so that I can make arrangements for you.

I have a letter from Holroyd Reece. He has had to go to Germany, but will be back at the end of the month. I hope that his return will coincide with your visit. He did not have time to read The Net, but ran through the Synopsis of the Memoirs, which he found very interesting.

If he succeeds in his present plans, he might very well put this on his list.

In the meanwhile, I hear nothing of Og and "Spike" Hunt, whom I thought you were going to meet last week.

I am writing Aumont to get her on the 26th.

I had a letter from Montgomery Evans. He seems to be settling in New York till May. I think he is ideal to handle the prospectus, provided that I can get him to stick to the job. Luck-

ily I now have someone that I can keep going after him.

Millage sent me a Madame Sédir yesterday. She is the widow of a well known French writer and occultists. We can probably enlist her in the Cause. The main thing is to get Aumont in touch with her, and of course, to arrange for Aumont to settle down seriously to the French translation of Book 4.

I seem to remember having told you that it is illegal to cancel a cheque. It can only be cancelled by the recipient, and if it has been presented at the bank, and not paid, the whole account is automatically blocked. This is the case if the cheque is for 1 franc, and your balance 10,000,000 francs.

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Yours fraternally,

666.

P.S. The enclosed cutting will show you how badly "Magick" is needed in the States, and, incidentally, how well it ought to sell.

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P.P.S. Since writing this, trouble, possibly very serious, has arisen. Will know more later. But please don't leave us penniless for lit. it.

Gerald Yorke, Esq.,
9 Mansfield Street,
London, W. 1.

Its the whole silly story, + the cop evidently that, for the first time in his life, he can't understand! 666.

55 Avenue de Suffren,

Paris, VII

January 18th, 1929

Care Frater:

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

Your letter of the 15th. I have already explained to you about the cheque business. A cheque in France is something sacrosanct. It is not a mere request to a bank to pay money. The situation is something like it is with the contrat, as against contract, which I explained to you the other day. The general principle is that all strictly legal business in France is so complicated and tied up with mediæval ideas that in practice one always finds a way to make private arrangements which are not strictly legal. I cannot understand the Bank telling you that they are transferring £20 to my account on Mondays. This morning, Friday, I have an acknowledgement from the bank of ten pounds.

Lecram's full name and business address is as follows:

The Lecram Press,
26, Rue d'Hautpoul,
Paris.

I cannot possibly tell you how much the whole of Lecram's bill will come to. He cannot tell himself. There are some items which he cannot even estimate upon. There are others which are not even decided. In any case it is quite impossible to treat the capital in the hard and fast way which you propose. There is not enough of it, and what we have to do is to find some more capital somewhere. As I said before, we are in the

middle of a battle, and we cannot possibly tell from one moment to another how we may have to use the money in a given emergency.

Talking of emergencies, I am now at leisure to give details of my scribbled post script to yesterday's letter. I think Mr. Hunt has been skunk enough to carry out his childish threat. The only doubt is that it seems a little too stupid even for Hunt. I don't mean the thing in itself, but the way it was done. My respect for Aumont's intelligence constantly rises.

Anyway, the facts are these. Some man from the Prefecture of ~~the~~ Police blew in yesterday afternoon, about half an hour after the first volume of the "Magick" manuscript had been taken to Mr. Cope. (Regardie thought this a very queer coincidence, and I must say that what with one thing and another, it does look as though the whole magical attack is being directed against the appearance of this book. We have got to set our teeth, and all go out and get first past the post.) He planted himself very positively in a chair, ~~after~~ then I asked him if he would be good enough to not give himself the trouble of taking a seat. This remark seemed to recall him a little to a sense of his unfortunate position.

He began by asking all sorts of disconnected questions about Regardie, the main pretext being that Regardie has not yet obtained his carte d'identité. But there was something sinister in his way of putting these questions, and I realized from the first that he had something back of his mind. The upshot is that we all have got to get new cartes d'identité. He then started cross-examining me about all sorts of silly stories, "Why was I called the King of Depravity?" And "Did I take drugs?" and what

about my having been expelled from America? He cross-examined me very closely about my whereabouts for the past year. ~~Then~~ So I gave him the day and hour, every time I changed my hotel, and he began to get tired of this, and felt that he was rather up against it, and stopped keeping his magical record. He asked a whole lot of other questions totally disconnected, evidently based on the totality of these nonsensical rumours. He even wanted to learn the Holy Qabalah, but I pointed out that it required seven years of uninterrupted study to begin to know anything about it. He said "people come to consult you, and what do you advise them to do?" I said it depended on the question I was asked, but that my sheet-anchor was common sense, and that in any case I should advise no one to do anything contrary to the law, (which I honestly respected as far as it ~~would~~ will allow me to do so.)

Under this treatment he became polite, and even genial. There were moments when he ~~so~~ for forgot himself as to seem amused. But the main psychological phenomenon in his mind was bewilderment. He said to me frankly "for the first time in my life I don't understand at all what is being said to me." I said that is very natural. I have been spending over 50 years trying to make myself clear, but nobody seems to benefit seriously by my endeavors. It puzzled him that I did not take money for consultations, and that I did not tell fortunes, and so on, and so on. I think he went away in a perfectly good frame of mind. But he said that he had to make a report on the subject, and would I see him again on Saturday morning, when I go for the carte d'identité. So that is where the matter rests.

