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C/o Karl Germer,
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Berlin Charlottenburg,
August 2, 1931.

To the Trustees of the E.A. Crowley settlement.
C/o Dennes & Co.
22 Chanchery Lane,
London, W.C.

Gentlemen,

I very much regret the necessity of making this application to you. The facts are as follows :-

1. My daughter is young and strong; and, I understand, is making a good income in her chosen profession. *(Lilla Zaga, daughter of my first wife)*
2. She has a home in case of need, and wealthy relatives to whom she could apply in any emergency.
3. I have been constantly ill, and for various reasons am unable at present to earn my living in any way whatever. Due to the bankruptcy of a London Publishing Company with whom I had a number of highly promising contracts, my income and my prospects from that source have been cut off entirely; and just now the news reaches me that a book concern in New York which had been handling my work, has gone bankrupt. An exhibition of my pictures had been arranged with one of the finest galleries of Berlin to open October 5, 1931, highly heralded by some of the leading artists. Now it is to be feared that the financial result due to the sudden economic catastrophe in this country, will be nil, and that all the expenses will be wasted. I am now entirely destitute save for the good will of friends in Germany, and these friends are themselves financially embarrassed owing to the terrible conditions prevailing here now.
4. I am sure that my daughter *(Lilla Zaga)* could not but regret if her continued acceptance of that part of the income which you *(Trust)* allowed her should result in the premature determination of the Trust.

I am therefore applying to you to pay me the whole of the income while the present acute situation lasts. I shall, of course, notify you as soon as matters mend. As the situation is intensely critical and demands immediate relief, I should appreciate an early decision.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) ERNEST ALEXR. CROWLEY.

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Care Frater,

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

Content,

Before I start this I want to write a word about the Trust. You don't seem to have got any idea of the ~~position~~ of the document. The Trustees have it in their absolute discretion to pay none, or any part, or the whole, of the income to any one of the beneficiaries. I made my application to you and Frater D.D.S. to let me have the whole amount while things remain in their present extremely critical situation. I think that if you would ^{carefully} again my letter to the Trustees, you will see that I covered all the points. She is the only child of her mother who has quite an adequate income of at least \$500 a year; and Gerald Kelly is making very large sums out of his outrages upon the art which he professes and prostitutes. I think that you ought to see Frater D.D.S. personally and get him to agree to this temporary arrangement. I should not ask for it unless the situation were so terrible. It has certainly done the greatest damage to my health; and, unless things are easier in the winter, I think it would be about time for me to try another inc.

*He has no children
or other dependents
* his wife*

Now about you man. I hope that your retirement was as successful as it seems ~~to be~~. At least I fancy that I note (in your letter to me as well as those to Karl and Cora) something more like your old spirit. Last year you seemed to be completely obsessed; apparently by the sort of life you were living in London, and by the people who were trying to get hold of you. I think that your experiences in the last year must have done you a great deal of good.

I am not at all sure about this man. He seems to be a good independent experimenter, but to lack the stability given by a systematic training in the history of Magick and the traditions of Initiation.

Compare Equinox 4 about the inability to keep the images of human beings still.

He seems to have got quite a long way in Yoga; but I should think that he is in some danger. The wife business must be rather a drawback.

The plain Cross is not at all a good symbol by itself. It has lost its original potency, and has been abused in every base way. Besides, it is incomplete either because it lacks the element of Spirit, or because it lacks the Rose. All these tests which you suggest are no good. What he needs is careful study of theory, and then something like a retirement to clear up his whole mind about it. You cannot improve

upon the A.A. system. He has not formulated his aspiration in a motto and taken the oath. Your ideas of teaching him seem sound enough.

May I point out to you that it is really of the greatest urgency that you should take the grade of Neophyte, which I have no doubt that the submission of your records to date will enable you to do.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally

666

Berlin, August 24, 1931.

Care Frater,

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

I was very glad to have your letter of August 21st. The big move, I think, depends on your whole-hearted cooperation.

I shall be very glad to see you in Berlin. I have told the Germers that I hope they will come to an agreement with you to make this possible, but you must absolutely not let them down. You have no conception of what the suffering has been for all of us, moral of course far more than physical, but severe enough even on the latter plane.

I note that you will see the liquidator of the Mandrake. But the important thing to know is, about Volume III of the Confessions. I as recently wrote to you I believe that the publication of this would be the turning point for all of us. It is really very strange how all my efforts to secure the fulfillments of the instructions in the Book of the Law have been balked at the last moment in the most sudden and unexpected way. If we show enough grit now, we can pull it off. And it seems to me further that the moment of the breakdown of the system of parliamentary government in England may well be the moment foreseen and chosen by the Gods.

