

Letters
from
His Holiness Swami Jnanananda
and his disciples from Germany (1927 -1928) to
Swami's father in India

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Preface

We have known Prof. Swami Jnanananda as a person who achieved perfection both in spiritual and material aspects of life. His spiritual and scientific attitude has been well recorded in the book "The Saint and The Scientist" which was published in 1992. The letters in this volume give a glimpse of Swami's thoughts and attitudes as they were evolving during his early years of stay in Germany. They reveal the pure human being in Swami manifesting to action and clearly give guidance for readers the necessary discrimination to choose the path of right action.

Swami revered action and despised inaction and idleness. He says in one of his letters "Action is holy. Action is yoga. Action is god". His instruction for right action is simple and filled with common sense. He says right action will certainly promote three principles; cleanliness, orderliness and care. Timely attention to minute detail and honesty in action is essential for success in action. His letters reveal explicitly the importance of these three principles to be implanted in his brother's minds from the beginning and this advice applies to all even today. If action is motivated to achieve these three principles, there will not be dirty roads, dilapidated housing, and unclean water and health problems. Proper sanitation, clean water and high quality goods and services would be a natural out come in every part of the world and self-sufficiency would be the result in every home and village if these principles of cleanliness, orderliness and care for minute detail in every action are observed. If people in all walks of life simply take care and try to solve problems instead of passing them to posterity or blaming others, the world would instantaneously become heaven on earth. He ridicules the practice of un-touchability in the name of cleanliness and this problem of his time still lingers even today.

In one of his letters he debates whether he should take the political path to his movements in Europe or western scientific path. He chose western science because of his inclination and urges to reveal truth through this new approach. His impetus to study Physics was revealed in these letters as an attempt to gain knowledge to systematically explain Vedanta Philosophy based on scientific laws observed in the material world. He aspired to write several volumes on this subject. It is my belief that Physics was not developed enough to give Swami the tools to help him write the works that he wished to write during his life time. It should be possible now to write those commentaries based on the developments in Physics in recent times.

[Note: Swami often enquires the welfare of "mother" in his letters to his father. Swami's mother passed away when he was four years old and subsequently his father married Srimathi Lakshminarasamma Garu who took care of Swami from his childhood. Swami loved her and referred to her as "mother" all along and at times as "Mata Sri" in his letters to his father.]

Raju Umaphathi Datla; December 1, 1996.

September 20, 1927

c/o Mrs Margaret Brown

Sehlos strasse; (no 34/36 II)

Dresden; Germany

Sri Sri Charana Kamaleshu,

I received your sweet letter. Two money orders of each 7 pounds, one sent or rather redirected back from Bombay post office, the other sent for the third time to my present address at Dresden and two other money orders each 40 pounds sent for the printing of our book have all duly reached me. I have kept the money intended for the book in one of the best local banks for perfect safety. The other money, I am spending for the requirement of my life. At present I am not so poor as I used to be before I began to get money from your kind self. I am now in a position to do some useful work with calmness.

The printing work has not yet begun. Special kind of artistic cursive types are being manufactured for the purpose of our book. Best kind of Luxus paper has been ordered from Bavaria. We are thinking to make the book as artistic as possible. The printing work shall begin very soon. I hope that the printing, and binding and the completion of the book shall be finished before the end of the month of December. The total expenditure of the book will be about 150 pounds. You have already sent a sum of 80 pounds. The rest of the amount, you may kindly send to my present address. The rest of the sum is to be paid to the binders before 15th December.

I have once more begun to deliver Philosophical lectures to several friends as well as to some societies. About 20 friends have formed themselves into an association for spiritual culture. We had our first meeting on 18th in the house of Mr. George Richter. It had begun with excellent devotional songs sung by all the members of the Association in German language. We are thinking of making it an organized association. We may begin to have an office from the month of November. Mr. George is constructing a small house in a lovely place outside the town. The house is being painted. We may have our center in the new house from the 1st week of November. Two rooms for my own use, one hall for holding my lectures and one room for the meditators of the members of the association are allotted for our movement by Mr. George in

this house. Mr. George himself takes an active interest and active part in the movement. Last night I have delivered a long lecture on Pranayama in a big hall to the society for new light. I have to deliver public lectures on yoga philosophy on the 5th October. Besides, I am holding classes to our association as well as to some other private individuals. In my morning hours I am working a plan to write another book in philosophy where in I have to discuss some general theories about heat, light, Electricity, magnetism and sound. Before I have to discuss them in the book which is to be written, I mean to put all the theories before my eye. So I am reading some books on the same subject. I have also requested the German Government to allow me to work in the local physical laboratory in order to make myself clear in my own theories with the help and influence of my friends and especially from Doctor Stegmann. I hope to get an access to the laboratory from the 15th October. The work in the laboratory may give me an impetus to work in the different branches of knowledge. A special room perhaps will be allowed in the laboratory for an independent work and research for my own use. Thus I am spending my time. I hope this labor, this journey and the great expenditure of money can be happily deemed to be of some value both to me as well as to others.

I am glad to learn, that you have been doing better with your health than before. Kindly inform me how you are doing with your health. Please take care of your health. Hope all others are doing well. I have to send a painted symbol to your sister-in-law at Relangi. I am not a painter. However, I shall try to paint it to the best of my ability and send it in the next month. Please convey my love to her. Also kindly convey my love to mother and all others.

My health is excellent. I am gaining strength. My lady friends often come and are cooking vegetarian dishes for me. My tooth is fixed by one of the best dentists in the place. I have no more pain in my teeth. I had to pay about 80 pounds. I am now thinking of taking a few electric baths to relieve myself from nasal catarrh and slight pain in the back and neck.

Kindly convey my love and blessings to Srimat Brahmachari Yogiswarji Maharaj and the other friends including those of Palacoderu and Kasturi Satyanarayana. Please inform Subba Raju that I have been able to receive the two money orders each 40 pounds which is very kindly dispatched for the use of our books. What more?

Sivamastu

Iti, Jnanananda

p.s. My love to Subba Raju and Somavathi.

Iti, Jna

This is a letter written by an old lady friend. She has addressed this letter to mother. Of course she expects a reply. Please ask mother to reply her in Telugu. I shall arrange to translate it to her.

Most Honored lady!

As your son is here in my house since some months I want to write to you as the mother of such a great son and to tell you how happy we are and how we feel it as a blessing that he came to us. What he is telling about India is a wonderful fairy tale to us, in our foolish dark Germany.

Allow me to salute you as a mother of such a son.

Marie Vieth

October 4, 1927

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown, Dresden

Sri Charana Kamaleshu,

It is a matter of pleasure to receive your kind letter. I have also received the 4th money order sent to my Dresden address under the care of Mrs. Margaret Brown. I am not now in any way put to inconvenience for want of money in as much as your kind money orders have been regularly reaching me. I am making myself as comfortable as I can with the money that you have been very kindly sending for my use. I have been able to buy a few winter clothes. The cold is increasing by leaps and bounds. But then it is not colder than at Gangotri. There I used to transcend the idea of cold by the help of transcending mind. Here I am often in Rajas and I have to become free from cold by the material comforts which the Europeans have invented.

Just in a few moments some friends are going to visit me. So I can not send a detailed letter. I may try to send one in the next post. I have received two letters one from Venkateswarji Maharaj and the other from Brachmachari Yogeswar Maharaj only last evening. I may send them separate letters soon. Today, I have dispatched a symbol for the use of your sister-in-law by registered post parcel. I am not a painter. But then I have to paint it myself in a funny way. However I hope it may serve her purpose. I have made very much delay. Kindly ask her to kindly pardon my delay. Please send the symbol to her as soon as you receive it. Of course I fixed the symbol in a small frame. She can keep it in her meditation room.

Kindly take care of your health hope all of you are doing well. Kindly convey my love and blessings to mother and Somavathi.

Tomorrow I have to deliver a public lecture in a big hall at 8 P.M. on Yoga Philosophy. Many people are going to attend the lecture it seems that the hall is not sufficient for all the people.

Iti, Jnanananda

p.s. Kindly convey my everlasting love to Srimat Brahmachari Venkteswarji and Brahmachari Yogeswarji. Separate letters may be sent very soon.

The printing work has begun today; I have paid almost all the money for the advance. Kindly inform the number of copies that may be requested for your own use. The rest of the copies shall be kept in an office for sale. They can not be sold well here in as much as the people can not understand English. The office may send and distribute many of them to the Indian book sellers. The sale price of each copy comes to 5 Rupees. But a commission of 20% shall be given to those whose order will not be less than 6 copies. The price is of course excluding the postal charge.