At the same time I have thought it best to try to see Church this afternoon, and get him to come with me to the Prefecture tomorrow morning. Unless thrown into the Bastille, or guillotined on the spot, I will endeavor to communicate to you the results of this further conference as soon as it is over.

I don't think that anything serious will come of this, but nevertheless one must not neglect any precautions. As you say, this is the moment when we certainly do not want any scandal.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

AC

P.S. Please [illegible] letter. [illegible]

Gerald Yorke, Esq.,
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January 19th, 1929

Care Frater:

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

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Answered 21/1/29

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other hand, we blow the whole thing up in court, we shall be able to expose the atrocious foolishness and malice of these people, and get the whole of the public in sympathy with us. ~~on our side~~.

I personally believe that Hunt may have unwittingly put the whole game in our hands. It is quite probable that the police will send down a man to interview him, and when they find out that all he has to say is blather, it will be a very strong point in our favour.

I hope that you will be able to spend Monday in Paris. It would be a very good thing if you would go down to the Prefecture with me and Aumont and clear the whole thing up as far as they are concerned. The only weak point in my case is my contre-espionnage articles during the War. But by a special dispensation of Providence, though I must admit I was as mad as hell about what I considered the stupidity of the British propaganda, and was sincerely anxious about the whole conduct of affairs in England, from the nonsense about "business as usual" upwards and onwards, you cannot find a single word in all those articles which is derogatory to France. I have always thought and said that France behaved splendidly throughout the whole war and was very badly treated indeed after the victory.

So from the point of view of spilling the beans in France, I think we have nothing to fear. Again, the people here judge cases fairly on the facts. They are not prejudiced by insinuations that a man has once so far forgotten himself as to copulate with a woman to whom he was not married.

We have a very valuable witness in Aumont. I am not

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sure whether he told you of his adventures with the police in Tunis. I once gave a little tea-party at the Tunisia Palace Hotel, and somebody brought him along as interested in literature. Within a few hours, the police called upon him, and asked him if he knew who he had been having tea with, because it was a man who had strangled three women in Sicily. Aumont persevered in seeing me on frequent occasions, and presently the police, who had spent thousands of francs in having me watched night and day, came round with tears in their eyes and asked him whether he would not please explain why this monster of iniquity did not seem to be committing any crimes. So the whole matter was cleared up, and we all got quite friendly. Aumont, moreover, with his journalistic connections, is just the man to make the most of this business in this country. It will help him enormously in his career if he is the man who knocks this house of cards to pieces. I have always said that what we want is another Dreyfuss case, and I really think that the moment has arrived for us to get one.

I am sure you cannot but agree that if a splash of this sort coincides with the publication of "Magick" there will be no limit to the demand for the book.

Of course I am not going to do anything about it until I confer with you. But I want you to think over the policy very seriously.

I will discuss the money question when you arrive. But I cannot admit that we have "disagreed fundamentally on the subject of entertaining." An hundred francs per week would

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£40 transferred for distributing Leaflets.

January 13th, 1929

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I am probably going down to see Lecram in the course of the day, and if those proofs are not going to be ready on the 15th as promised I shall probably make myself into the wrath of God. N.G. Ask for day?

The only way to cut down their estimate is to print a smaller number of copies, and I think it is even rather late for that, as the paper has, I presume, been ordered. You will note that on the present estimate the cost of printing is 30 francs a copy. Supposing that we average 200 francs on every copy sold, (I am

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I am probably going down to see Lecram in the course of the day, and if those proofs are not going to be ready on the 15th as promised I shall probably make myself into the wrath of God. N.G. Ash of day?

The only way to cut down their estimate is to print a smaller number of copies, and I think it is even rather late for that, as the paper has, I presume, been ordered. You will note that on the present estimate the cost of printing is 30 francs a copy. Supposing that we average 200 francs on every copy sold, (I am

allowing nearly 50% for the cost of distribution, etc.) we have only to sell 450 copies to cover the entire cost of production. We have thus a surplus of 2,500 copies for profit. If we print only 1,000 copies, the cost comes out at nearer 60 francs a copy, and there is really little chance of doing anything with the edition. The only possible thing to do is to carry on. I will manage Lecram as diplomatically as I know how.

Of course, it would be more comfortable if we had a couple of thousand pounds reserve capital.

Now, I have to write you very seriously. A certain very unpleasant incident has occurred which I am asked not to describe at present. But it shows that Hunt and Mrs. Bass are engaged in a criminal conspiracy and are quite desperate at the failure of their pretty plot ~~with~~ to pull the legs of the police. I have got a feeling that we are being forced into a counter-attack, but I shall not do anything unless something further occurs, and then only after having given you the full facts. At the same time, it is perfectly clear that ~~the~~ a ~~co~~ cause-celèbre filling the papers at the moment of publication would make us millionaires, especially as we have just got a clean bill of health from the Préfecture.

