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My dear friends,

I have just come back from a Summer School in Denmark. It was held at Gamel Praestegaard, and the gods certainly did not favour us with the weather for it was bitterly cold and wet all the time. But we had a splendid time all the same. Our President, Sri Ram, was there for a few days, and also Mrs. Groves. I left, three days before the end, because Mr. John Coats offered me a seat in his car which he was driving back to Huizen in Holland in order to attend a conference of Liberal Catholic Bishops from all over the world. As that meant that I could fly back to England from Amsterdam, and thus avoid the sea voyage from Denmark, I accepted with joy. Thus I had two days at Huizen and saw sixteen of the eighteen Bishops assembling there for the conference. Some of them, like Mr. Harry Banks, of New Zealand, I had not seen for more than forty years, so you can imagine how nice it was for me to meet again friends of long ago.

Next week I must be off again to another Summer School, this time in England, at Swanwick in Derbyshire. We often have a Summer School there. The last time I was at an International one organised by Mr. John Coats, the President of the European Federation. Summer Schools are a wonderful invention, because there one meets, and gets to know, so many members from all over the world. It is a pity that they are a little expensive for poor people, and most of our members are in that category. I remember Mrs. Besant once telling us that she thought so many of our members were not well off because they had not concentrated on getting rich in their last lives. We certainly do not have many millionaires in our ranks. I knew one very rich member, Mr. Joseph Bibby, very well, and he once told me that he knew when he was only a little boy earning half-a-crown a week as an errand boy, that one day he would be rich. I suppose he brought that intention over from his past life. And someone said to me the other day that they thought we were very much influenced by our immediate past life. For instance a person born in very moderate circumstances may be full of large and expensive ideas owing to having been some lofty and wealthy magnate just recently. Never mind, I think that getting rich is not a very elevated ideal. We probably had better ones.

Going through Germany I was still aware of a sort of sense of doom hanging over that country. I think the only happy way out of all the difficulties in Europe, is for all of us to give up our national pride, and greed in the world markets, and to form friendly federations like what I am sure is one day coming, the United States of Europe. I remember C. W. Leadbeater telling us that when that happens England will not be in it, because she will have already made a former federation with all the countries in the British Commonwealth. Perhaps that is why she was kept out of the Common Market. And I was thrilled to read in the papers of the newly enfranchised native states in Africa proposing really sensible and brotherly means of mutual trade and co-operation in the Commonwealth. These new states are sadly in need of a trained personnel. I feel we should help them there. Not to dominate, but to really aid and help them to get on their own feet. I know that many people feel that these new native states were not really ready for self-government. But they will learn, especially if we help them. And I was also thrilled that the late President Kennedy's bill for equal rights in the United States has passed the legislature and is becoming law. I remember the words of the Maha Chohan, in the only letter He ever wrote to us, that "the white race must be the first to stretch out the hand of fellowship to the dark nations - to call the poor despised 'nigger' brother." I can see that day coming.

I once had a wonderful experience. Going round Hatfield House with a number of visitors (I went because I wanted to see the three portraits of the great Queen Elizabeth the First) a strange man spoke to me. He would not tell me his name, but I remember his kind blue eyes, and what he told me. Among other things he told me that great souls were now being born into Britain, because Britain was the balancing point between the United States and Russia. I wish the United States would lose its scare of Russia. I remember when I landed at Boston some years ago, and went into a shop to buy something, that the girl who served me, seeing that I was English, said to me, "Oh! Miss, are you afraid of Russia?" Certainly I am not. "Whoever knew truth worsted in a fair encounter?" wrote John Milton. And what is eternally true in human nature will conquer in the end. So I believe what Professor Sorokin, the Russian Professor in an American University, said, that Russia will modify and modify, and so will the United States, until one day they will really meet. I never have any doubts about the ultimate victory of the right. I like to remember the words of the great Pythagorus to his people, "Take courage, the race of men is divine." There is very surely a "Divinity which doth shape our ends, roughhew them how we will." Man alone, of all creatures, being endowed with free-will, and at the same time being as yet not very spiritually grown up, makes a terrible amount of trouble for himself with his childish fear and greed. But he will grow up one day. That is certain.

I always feel that national pride, and also family pride, is a kind of superior selfishness. I have lost them but that must be because I have spent nearly all my life in very many countries and in many homes. I am now a citizen of the world, and, to paraphrase Lord Bacon's words, I have taken all peoples to be my province. Some one gave me the other day a prospectus of a movement I had not heard of before. It is called "The World Association of World Federalists." Last August they had a meeting in Japan, and the President is a Japanese Professor, Earl Atlee is the Vice-President, and Sir Adrian Boult, the famous conductor, and Indira Ghandi, Nehru's daughter, belong to it as well as many other distinguished people. I think their headquarters is at Burg Patijnlaan, 49, The Hague, Holland, and they state that they are "an organization dedicated to the attainment of World Peace through World Law under a strengthened United Nations." I feel that the United States of Europe will be followed by the federation of the S. Americas. In our next incarnation we shall find a world in which both war and poverty have disappeared for the rest of the life of this planet. Next time I will tell you what I feel about the new presentation of the old eternal truths of life now coming into the world.

Your affectionate friend,

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P.S. I have just read that Canada has offered to train administrators for South Rhodesia, and that Australia and New Zealand want to aid Malaysia.