Iti, Jnanananda

"The following is an English translation of a note published in a German newspaper signed by his Holiness through a letter from Dresden on 22 Aug 1927.

Indian Evenings

In the midst of friends of ancient Indian wisdom the Indian Swami Jnananandagiri spoke on July 21st about the art of self command as our missionaries go to India to propagate the teaching of the Christ and to win people for Christian life, so, from time to time messengers also come to us from distant India to bring us their thoughtful religions and to make us well disposed to a life which is a realization of the highest philosophic and religious ideals. In the art of self command the aim is through constant practice so to bring under subjugation the thoughts, desires and finally also the functions of the body that the spiritual rational will in us, exercises complete control. Man must by education and practice reach the point when he can in truth say, "not I live, but the Divine being lives in me" According to the Indian comprehension the high degree of spiritual development can be reached because man in his profound depths is a spiritual being and because of the way of transmigration he finds place, time, and opportunity to develop all powers of the soul to the utmost and to become eventually in will and consciousness one with the Divine.

November 1, 1927

c/o Margaret Brown, Dresden

Sri Sri Charana Kamaleshu,

I have received your kind letter. Today I am not in a position to write a detailed letter. I am extremely busy. The activities are directed to various sides. Besides holding private classes and public lectures I am busy with gathering materials for writing books on certain hitherto undiscovered principles of existence namely the metaphysical doctrine of the nature such as heat, electricity, etc. So in order to put the whole thing on a sound basis I am taking experimental scientific facts. Therefore, I am experimenting and watching the phenomena of light wave vibrations, its function, the nature of its objective appearance, existence etc. in a research laboratory of Physics. Also, I have to go through the proof sheets of the Purna Sutras for correction. All my friends are Germans and they do not know English so well. So I have to struggle myself alone with proof reading. It is for this reason; I have not been able to send a letter during the last week. You will kindly pardon my delay.

Here with I am sending an appreciation and notes of one of my lectures in one of the news papers. I am not in a position to translate the news paper reports or to gather other reports of other papers. Hope friends may try to satisfy themselves with this. More in my next lecture.

Hope you are doing well. Convey my love to all.

What more!

Iti, Sivamastu. Iti

Jnanananda

December 13, 1927

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown

Schlos Strasse 34/36 II

Dresden, Germany

Sri Sri Charana Kamaleshu,

I have received your extremely kind letter in time. Also I have your kind many order of 40 pounds intended for the book. I could not send an early reply to your letter. Kindly pardon my delay. I am forced to neglect the duty of sending letters to you. I am extremely busy with various works. I have to work from morning 5:00 o'clock till almost 12:00 o'clock in the night. I never thought that I have to work so much. On the one hand I am busy with philosophical teachings and lectures to various friends and on the other hand I am working about 4 hours in a day in the Government Laboratory of Physics. I am gathering special facts of Physics and Astronomical Physics by making some scientific researches. These I hope will be of very great value to profit the metaphysical theories of heat, light, electricity etc in a book that I may perhaps try to write during my stay in a calm place. I am just making a plan for such a philosophical book where in the various physical theories are to be discussed. Every day I am working in higher mathematics, also, for the purpose of estimating the potencies of electrons by various methods. In this way I am making preparations for several lectures in mathematics, physics and astronomical physics. I may, if the Divine helps me, try to serve the Indian brothers by delivering lectures in all these various branches of knowledge. This though eats away much of my physical strength, gives me great pleasure. I see and feel Divinity in my work. This over work has told upon my health to some extent. I have lost a weight of 15 lbs. The present body weight is 111 lbs. My eyes seem to have become little worse. The doctor friend has advised me to wash my eyes with certain lotions. I may begin to do it every week. I am taking electric baths. This greatly helps in keeping my health.

Herewith, I am sending 3 poems that I have written at Vienna. I have written them during my practice of Bhakti yoga. Hope you are all doing well with respective health. Kindly

convey my love to Sriman Brahmachari Yogiswar Maharaj, Branchari Varkateswara Maharaj and other friends. You may request Brahmachari Venkateswarji to stay in your house, if it is not in any way an obstruction to his Tapas.

Kindly take care of your health. Ask every one of the members of the family to drive off idleness. There is no greatest sickness than idleness. The river Godavari with the dam constructed on it has made the people of West Godavari especially of Bhimavaram Taluk very idle. It often pains whenever I think of the idleness of those villages. Please advise boys always to be busy with right action. There is no better teacher than the experience in action. Oh! Action is holy, Action is God, and Action is yoga. We must be busy with action not because necessity forces us to be so, but because we have to learn all blessed things from action. Women also should try to work always, seeing God in work. This much for today.

With my everlasting love

Yours in the Absolute

(S.d.) Jnanananda

Poems sent with the above letter

I. I am Om!

My lord! Space is limitless in thy hands!

II. Poems written while in Vienna (Austria) on Friday May 20, 1927

It is thy will, It is the grace thine

III. Poem written in Vienna (Austria) on Monday May 23, 1927

Great and glorious are they who worship thee

December 20, 1927

c/o Mrs Margaret Brown, Dresden

Sri Sri Chana Kamaleshu,

Received your sweet letter in time, I have also received two money orders of each 40 pounds which you have very kindly sent for the publication of Purna Sutras. It seems it will take about 5 weeks more to complete the printing work. This delay is due to me as I have to very often postpone the work of proof reading on account of my various other engagements as well as on account of my bad eye sight. I am very busy now a day. I am holding private classes and sometimes public lectures in Philosophy and Religion. In the month of January, I have delivered a few lectures on Vedanta Philosophy to an association, Over and Above that of the Doctor. I am requested to speak the details of the Vedanta Philosophy. Besides this work I am trying to make several researches in physics to investigate the laws of the activity of electrons in its manifestations of heat, light, magnetism etc. Recently I have taken exact observation of the electron magnet influence on the spectral analysis of light. Through this the calculations have been made to estimate e/m (charge to mass ratio) of an electron. I intended to make some independent observations of the influence of the astronomical bodies in the natural forces as well as on the ethereal vibrations. I wish to systematize my observations through the help of yogic meditations to explain the relativity of the knowledge of the empirical laws, the ideality of the phenomenal existence and thus point out what I exactly mean by the so called maya. If chance and circumstance permits me I may in future try to write a few books on metaphysics with a complete discussion of the fundamental laws of the natural forces and their relativity. If that becomes possible, Purna Sutras can be understood in a right manner. In dealing with heat, light, electricity and magnetism and their connections with astronomical bodies, I mean to make known their different influences on the emotions, passions, aspirations, and the intellectuality of man. The work is truly very great. Besides, I have minor works of teaching yoga, writing letters, and proof reading. My German friends can not in any way help me in my undertakings in as much as they can not write English. Otherwise, I would have asked them to reply all my letters and complete the proof reading. After a few months, I wish to safely occupy myself with the preparations of the systematization of the scientific observations. It will take no doubt considerable long time. But then I wish to take this as one of my missions. I have for the present given up the idea of travelling to all other countries, most of the time I mean to spend in

Germany as I can have full scope to the laboratories for the investigations of the scientific laws. But then before going to return back from Europe to India, I may spend a month in England.

Hope you are going on well with your spiritual culture. Kindly take care of your health. Yesterday I sent a letter to Brahmachari Venkateswarji Maharaj. Please convey my love and blessings to all friends what more?

Sivamastu Iti, Swami Jnanananda

p.s. my love to mother. I sent a small symbol printed and also framed by me for the use of your sister-in-law at Relangi. Kindly let me know if it reached you and if you could send it to her. My love to Sri Mudunuri Ramaraju garu of Undi and K.S. Narayana.

Iti, Jnanananda

January 17, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown etc Dresden

Sri Charaneshu,

I received your kind letter. I also received money order of 16 pounds very kindly sent by you in the first week of January. I am rather busy today. So I am sending a brief letter. Kindly pardon my brevity. I have begun another series of lectures for the year 1928. My first lecture for the year was delivered on the 5th instant in one of the high School buildings on the six systems of Indian Philosophy. On that day I could explain the general philosophical principles of each system in a few introductory remarks. My friend Dr. Margaret Stegmann, the member of the German Republic and the political leader of the Social Democratic party had undertaken to translate my lectures. Tomorrow I am going to deliver the second lecture on the same subject at Winkleman Strasse no.4 at 8 P.M. Several people are taking great interest in the lectures. Some people of another town have invited me to go to their town in order to deliver few lectures on Indian Philosophy. I shall be able to go to that town in the summer months. I told them that it would not be possible for me to go to the town before the 15th May 1928 in as much as I could not be able to finish the series of lectures at Dresden before that date. Secondly I am busy with some research work in the science laboratory of this place. The details of my work, I shall try to let you know in my next letter.