Levi himself mentions the difficulty about "the presence of the master", and certainly his life is one long example of the difficulty of "crossing the street". Here was a man of extraordinary talents in numerous lines, and he did not receive one per cent of the recognition that he should have done.

If my letters are really being opened in transit, it is your duty as a tax payer to send in a formal complaint to the P. M. G. that they are doing it so clumsily that you find it out at once.

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Holroyd Reede is calling on me tomorrow morning. I hope to make a complete arrangement with him for distribution. His trip to America is evidently postponed, as he talks of going back to Berlin on Friday.

Love is the law, love under will.

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P. S. I. I have just telephoned to Lecram. The Managing Director is out, Cope is away sick; but the great thing is that the head compositor says I shall have my proofs on the 15th as promised. The Managing director will telephone me as soon as he comes in and I will then employ my well known abilities.

P. S. II. Cora Eaton, by the way, is now in a sunshine mood.

P. S. III. Another thing, hard to believe:-(Extract from a letter from Germer):

> "The situation of the Mexico Divorce is this: After having procured the necessary documents establishing the fact of my marriage, the complaint will be handed in and 6 weeks after a decree of divorce will be pronounced. Even if that is a little optimistic, as lawyers are apt to be, the thing should go through quick. It will cost about $900.00, but a trip to Mexico is not necessary, nor is a communication to my wife necessary. In fact she need never know that she is divorced at all."

P. S. IV. I am now at liberty to reveal to you the terrible secret which I hinted in the body of this letter. It appears that, I having departed for Fontainebleau on Friday afternoon, Madame de Miramar went forth for her own base purposes, I think to the cinema, on Sat-

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urday afternoon. She was followed, I understand, more or less from the house or its vicinity by Mrs. Bass. At any rate, Kasimira took her seat beside Mme. de Miramar in the omnibus, accosted her and began a sort of cinema-Roman conversation. She was evidently quite furious at having lost her last chance in life. From various details it seems certain that she must have been in communication with Hunt as part of a general plot, and further that the house has been watched. For instance, it seems that she knew that I had left for Fontainebleau the day before, and therefore took this opportunity to waylay Mme. de Miramar. Her avowed object was to unsettle de Miramar and if possible to detach her. But women will be women, you know. De Miramar is quite sure from the malice in her eyes that Kasimira would be quite capable of doing some really serious mischief; such as throwing sulphuric acid where personally I don't want it.

It is really very funny that I can never get anyone to stand up to me. They always wait to do something dirty when my back is turned. (You may quote this remark to Inspector Goddard (Collins) the next time you see him. He will ~~not~~ know how to interpret it.)

You know, this policy of sitting tight is all very well, and is apparently justified by the remarks of the late Right Honourable W. E. Gladstone to Lily Langtry. But there is a point at which one gets tired of being shot at, and remembers that both in French and English there is a proverb to the effect that the best defense is counter-attack.

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It is further my conviction, from data supplied by Smith and others, that the moment Kasimira realizes that her skin is in peril at the hands of justice, she will start to play the part of the sincere honest well-meaning woman who was momentarily mislead by the scoundrel Hunt. Hunt is of course to be absolutely relied upon to play the same game. His first capital was the pennies he stole off his dead mother's eyes.

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Try all in your power to arrange to do this.

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But what I really want to write you about is the Simon Iff stories, and the Diaries.

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Incidentally, the expenses connected with this police affair have amounted to something like 500 francs.

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I hereby entrust the translation of the said works to you, and if you accept the terms of this letter, you agree to make at least translations of those books, essays, plays, etc. which you have set forth in the schedule sent to me in your recent letter, and complete the same ready for publication not later than May 2nd, 1929. The acceptance of the terms of this letter imply a further agreement on your part that you will furnish a copy of everything translated to me as soon as such translation is ready for publication.

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" 12. I went down to the Police after telephoning Hunt. He got there just too late to see me, but found me at Prunier's later. Regardie arrived, at 1:11 p.m. Hunt came back to the apartment that afternoon, and late that night, when moving the statue of Ho Tai to the big bed room, I found the 5,000 francs concealed under him. No doubt Hunt, finding that I meant business, thought this was going a little too far, and advised her to return it, through him.

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Jan. 17th. Inspector from the Service des Etrangers.

" 19. Called on them. Things appear to be clearing up, as the interviews progress.

" 26. Yorke came.

" 27. Aumont came.

" 28. Yorke left.

" 29. Chef de Bureau des Etrangers assured Aumont in the course of a long personal interview that I should not be interfered with.

February 3. Aumont left.

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The Prefecture insisted that de M. and R. leave the country on March 9th. I intended to send them to England. But they were refused admission on March 10th, and returned to Belgium. (Details of this are in separate accounts)

April 6th. Yorke came over. All this time I have been staying in France on the strength of medical certificates.

" 12. Advance copy of Magick arrived at 5:55 p.m.

" 15. Paris-Midi starts the ball rolling.

" 16. Seeing reporters and being photographed all day.

" 17. Left for Brussels.

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