I write you a separate letter about the man in Pemmer.

Talking of records, I have not yet had your record for the desert. I did not expect you to get any great success, because that part of the world has its own peculiar secrets, and they are very far ended from your exalted grade. I hope to be able to give you some hints one day, but we shall have to understand each other a great deal better. And you will have to get rid of a great many prejudices which you suppose to be the fixed eternal truth before I can do so.

A woman giving the name of Mary has been admitted to Colney Hatch. I had previously supposed that this existed only on the Music Hall stage, and in the jocose conversations of vulgar persons like Jerome K. Jerome.

I have for some time past endeavoured to identify the woman, but have so far not been successful.

Let us assume, however, that this woman (who claims to be the daughter of George V and Mary the 4/5, of pure English blood, married twelve years ago to her brother the Prince of Wales, though he was ignorant of the relationship, is actually the woman that we know. The situation should be cleared in your mind. I never thought that her tantrums amounted to actual insanity. But you will remember quite well that to show the most ordinary firmness with her excited her beyond measure; and, no doubt, when circumstances applied pressure, she could not stand it. I think that she must have been suffering for some time from incipient insanity, and perhaps I did not take it seriously enough. I think, too, that the ministrations of Stanley Piper were a great shock to her system. It is the fact, whether you know it or not, that people who are beginning to lose their mental equilibrium, change very much in character. In particular, they show aversion to their best friends. And this is probably the reason why Margie persistently refused to answer my letters, even when I made a personal 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 ~~at~~ Easter 1898 was to me.

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EDEN HOTEL

BERLIN W, VIS-À-VIS VOM ZOO

BUDAPESTER STRASSE Nr. 10

TELEFON: BARBAROSSA 0011

die 7. Aug 7.

C.F.:

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 The Law - e.g. by the publication of Vol III Confessions - would bring about immediately the full realisation of the rest of the programme. When are you coming to Berlin?

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BERLIN W, VIS-À-VIS VOM ZOO

BUDAPESTER STRASSE Nr. 18

TELEFON: BARBAROSSA 0011

die 7 Aug.

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— ad lib.

Don't spoil your appetite with
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I think you should come to Berlin
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And be at my birthday party!

You are totally wrong about the
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Your grade does matter: that is

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You are in very great danger
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You have no authority to arrange
about mottoes etc.

You seem to think that the Order
is a parlour game.

This type of thinking is your primary
mistake about Life.

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becoming a "browser". There are
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Psychoanalysis, then inner light

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Why we have grades - as a moment's
thought could assume any sensible
basis.

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

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occultist, as you are doing.
The 10th Degree is not a nice
place!

You need Discipline more than
any man (of any promise) that
I ever knew. I daily bless my
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to bully me, & the sense to

heed their warnings.

There is "no hope" - so I always
 the coward's cringe. There was
 'no hope' of routing the Spanish
 Armada, was there?

Will talk to you about finance
 &c when you get here. In the
 mean time, do something for it,
 or everything may smash - Well,
 there's a long story behind that,
 too. So come & let me tell

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In all.

I have referred the Magical Society
to the working against fearful odds,
but all will be well again if
you make good.

In haste

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At the sports gallery.

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I certainly hope to be able to see you here for the show. Frankly, I think your attitude to Gerner is so outrageous & abominable that its only explanation is a very guilty conscience. Your obsession about Pay me is simply comic. I don't believe in any kind of action (does this refer to some new article, or the one two years old or thereabouts?) till I know the case has been called on. But I think a conference with me & Gerner may fan your eyes. In the mean time, nobody answers my question: "How is it that £1500 given specially to publish & push my books, not one penny was so spent?"

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EDEN HOTEL

BERLIN W, VIS-À-VIS VOM ZOO

BUDAPESTER STRASSE Nr 10

TELEFON: BARBAROSSA 0011

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93. Just sniffing out of things "treating
 Smeest" - yes, indeed! and I have to
 see the dentist every day now, or lose
 my fangs. He a good man - need to
 do Teddy VII -

Food runs out t. - tomorrow

Tabacco --- in ten days.

Shelter --- in a week -

We are really too much under the hammer
 to attend clear - mindedly to Wicks
 & the rest. Better avoid contact

* Freiburg & Troyen 34 Haymarket would
 send in behind tele if sweetened up to 2/3.

SCALA Die Varieté Bühne

Adress: Berlin, Lutherstr. 22

At the 5/10/32 gallery.

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Exercise - yes, indeed! and I have to
see the dentist every day now, or lose
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