My health seems to be fairly well. My food and other arrangements for me are looked after by a girl of 17 years. She is serving me by all possible ways. She has dedicated her life and service to God. I call her Amala Pramoda. She knows German and she is at present studying English. After two months she may do my correspondence work in English. I hope I may have some rest. She will perhaps go to India along with me in order to take up the holy order of Divine Service.

I am glad that you are doing well. Please let me know the details of mother's health by return post. What arrangements you are going to make for the improvement of her health? Please convey my love to her. What more?

Sivamastu!

Iti, Jnanananda

January 22, 1928

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown etc Dresden

Sri Sri Parameswareshu,

I sent a letter during the last week acknowledging the receipt of your loving letter and your kind money order. I hope that it might reach you before the receipt of this letter.

I have delivered two lectures during this month. The third lecture should be delivered tomorrow the 23rd instant at 8 pm in Winkelman Strasse 4. Perhaps the next meeting may be held on the 2nd February at the same place. The time and program for the future lectures may be announced afterwards. I am still away with scientific investigations of the theory of Electronic and some other abstract theories of Physics. The present exertions may be of great use to my future attempts. Also in this direction I am trying to do to the best of my ability. I do not need the fruits of these exertions. Let them take care of themselves.

In the month of May, the world congress of Psycho-sociology is going to be held at Paris. The congress is expected to continue for nearly a week or so, beginning from the 13th May to the 20th May. The topics to be discussed in the said parliament are conscious and sub-conscious minds and the progress of the world. Besides, they discuss about Sociology and Politics from the stand point of Psychology. In-there I am told, they deal on the world of politics and to bring in a political harmony in accordance to the right program and evolution of the Human minds. One of my German friends Dr. Margaret Stegmann who is a great psychologist and one of the leading leaders of the Social Democratic Party of Germany has been elected as one of the Presidents. She invites me for that Congress. She wants that I should attend the congress along with her and we should defend the political freedom of India and other countries of the world whose political liberty has been taken away by some other nations. She wanted that we show clearly how the world's progress shall be cheated both mentally as well as socially as long as one nation holds the liberty of another nation. Thereby she wants that we should clearly point out how not only progress of one country but also that of the whole world has been retarded by holding up the liberty of one country or one nation by other country or nation. The problems to be dealt are no doubt of great importance even from the stand point of Philosophy and Religion. The congress is expected to be of very great powers. If it succeeds in supporting liberty of nations as a true

cause of progress, it is possible, that it might bring a strong pressure upon the different forms of Government for bringing up peace and Political liberty which shall be conducive for the individual and universal psychic development and the progress of the world.

I wish to inform my friend the limitations in which I am at present striving to work. I have not decided if I should direct my activities towards such problems and should defend our friends stand point in that congress. I may try to let you know in future letters if I should like to attend congress and to help my friend in noble mission of demanding the political liberty of India.

My health seems to be fairly satisfactory. I may ask any friend to send two new poems by tomorrow's mail. Hope all of you are doing well.

Please convey my love to all of my friends; kindly take care of your health.

This much today

Sivamastu.

Iti., Swami Jnanananda

A letter of ms Osbarga Venus (Posted date January 13, 1928)

Sir,

You will no doubt recognize the poems. I beg to send you here-with as an emanation of the heart and soul of his Holiness who is staying in our house.

Still it seems to us as a dream that the master from far of Himalayas has found the way not only to our country and to the large town in our vicinity but also to our small village at the boarder of the forest called the Dresden Heath. But as I am now hoping to be a faithful servant and pupil of his Holiness, if can be no dream any longer and so he must have come to us by Divine ordinance - having led by a bright shining star or by his instinct.

Four weeks have already elapsed since His Holiness is living with us being the true head and Master of the whole family, for my parents as well as the grand parents have become his Devoted Servants and pupils too, and especially my father is eager to study Indian Philosophy. My younger brothers and sisters are treated by his Holiness as if they were his own children, and they all together have already profited by the stream of love and calmness the master is pouring out continuously into our family.

I am indeed very happy for being allowed to send you these poems with my letter which I wrote in German and for the English translation of which my father assisted me. But in the case you will not mind the imperfections of my writings. I shall try to write the next letter without any assistance.

If it pleases Brahman, I shall accompany his Holiness to India, to places of my Pilgrimage and my father, dwelling to follow the Brahmin ideals.

With the devoted regards to all active followers of the Master I remain,

Yours in the Absolute Brahman

Osburga Venus

Poems sent with the above letter

- I. In the Majestic form and glory thine, (Dresden on 21st Dec. 1927).
- II. Ah Lord how vast extends the law of space, (Langerbruck, Saturday, 9th Jan 1928)

February 7, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown etc., Dresden

Sri Sri Charaneshu,

I received your sweet letters in time. I have received a money order of 7 pounds which you have most probably dispatched during the last week of January. I am glad to learn that you are all doing well with your respective bodily health.

My friend has sent two poems during the last mail week. Please send a letter of acknowledgement in her name. I could not send any letter during the last week. I have delivered one lecture during the last week on the 2nd February. The next lecture shall be delivered on 9th instant at Winkle Strasse No. 4 at 8 p.m. All my lectures of this year are being collected by a friend. He is the father of the lady who dispatched poems during the last week. If my pocket allows, I may perhaps give them to the press to get them printed in the form of a book. It shall be of course a book in German.

Hope you are all doing well.

With love and Blessings to all of you. I remain

Ever Yours

Om! Swami Jnanananda

February 28, 1928

c/o Mrs Margaret Brown at Dresden

Sri Sri Charana Kamaleshu,

I received your kind letter of 9th instant. I also received the parcel of garlands etc. kindly dispatched by Brahmachari Venkateswarji Maharaj. I am glad to note that all of you are doing well with your respective health. It is needless to say that I am pleased to learn that Brahmachari Venkateswarji Maharaj has been improving his health and that he has been staying in one of the gardens. He may be perhaps suffering from the bites of the "night wanderers (mosquitoes)" during the nights. It may not be very convenient to stay in a tent during the summer month. It would be very hot in a sandy place during day time of the summer month. I believe that a stay in a room in the village may be preferred to a lodge of the sandy gardens especially during the summer months.

Kindly see the boys never to be idle. There is no greater sin than idleness. Let the older boys spend their time in adoring God through action.

I am glad to note that you are feeling encouraged in your spiritual culture. May the subtle veils open to your insight! There details if deemed necessary I may try to send in future.

My health is satisfactory. In consideration of my health, I have reduced my activities. As a result I gained a weight of 6 lbs. My eyes are not as bad as before. More in future.

Sivamastu Iti / Swami Jnanananda.

March 23, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown at Dresden

Sri Sri Parameshwareshu,

I received your letter of the 16th February. I have only informed of the invitation of my friend Margaret Brown to the International Congress of Psychology and Sociology. Firstly, politics is not my dominion. Hence I shall not attend the political section of the congress. Secondly, How to develop mystic consciousness without having the deviations of pathological states is one of the most important subjects that is to be dealt in that congress. This friend Dr. Stegman is not a simple political woman. She is a psychologist, mystic and a great admirer of our system of Psychic control. She has undergone some training in our field. As such she very much wants that I should attend the congress and explain our system of Psychic control on the one hand and on the other to give her some suggestions of justifying the democratic form of Governments on Psychological basis. But our system is not intended for political purposes or for general parliaments but only to a few earnest seekers. Therefore, I have nothing to lecture in that congress or to give some suggestions to my friend. Thirdly, I am delivering here lectures on Vedanta Philosophy. In order to continue this series of lectures to friends who are eager to mould up their attitudes for the realization of the Divine, I am not going to attend the said congress. Fourthly, I have not undertaken the work of collecting several materials by scientific research work both for writing a few books on metaphysics as well as to explain the mystery of the Universe with the light of the research work to my Sadhu friends. On no account I can forsake this work. This I consider as my present work of foremost importance. All others are secondary. So you may be sure, I will not attend any other work or congress or anything of that sort where I can not exercise the originality of my own. I have only informed about this invitation for fun sake just to amuse you and to amuse those friends who would think that my journey to Europe is a kind of project of a madman. If at all I care for vanities I can attend such things and get a newspaper blaze. In India, politics is going to be the fashion of the day. I am far from that fashion and I am also always trying to be away from the news paper advertisements. I do not care at all for public applause or private gain. Even if there happens to

be small seeds of the desire for these vanities, may they be burn away! I even like not inform about my activities to anybody, but then, I sometimes inform of my activities just to satisfy your eagerness. In consideration of one of my principles - what the right hand does let not thy left hand know. I am tempted to request you not to let anybody know about my activities. Let me work day and night and let me with unflinching faith and devotion leave the rest unto Him! What more! Sivamastu ! Iti!

Swami Jnanananda

p.s: This I have written with great haste. I have no time even to go through once just after writing. So I am sending as it is. My health seems to be satisfactory. Purna Sutras are printed and published. The first copy was given to me some three days back. The rest of the copies shall be handed over in the next week. I may at first try to send 12 copies for your own use. If requested more you may please inform one. We are just thinking to get one of my recent works in German to be printed and published for the public use. I have not given any name to the work. The details I may inform in my next letter.

Iti

Sw. Jn

March 26, 1928

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown etc. Dresden

Sri Sri Charaneshu,

I received your lovely letter in time. I have duly received a money order of 7 pounds during the month of February and one money order 7 pounds during the last week of this month. I am glad to learn that you are all doing well and that you are well spending your time.

The printing and the publication of the Purna Sutras has come to an end. But then I am again busy with the arrangements of getting one of our recent works in German namely "The Philosophy of Religion" printed and published during the month of April. The manuscript of this book has been already prepared. This book is a collection of five lectures that I have delivered during this year to the students of popular culture. This collection is deemed to be of a great value to the German seekers. My friend who is a well known philosopher of these parts is going through them. He intends to write an introduction to these five lectures. Just after the completion of the introduction of the Philosopher Franze Macraur, I am giving the book to the press. I have already made arrangements with one press. The press may begin the work in the second half of April. Of course the work shall be speedily done. The printing as well as proper binding of the book shall be finished within two weeks. I hope to get 1000 volumes before the end of the 1st week of May. This book shall be about 112 pages of large size print. I hope it shall be a nice and beautiful book. I may try to send a copy in the month of May.

I have dispatched a parcel of 16 copies of Purna Sutras by registered post parcel. Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the parcel at your earliest convenience. If you wish to have more copies for your personal use, kindly let me know at once. Of the 16 copies one copy may be offered to Brahmachari. Venkateswar. Hope Brahmachari is doing better. If he is still suffering in the same way as before he may take Kauris hip baths with proper physical exercises for about two months. That perhaps may improve his health. He can afterwards go away to some other place in north India. If he thinks his stay in Andhra is not favorable to his Tapas, Of course in my future letters I may try to prescribe a proper place for his Tapas.

Kindly convey my love to all of our friends. This much today

Sivamastu, Iti.

April 24, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown at Dresden

Sri Sri Charana Kamaleshu,

Received both of your kind and loving letters in time. I have also received a money order of 14 pounds which you have very kindly dispatched during the month of March. I am very glad to know you have been doing well and that the ladies are taking advantage of your classes. Please see that every one of the boys is always busy with either physical work or mental work. None shall be idle. The work should be done to the best of our ability and understanding leaving the rest unto the divine. Every minute, minor details of the work should be carefully attended to, knowing the work in its entirety can not be accomplished independent of all its minor minute details and the Karma (work) in its entirety is that of the Divine. The Karma, even the minor details of which are carefully attended to with faith and devotion is Yoga, is meditation, and can be a way to the realization of the Absolute Divine. Often the Karmites neglect the attendance to the minor minute parts of work in as much as *Tamas* or idleness in the form of contentment, lead them astray from the holiness of the attendance to the details of Karma. Thus they miss the royal way of perfection. (Compiler's Note: Swami is talking about contentment under the influence of *Tamo Guna* which is detrimental to progress as it leads to laziness and carelessness. There should be inner contentment which should be due to automatic experience of Samadhi that makes the mind more proactive and alert to minute details, so that success is guaranteed and the inner contentment is not lost.)

You seem to be anxious to know something about my present activities. Today I am some what busy with logarithms, trigonometry and calculus in deducing the results of my observation of the effects of interference, diffraction and polarization of light under the influence of other forms of Energy. As such I am not sending a long detailed letter.

It seems to me I shall have to be a little busier than what I am at present from the next week till the end of June. From the month of July, as the laboratory is going to be closed for three months, I shall have to stop my observations for about three months till it will be reopened in the month of October. Even these three months, I intend writing short notes and systematic sketches of the theories connected with my observations. I again continue my observations from

the month of October till the completion of my examination of the different points which are to be dealt in the future work. By the mercy of the Divine, if I can complete all my observations, I hope to write a book in about four volumes on the Metaphysics of nature, of course after returning to India.

Besides the scientific work, I am occasionally delivering lectures on philosophy and also holding private classes to German friends. Some of the lectures delivered during this year have been collected by a German friend. We have not gotten the originals in English in order to send you. We have only the lectures reproduced in German. They are going to be printed on our behalf, possibly, before the end of the month of May. I may try to send a printed copy of the German edition of the lectures to you. I send only one copy as it will not be understood by the people.

Hope all of you are doing well. Please convey my love and affection to all our friends including Srimat Brahmachari Yogiswarji Maharaj. I received his short letter. I am glad to know that he is doing well. I cannot send a separate letter to him. Let this be served as a letter also to him. Some days back I sent a letter to Srimat Brahmachari Venkateswar Maharaj. Hope it will reach him before this letter. It will be better for him if he can stay in a room during the summer months than to stay in a tent. The tent will be extremely hot in the summer weather.

This physical health seems to be fairly satisfactory. The eyes are somewhat bad. It may be due to the over work to the eyes. Very often the Europeans are pleasure seeking people. As such they advise me to kick off my scientific work, of course in consideration of the well being of my eyes and spend my time in games and pleasure till I gain normal eye sight. I laughed at their advice and silently engage myself in my scientific work, because it seems to me, that bodily exercises can not improve the eye sight. At present, I am not prepared to give up my observations in order to give rest to the eyes. In summer months I may stop my eye work for about 15 days and during that period I may try to put myself under the treatment of an eye specialist, if my friends allow me to do so.

More in future, this much today.

Sivamastu, Om Iti

Sw. Jn.

May 13, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown at Dresden

Sri Sri Charana Kamaleshu,

I received your loving letter in time. I am glad to learn that you have been doing well with your health as well as your spiritual culture. I have also received a letter from Srimat Brahmachari Venkateswarji Maharaj. I may try to send a reply in the next week. Hope he is doing fairly better than before. Is Brahmachari Yogeswar Maharaj doing well in his Asranam at Chinameram? Where is Sriman Kotta Venkataramayya Pantulu garu staying now days? What about Sri Kasturi Sambamurthy Garu? How is he doing now? Kindly inform him that some of the well educated Europeans have begun to acknowledge the greatness and the depth of Hinduism and its philosophy. Some weeks ago a well known Christian missionary Rev. Constantine Grossmann was delivering a lecture on Hindu culture and Philosophy. In the course of his lecture he was saying Vedanta religion was the strongest in support of pure morality and has the greatest consolation in the sufferings of life and death. Some of my friends attended his lecture. They were wondering to hear such an appreciation from the life of a missionary who is supposed to cry down all other religions and extol his own.

Are mother doing well? Is Chiranjivi Somavathi staying with you and hearing your discourses? How is she doing with her health? Please convey my good wishes to mother as well as to her. Also convey my love and blessings to all of our own friends. Some two days back I received a letter from Valluri Narasimha Rao of Rayakunduru. I may reply him within a week or two.

You have asked me if I could make the necessary arrangements for the sale of the copies of "Purna Sutras". I must confess that I could not do anything in that direction. I am hopelessly busy with scientific research and meditations pertaining to these subjects. I am very often overwhelmed with work. I am not willing to forsake the continuity of my present work for the sake of the sale of the books. Such an arrangement is not conducive to the welfare of my work. I request you to kindly pardon me for this kind of non interference in getting the books sold to the public. Of course I sent nearly 150 copies to my blessed Sri Srimat Guru Deva and all the different friends in north India. The rest of the copies are remaining with me. Most of the German people can not understand English. As such these books are of no use to them. Some

teachers are attempting to translate the Sutras into German. One has already finished the translation work. Besides this some two other friends are independently translating them. They have already finished about four chapters. They may finish the rest in about a week. Again another gentleman has requested me to allow him to translate the work. I told him that I had the least objection if he wished to do the translation of the Purna Sutras. I of course inform them all that I give the permission to him who can translate the works very accurately without any mistakes, to let his translation publish on his own account at his own cost.

The book Purna Sutras can be sold very well in England as well as in America. Some arrangements are to be made with some book sellers and publishers. But I have no time to keep correspondence with him. I have not made any arrangements with any of the Indian firms. It shall be a matter of great help if some of the Indian friends undertake this work. I intend writing letters to Deva Sahib asking him to make the necessary arrangements with some firms in North India. I have not got any friends in the city of Madras who can make the necessary things at Madras. If G. Satyanarayana Raju Garu is still in Madras, kindly ask him if he can make arrangements with any of the Book sellers at Madras. He can offer a commission of nearly 20% on the sale price to any of the book sellers who wish to take up the Agency for the whole of Madras and other cities. This much is about the book Purna Sutras. The other book which is a collection of five lectures which I delivered during the year is expected to be out within about 20 days. Of course, the book is in German. As such it can be of no use to you. However, I shall try to send two copies to you along with the copies of 'Purna Sutras'. You asked me if I can send the original lectures in English. The short hand writer could not directly copy out my lectures. He could take down lectures as translated by the translating lecturer. As such I have not got the originals in English. Of course when chance permits me, I shall try to get them retranslated into English. This much is about the lectures and their publication. These lectures can be sold very quickly here as they are in German. Some friends shall undertake the work of selling them here as well as in other towns of Germany. Of course these books are intended for popularizing the merits of Hindu Philosophical thought. So they shall be sold only for the cost price.

In the last month I have done a few experiments just to watch the simple laws of Electricity. They are not of much importance to me. But then I am thinking of determining the distances of certain stars from the earth and the time difference between observations of Sun, being a distant star, during the day and that of the relatively nearby planet Jupiter during the night. There may be some use to us in our future writings.

During the summer months I have once more to begin my lectures. Besides this I have to take some systematic notes on light and on the theory of electrons for the use of our book on metaphysics of nature which I intend writing after words. If you are very eager to know

something about the kinds of the writings, I may try to work and send a few sketch hints of my plans of the future writings. This complete work can be in about four or five volumes, if I can spend all my time for these scientific researches and for meditating on the problems. At present I am also spending some of my time for teaching Yogic doctrines and lecturing on the Philosophy of religion. But then after the summer months I wish to give up a part of these activities and to engage myself in the scientific observations and meditations. I think I can get an access to the Kaiser Wilhelm University laboratory at Berlin through the influence of some of my friends. In that case I may stay at Berlin Laboratory for some time, as the instruments and other equipments of that place are more refined and better than those of this one. Here there is no good astronomical observatory while in Berlin I can make use of the best laboratory. This much is about my present activities and the probable activities of my future.

In most of your letters you demand long detailed letters. So I am sending this detailed letter. Of course most of the things that I write here seem to be silly. However you want all these details.

My health seems to be satisfactory. The weight of my body is about 116 pounds. The body has gained a weight of 6 pounds more than before. I mean to get my eyes examined by an eye specialist as soon as the purse permits me to do so. I am now taking weekly Steam Baths. So I do not suffer from nasal catarrh.

The one question that you are insisting and the one question I evaded to answer up to this time, I am forcing myself to answer in this letter. In spite of my Vedanta, the kindly heart, did not allow me to reply your question. I do not like to trouble you by requesting you to send the money. It is nearly impossible to live without money in these European countries. It is only European hospitality that demands payment from the guests. I do pay off the costs of my board and lodge even though I stay with my friends. Besides the cost of my living I have to pay the cost of materials which I have to use in the course of the laboratory or the rent of the private room in the laboratory. This is due to the recommendation of some influential friends. I lead a frugal life and save some money to pay the cost of the materials of the experiments. But in the month in which I get less money I go and eat with one of my friends who gave me general invitation and who will not take money from me. Thus I am spending my days. No doubt this mode of life is not a pleasant affair. But then what can be achieved without sacrifice? Even in the European countries if chance will not bring the necessary money, I think I may not suffer for want of food even though I do not earn money. This is my conviction. You are kind enough to send me a sum of 280 shillings per month. This has been nearly sufficient for properly maintaining me without depending upon these European friends. It would not have been possible to make all the arrangements of the laboratory according to my convenience and

necessity had I not received your aid. But then I almost always feel lest it may be a great burden to you. However I am seriously thinking of removing your trouble. One old German lady sometimes asks me to stay and spend my time in delivering lectures to the public on Philosophy and vegetarianism. But I am not willing to stay with her to do anything. I must do it according to my plan and understanding. So I have given up the idea of staying with her although she can supply the requirements if I would stay with her.

Please let me know how you are doing with your health?

Hope all boys are doing well with their studies and other affairs. Kindly convey my blessings to them. This letter is sufficiently long. So I stop here for today.

May you Blessed with subtle insight!

Ever yours in the Absolute

Sw. Jn

p.s: This year May is unusually cold here. Last night the minimum temperature was 5 degrees below the freezing point. This is indeed very cold. Many tender plants of tomato have been frozen to death during the last night. Usually it is not so cold during this month.

June 6, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown in Dresden

Sri Sri Charana Kamleshu,

I received your loving letters, one sent from Antarvedi palem on the 9th and the other sent from Goraganamudi on the 17th. I also received a sum of 7 pounds sent from Goraganamudi during your stay at Antarvedipalem. I also sent a long detailed letter to your address on or about 1st of this month. Hope it will reach you before the receipt of this letter. This letter is intended only as an acknowledgement of the receipt of your letters and of the money order.

Today I sent a letter to Pandit Bhavani Dutt Sahib, the Diwan of Tehri State asking him to take up the charge of giving a wide publicity of Purna Sutras in the Newspapers of India. In one of his letters Diwan Sahib was proposing his services to me in any way. So I am thinking of giving this work to him. As soon as I receive his reply, I may send most of the copies to him at his Rishikesh address. I hope he will organize the affairs in a beautiful manner. He shall do this work to serve his religion without any self interested motives. I mean to use the income of this book for the publication of our other works. I hope you will not have any objection to the kind of arrangements as well as to the idea of utilizing the money for the publication of our works.

Today I received a letter from the Highness the Maharaja of the Tehri Garlwal, informing of his interest in my present activities. I wish still to be indifferent to their indirect proposals of their service to me. I think it is necessary to be so. Let the Divine take care of His humble servant.

Hope you are all doing well. Kindly convey my love and blessings to all of our friends at Goraganamudi as well as at other places.

I am at present staying in the building shown in the above sketch which is situated in a nice park. The name of this house is 'Lichthort' which means the home of Light and Wisdom. This home and the park are surrounded by vast extensive forests of Cider and Fir trees. This home belongs to the father of Amala Promoda. I go to the laboratory by train almost everyday

except on Sundays. There is also a temple in this park where in I may hold my summer lectures. This temple and the park belong to the father of Amala.

My health seems to be good.

Sivameshu om Iti

Sw. Jn.

August 13, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs Margaret Brown etc Dresden

Sri Sri Charana Kamleshu,

I received your kind letters. Also the money orders which you have very kindly dispatched to my address have all duly reached me. I am very glad to know that all of you are doing well. This time I have no doubt made considerable long delay in sending my letters. The cause of the delay is not due to my activities. I became lazy in writing letters for the last one month. Today I begin to write letters once more.

Some weeks ago I sent a book post parcel containing 12 copies of Purna Sutras and 2 copies of our book in German, "Die Philosophic der religion". Hope they might have reached you by this time. I send only two copies of the German books. As German language can not be understood by any one of our friends there, I send these two copies. If more copies are required, you may kindly inform me. Pandit Bhawani Dutt Sahib, the Diwan of the Tehri state has kindly undertaken the charge of the sale of Purna Sutras. I am glad to have his services. I am going to send away almost all the copies to his address within about a week. He shall wisely manage the affairs.

At present the laboratory has been closed for about 3 months. During these days I am writing a few sketches of the elements of physical optics and also working out some of the problems of mathematical physics in accordance to the doctrine of relativity. Besides this I am at present delivering a second series of lectures to the public on Raja yoga and its philosophy. I have already delivered about 9 lectures on this subject. Our friends are taking short hand notes in German. Of these 9 lectures 5 have been delivered to a limited circle of our friends who are following this path.

About my future programs, I shall try to inform you in my future letters. My health is fairly satisfactory. Our friends prepare food according to my requirements. I am not suffering from any kind of bodily ailments even constipation. Eye Sight is fairly satisfactory. Hope all of you are doing well. I am going to write letters to all of our friends who have sent letters to me, from tomorrow. Please convey my love and Blessings to all of our friends.

with Ever lasting Love

I am

Ever yours

Sw. Jn.

August 16, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown at Dresden

Sri Sri Charnakamelshu,

Some days back I sent a letter to your address informing you of my present state of health. Today I have got all the copies of Purna Sutras properly packed up in oil papers and a big wooden case. This package shall be dispatched to Pandit Bhavani Dutt Sahib by Insured Customs post tomorrow. After the receipt of the Parcel, Pandit Bhavani Dutt encourages a wide publicity of the books by advertising in the news paper. Today, I am also going to send a few copies of "Die Philosophic der Religion" to the holy Ashram of his Holiness Sriman Guru Deva; to his holiness the Maharaj Bahadur of Tehri and to some other friends in north India. I sent the copies of "Die Philosophic der Religion" to your address along with 12 copies of Purna Sutras. Hope they might have reached you by this time.

I have been delivering a few lectures during the summer months. My next lecture is going to be delivered on Saturday the 18th instant at 7 o'clock p.m. on the steps of mystic meditations and on 1. physical sphere 2. psychic sphere 3. sphere of beingness 4. Causal sphere 5. cosmic sphere 6. blissful sphere and 7. spiritual sphere to a limited circle of our friends who are following this path of meditation. I had never an opportunity to speak the subject matter of my present lectures to any of our Indian friends. Our friends here are taking short hand notes of these lectures in German. This exposition shall be perhaps quite new to many of our Indian friends. Further details if possible in future.

How are you doing now with your health? Kindly take care of it. Are you free from pain in the legs? What about your thirst and diabetes? How you are going on with your spiritual culture? How are our friends doing? I do not hear anything about Kasturi Satyanarayana Murthy. Is he still a teacher at Goraganamudi? Kindly convey my love to all of them. My health seems to be fairly satisfactory. I require about 20 tulas of oil extracted from the Bark or leaves or seeds of Vepa Tree. It should be bitten with bitter smell. If such an oil is not available anywhere, you may kindly send me the same amount a juice which flows from a big old Neem tree by reg. post parcel. Kindly send either one of those.

Please convey my everlasting love to mother. What more? With my ever lasting love to you.

I remain

Ever Yours

Sw. Jn

September 5, 1928

C/o Mrs. Margaret Brown. at Dresden

Sri Sri Charaneshu,

I received your sweet and loving letter of the 2nd August. I have also received the money order kindly sent by you on the same day. I sent the two letters about 10 days back to your address. Hope they will reach you before the receipt of this letter. I am glad to learn that all of you are doing well. How is the Brahmachari Venkateswarji Maharaj going on with his health? I do not know his present address. If you know kindly let me know about it. Hope, Sri Brahmachari Yogeswar Maharaj is well at his Ashram.

I am at present staying here. All the laboratories of Germany have been closed for about three months. They shall be reopened in the last week of October or in the 1st week of November. I thought leaving this place to Berlin to make a few researches in the University laboratory in the month of October. But, I have for the present given up that idea. The Dresden Laboratory is going to get special and up to date apparatus for the research work in Optics. Secondly the chief Professor of Physics Dr. Dember Esq. has a great love and respect for me. He is willing to make all the necessary arrangements for my special work in light. So, I am thinking of staying in Dresden and continue on my further work at least till the end of the winter months.

I am at present holding on a series of class lectures to some of our friends on Raja Yoga. I shall be able to finish my last class in the present series of lectures on Raja Yoga on the 15th September between 5 A.M. to 7 P.M. These lectures are intended only to advanced students. In the coming months I may have to hold lectures on Bhakti yoga, Karma yoga, and Jnana yoga to these advanced students. I am glad to say that some substantial work in that direction is being turned out. I am not going to allow myself to be the object of Newspaper Blaze. It has, though its own value is superficial. But solid service requires neither advertisement nor organized publication. The progress of solid and substantial work and service is always very slow but then at the same time very sure- such is the Divine will.

You asked me in one of your letters if I could supply a price list of Astrological books. German literature is rich with books of all branches of Knowledge including those of Astrology both ancient and modern. But then Brahmashri Veerayya Siddanti Garu can not understand German. Secondly the system of calculations is different from that of Indian Astrology. These

calculations are greatly based on the Trigonometric Functions of the angular measurements of the different planets from the point of horizon and from the point of Zenith. I think, therefore, that Brahmasri Master garu cannot make out anything from these books even if he understands German without aid of a teacher. So these books may not be of any use to Sri Master garu. I have a friend who has been studying Astrology for the last three years. He wishes to write Jatakam of this body. He wished to know the time of my birth in hours and minutes. Kindly let me know the following- what is the time of Sunrise on 5th of Dec? How many hours' minutes and seconds after sun rise - I was born on 5th of December 1896?

After giving this information my friend wishes to make the required plans of my Jatakam. If Sri Master garu has a mind to know how their plans are made I shall try to send the plans of my Jatakam after their completion. Kindly let me know how you are doing now with your health. How are mother doing? Kindly convey my love and Blessings to all of them.

My health is satisfactory what more?

Sivamestu Iti

Sw Jn

September 12, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown at Dresden

Sri Sri Chaurana Keamelshu,

I received the second money order kindly sent by you during the last month. I also sent letters to your address about some days back. I left the house of Sister Amala Pramoda and am at present staying in the house of Mrs. Marica Van Vieth who wrote a letter to mother during the last year. She often asked me to convey her affection and good will to all of you. I had always forgotten to send her message to you. Even she gave me a letter to mother during the month of March asking me to send it to mother. But then I threw it off in my waste paper basket out of sight. I did not inform her. I threw her letter in the waste paper basket.

You asked me if it would be proper to try to get the German book "Die Philosophic der Religion" translated into English by any of the missionaries. It would not be possible for a common missionary to grasp the philosophy contained in it as his narrow Samskaras do not allow him to understand anything else besides his few dogmas. Thirdly, I have sometimes criticized the missionaries who are trying to convert the men of other faiths into their church dogmas. So a missionary who has come to India just to convert the people will not dare to either reckon with this book for study or to translate it into English.

I sent most of the copies of Purna Sutras to India. They shall perhaps reach Pandit Bharvan Dutt Sahib during the next month. He shall properly adjust the affairs concerning the books.

Please let me know how you are doing with your health. How are mother and boys doing? My health seems to be satisfactory.

with ever lasting love

Sivamastu iti, yours

Jnanananda

p.s. Here with I am sending a picture card. This is a picture of a small hill with a horse where I am at present staying.

September 20, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown etc Dresden

Sri Sri Charana Kamaleshu,

I was for some time irregular in sending letters to all of you. I have no doubt once more begun to be regular in that direction. I sent letters during the last weeks. Hope they shall reach you in time.

I have up to this time delivered several lectures on the historic teachings of the Indian wisdom to some of my advanced friends who have been following our course of Psychic discipline. They are taking right and sincere advantages of our teachings. Now I believe that my coming staying and doing service to the Europeans are of true value. There are only few followers but they are true and sincere. I like them very much and they to follow me with perfect love and sincerity. I have also begun to invite some into true discipleship. This much is in brief about the work of propagation of the Indian Wisdom.

At present the Laboratory has been closed for the summer holidays. It shall be opened at the end of October. So I could not finish any one of the important experiments during the summer months. Of course I have taken a brief summary of the science of the physical optics and mathematical optics for my references during the course of my attempting to write books on the metaphysics of nature. Even to write a summary is not an easy matter. It may seem to be the work of a few years of hard work. There are still many hard and complicated experiments both in optics as well as in Electricity to complete before attempting to present a solid doctrine to the metaphysics of India. Sometimes each of the complicated experiments demands a hard and industrious labor of about one month or even two. I have up to this time performed about 30 simple experiments and 2 very hard and complicated experiments. I am thinking of finishing of about 25 simple experiments and about 15 complicated experiments. I try my level best to finish them as soon as I can. This much is about my work of science and metaphysics.

Now a day I have begun to understand the art of European music. Germany may be said to be the father of classical music of Europe. Some days back one of my admirers and followers has presented me a valuable violin. Another follower and friend come to my room and kindly instruct me in the art of music and train me in playing the violin. I also spend about half an hour

every day in practicing the elementary exercises of violin music. My friend says that my progress in learning how to play the violin music is satisfactory. When I go back to India I shall try to carry my violin along with me and try to play the songs on my violin to Sri Narayana Raju of Palakoderu at the intervals of his Sri Bhagavans reading. This much about music. Thus I take rest in the charge of my work.

You also seem to have become irregular in sending letters. I did not receive any letters from you for the last two weeks are so. Please do not follow my example of occasional irregularities. Kindly let me know how all of you are doing. How are you doing with your bodily health? Are you now free from the pain in your legs? I am glad to know that you are doing well with your meditations and spiritual culture. You may always try to mould up your mind stuff into highest meditation attitudes in all circumstances. It is useless to wait only for particular circumstances for meditations. With firm faith and conviction proceed on with the prescribed course and true glory of the Divine shall be opened unto you what more!

Sivamasthu

Iti, Jnanananda

October 3, 1928

Dresden, Loschwity

Sri Narayanesu,

Swami Jnananandaji has received your letter. He is very busy. In the next week he shall possibly get some leisure. Then he may try to send a reply to your letter.

He asks me to convey his love and blessings to all of you.

Yours affectionately

Anna Lommatzseh

Sri Charanesu,

My health seems to be good and satisfactory. Hope, you are all doing well. Perhaps more in the next letter. What more?

Yours

So Jn

October 13, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown, Dresden

Sri Sri Charaneshu,

I could not send a proper letter to you during the last week. I am once more very busy with my usual engagements. I have delivered several lectures to my friends during the last summer month. Tomorrow I have to deliver a public lecture on Science and Religion in the big Hall at Waickleman Strasse 4, at 7 P.M. An announcement of this lecture has been made through 5 of the important news papers of the city. Several people are expected to attend the lecture. One of my friends is going to translate the lecture in to German. This time one friend may try to reproduce the whole lecture directly from English by short hand writing. I shall try to send you a copy of this lecture on Tuesday the 16th instant in case. I shall be able to get a copy by that time. Sri Valluri Narasimha Rao Pantulu garu wanted a copy of all the lectures delivered here. Almost all the lectures delivered during this year are reproduced only in German. Hence they may not be of any use to him. Kindly try to send a copy of this lecture to him. Also, please convey my good wishes to him. Hope all of you are doing well. My health seems to be good.

This much today.

with my every lasting love

Yours

Jn,

October 16, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown, Dresden

Sri Sri Charna Kamaleshu,

Some four days back I sent a letter. Last Sunday the lecture on Science and Religion has been successfully delivered. The hall has been packed with men of science and religion. Here with I am sending the copy of the lecture. Kindly go through it and try to send me your views about it at your earliest convenience.

I shall once more begin my scientific investigations from the 25th instant. I am making preparations for that purpose. My next lecture shall be delivered on the 28th instant in the popular High School Buildings on the courses of Psychological Religion.

Kindly send a copy of the lecture that I am sending herewith to Sriman Valluri Narasimha Rao Panthulu garu of Rayakuduru. Hope all of you are doing well. My love and Blessings to all of our friends. What more?

Sivamastu Iti!

Sw. Jn

October 27, 1928

Om!

c/o. Mrs. Margaret Brown, Dresden

Sri Sri Charana Kamaleshu,

I received your kind letter of the 4th instant. It is needless to say that I am pleased to know of your welfare and that of others. I am at present very busy. As such I am not in a position to send long letters. I have once more begun to continue the scientific researches in the laboratory. A special room with all the necessary equipment for my research work has been allowed for me in the laboratory. Today I have been arranging, adjusting and fixing the apparatus according to my requirements. It takes about one month only to complete adjustments. After adjusting the apparatus I can finish only two experiments by the use of that apparatus. Firstly, I have to determine the wavelength of Ultra-Violet rays and secondly the velocity of the electrons in their transverse vibrations of the Ultra- Violet Rays. It may take about two months fifteen days only to finish these two experiments. On the whole the completion of the adjustments for the apparatus and the completion of the two experiments take three and half months. After finishing these experiments I have to make new adjustments for further experiments. In spite of my alertness each experiment robs away much of my time. I spare no pains in trying to complete each experiment as early as I can. I have to perform about 15 to 18 experiments in order to determine the different laws of Nature. They are by no means simple. I may perhaps give up minor experiments to cut short of my work if my circumstances do not permit me to spare sufficient time for them. But then I wish to complete these 18 experiments if the Divine permits me to do so. I have a mind to send the mathematical calculations of one of my present experiments to show or to give an idea of the difficulty and the complications of the experiments. But today I can not send the calculations as I have practically no time at my disposal during the week. I may, if possible try to send the plan of the calculations in one of the future letters.

During the last week I sent a copy of our lecture on Science and Religion by registered letter to your address. Hope it will reach you before the receipt of this letter. But then there are many mistakes due to incorrect typing. Several sentences have been omitted due to hasty work. I could not correct the copy properly as there was no time for the last post. You may if you can correct them before you give the copy to others. I hastily sent the copy before carefully going

through the copy. But then, it may just give an idea of the lecture to you. There have been favorable appreciating criticisms of this lecture in four or five of the chief papers of this city. Yesterday I could get the piece containing the criticisms from the criticisms columns of the most celebrated papers of the city. Herewith I am sending the pieces. I have to deliver a lecture on the way of the Psychological Religion to the members of popular culture on Sunday the 28th instant in the Popular High School Buildings. The gentle man who can take down the lectures directly from my Speech in English is not here. We may not perhaps get this lecture in English. But then some friends can take short hand notes from the translation.

I have carried your messages to Miss M. Von Vieth and other friends. Of course Miss M. V. Vieth in whose home I have I am at present staying shall be glad to send you the required information. But then it is not so easy for her to write long letters in English. There are many other friends who will be glad to give the information regarding me to you. There is a lady who is a school teacher. She is well educated in literature and Philosophy. She has translated Purna Sutras into German. She can follow the teachings and she is following the system of our training. She translated my lectures into German for the public. She being herself a lecturer, translates, and speaks the substance of my lectures in a very successful manner. Her name is Miss Elizabeth. She knows English better than many other friends. As such she will try to write the required information regarding me and directly send it to you.

Kindly ask mother to write letters to me. I shall be glad to receive them. You have given some information regarding her. I may try to reply her after receiving a letter directly from her, Please let me know how you are doing.

My health seems to be satisfactory, It will be no doubt very good if the health remains satisfactory at least as long as I have to work hard for the successful termination of our work.

I am glad to know that you are doing well with the course of your Tapas, although it is to some extend slow, steady, and sure. I am of opinion that you will have Nirvikalpa state of consciousness at least once at the perfectly right and gold moments of your present life on the earth. Kindly always proceed on only with your "Higher attitude". It is not be the look out for thinking of the results of Tapas. This much for today.

Sivamasthu! Om!Iti! Jnanananda

November 5, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown at Dresden.

Sri Charana Kamaleshu,

Some days back I sent a letter. But that I received no letters during this week as well as during this last week. During the last week I delivered public lectures. There have been many appreciating remarks regarding the lecture in the news papers. Here with I am sending remarks from two newspapers one of which belongs to the state.

I am busy now a day. I often wake up at about 4:30 and practice a few steps of mysticism till about 7 AM I attend the room specially allotted for me in the laboratory at about 8 AM. I will be going on with my scientific research till 6 PM. I return back to my lodge from the laboratory at nearly 7 PM and there after hold classes to my friends to deliver short lectures on the principles of metaphysics for about an hour or so. Then after taking my supper, I shall have very often to write notes or attend to some of the problems of mathematical Physics and then metaphysical significance till about 11 or sometimes till 12 PM. This is at present the program of my work.

About 12 days back I sent a copy of our lectures on 'Science and Religion'. I could not carefully go through it before I sent it to you. I find many omissions especially, from 20th page. It is only due to my fluent speech that the shorthand writer could not take down every sentence. I have recently gone through and added the points that have been omitted. Of course I am not in a position to get the whole lecture retyped in a correct manner. One of our friends could not spare sometime and could retype only the pages where there are many omissions. I am here with sending these pages from the 20th page till the last i.e. to say till the end of 24th page. From the copy of the lecture on 'Science and Religion' which I sent already take of the pages 20,21,22,23 and add these pages 20,21,22,23 and 24. Now it may be said that this is my full lecture on 'Science and Religion'. Of course there are a few spelling mistakes even in the pages 1 to 19. But then these mistakes may be conveniently corrected by any of our friends. You may kindly, send a copy of this lecture to Srimat Brahmachari Venkateswaraji Maharaj.

How are you doing with you health? How is mother doing? I have not received the letter from her. After receiving it I may send a reply to her. Kindly do convey my ever lasting love to

her as well as to Srimathi Somavathi Devi. Hope all boys are doing well. How is Kasturi Satyanananyana murthy? What is he doing now a day?

My physical health seems to be satisfactory only sometimes I become very much tired on account of continuous work. During the last year my eyes were affected by the ultra violet rays during the observations of the spectrum. This year I am often engaged with the observations of Spectrograph etc. But then I have been using special kinds of glasses to my eyes during the observation of Ultra violet rays. Hence the eyes are fairly good in spite of my observations.

The laboratory has made several arrangements besides offering a room. I have to pay to the state the rent of the special room, the costs of Electricity, coal gas etc. which I consume during the experiments. It amounts to the sum of 250 shillings till the end of March 1929. If it is not inconvenient you may kindly send my 12 1/2 pounds more than the amount that you have been sending to me as the expenses of every month. This much today. With my ever lasting love to you.

Sivamasthu!

Sw . Jnanananda

November 28, 1928

Om!

c/o Mrs. Margaret Brown, Dresden

Sri Charana Kamaleshu,

I received your loving letter. I can not send you a proper reply to you today. You asked me if I would require the pickles of Neem or Tamarind fruits. I think they are of no use for the preservation of health. Nor do I think that they have any nourishing value. Hence I request you not to send the things to me.

I am at present urgently in need of articles written in the Indian journal of Physics. Some of the articles are describing the recent discoveries in Optics by Prof. C.V. Raman, 210 Bowbazar street, Calcutta. These articles will be of some help in my research work. Hence you may kindly request Rao Bhahadhur P. Ranganayakulu naidu garu to buy all the volumes of Indian Physical Journal from the 1st of January up to the end of this month or this year. Those volumes may not be very costly and they can be had from any of the Book sellers in Madras. Please request him to send all the volumes issued during the years up to this time to my address at his earliest convenience. This is urgently needed: Indian Physical journal all the volumes issued up to this time during this year. With my love to all of you.

Yours in the Absolute

Sw. Jnanananda

November 30, 1928

Om!

c/o Miss Elizabeth Bush

School teacher

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Dresden, Germany

Sri Sri Charana Kamaleshu,

I received your loving letter in time. I could not send a reply in time. Kindly pardon my delay. I am glad that you are taking a little care for the health of Mata Sri and partly also for your health. It is indeed a necessary duty to look after health. Kindly let me know how you and Mata Sri are faring now with your respective health, after undergoing treatment. I am really of opinion that every one of you should strictly observe the laws of hygiene. The water of your village is extremely bad. The sleeping and sitting rooms should be better ventilated. Many other things should be kept clean neat and orderly. I had a mind no doubt to give some directions to guide both the household wives as well as every one of the family for the bodily welfare of each one of you. Whenever I was there at Goraganamudi, I did not like some of the habits for they are not conducive to any one of you. But then, somehow I could not say so. However, besides undergoing bodily treatment it is necessary that every one of you might not neglect the great message given by Sri Krishna "YUKTHAHARA VIHARASYA". We can not be said to have understood the Divine teaching, unless and until we are the embodiment of the teaching itself and thus realize its essence. As you know all these things, it is not necessary for me to enter into details. If you do not like to care so much for the principles of cleanliness and strict orderliness of things in the house for yourself, on account of a sort of renouncing spirit, kindly see that your boys, nay, everyone of the family; should at no account disregard the principles of cleanliness and orderliness. Such laws had been always prescribed by law givers and they are always followed by the ancient rishis. These principles of cleanliness and orderliness are disregarded and the spirit of these principles is neglected and the degraded sham of 'don't touchism---' and 'don't seeism-' has possessed the society of the present days. Truly it is not this degraded form of sham that men of reason and clear understanding have to copy and adopt but it is the principles

of cleanliness and right order and discipline, in their right spirit that we have to adopt and practice then with care and as a duty of life. Well, do you consider that gargling the mouth and throat and spitting in the tank and drinking the water from the same tank is right. Do you think that it is any principle of cleanliness to take a big water jug into the tank with perhaps with some cow dung cake ash, polish the jug and wash the vessel into the tank water, wash the clothes, take a bath and clean the mouth in the same tank and take water for drinking purposes. And while proceeding back to home with the water, the water including himself or herself are considered to have been polluted because a few ignorant mala (untouchable) perhaps a very poor in character and chastity happened to go in the same path at a distance, the water is now polluted! It is not this kind of degraded sham I expect from your boys but true principles of cleanliness. Very Clean and fresh food, clean water as drink, fresh air, clean body, and clothes, right actions, right attitudes, and proper rest, are the foundations of health. If we take care of them the health takes care of itself. I write all this especially for the others of your family and of your village. All the house including the surrounding yards are to be kept clean. Unclean and dirty yards tell much upon our health. The second principle is right order of home requisites. Everything must be in its own place. Such an order saves time. Thirdly, care in rightly and duly preserving things and household requisites. It is indeed a matter of un-dutifulness to neglect and lose things every day and very often. Of course we always excuse our self in thinking that somebody has stolen our things. Remember that it is due to our carelessness that we give a scope to the weak minded people to indulge themselves in stealing our things. We are not only losing things but also making the weak weakest. Carelessness is un-dutifulness. Please instruct the boys that they may try to put the following in practice 1) cleanliness 2) Orderliness 3) Care. These are the essential points of right habit. They can find out wonderful results by observations of these three principles. This much is to them.

I was no doubt very busy till the last week of November. But overwork had a toll upon the body. My chronic nasal catarrh has slowly developed into severe cough, which obstructed sleep and the functions of the digestion. So there caused general bodily weakness. Then I was attacked with fever. It continued for some days and after some days of fast- cure, only the body could get free from fever. My stay in the house of Von Veith which is so near the river Elve and therefore where the atmosphere is full of moisture is said to be the cause of fever and cough. Hence I have changed my lodge. I am nearly gaining my normal health. But still the body is some what weak as it has lost weight of about 10 pounds. Now I am getting proper sleep and the digestive faculty is nearly normal. I have made some good arrangements of food according to my requirements. The climate of this place where I am at present staying is nearly like that of Gangotri. I hope, I will quickly gain the normal bodily strength in one or two weeks and resume once more my work. It is pity that I had to stop my scientific work for the last six weeks. But then I did not stop holding weakly class lectures to friends who have been initiated into the

esoteric order of OM. Now I am thinking of attending my scientific laboratory room and begin once more with light work from this week.

Kindly convey my love and Blessings to Mata Sri as well as to all friends what more?

Sivamasthu

Iti! Swami Jnanananda

A letter from Miss Elizabeth Bush (November 28, 1928)

Bergmenn Strasse 35 II, Dresden

Dear Sir,

I have been given the honorable task by his holiness Swami Jnanananda to give his friends and pupils in India some information about his ways and doings during his stay in our country in our town. I feel this and accept it as a great honor; I hardly dare hope that I shall be able to fulfill that task in a proper way. Therefore, I beg your pardon before hand, if my writing will not be what is expected both as to the contents as well as to the language [I learned English in my native country] However, I shall do my best. I had the privilege of meeting His Holiness Swami Jnanananda for the first time, before Easter, at Langerbruck in the house of Herr Venness, an acquaintance of mine, where he lived at the time. From those dates was my connection with his holiness. My friend and I both members of theosophical society were allowed to begin the course from him for the realization of oneness.

That house of Langerbruck was a nice place for a life of meditation and contemplation at least during the first few months of His Holiness stay there - family parents, grand parents, and children, ready and wishing to accept the leading of the master -- though not able to, as it seems, to follow his abstract teaching nor to understand the higher state of his ethical and philosophical consciousness.

When the house was made a vegetarian restaurant and the garden opened to the public, the atmosphere was altogether changed. So it has lost its charm of peace and calmness which is required for a man leading a life of meditation and contemplation. So this house was no longer a best place for the Indian Master. Hence on September 2, His Holiness Swami Jnanananda had to move to the house of Fraulein Von Veith at Dresden Losch wit2, where he stayed already for a short time the year before.

He dedicated his time partly to his science and partly to his spiritual work. Here in the state laboratory of science he has been performing several experiments to examine certain phenomena of nature. These observations are, as it seems to us, intended for a great work that he might bring out in the future.

Now His Holiness Swami Jnanananda has been given a special room in the laboratory as his present work demands that he might be able to work independently in accordance to his own

time and scheme. There he is working day by day with the help of the new instruments, to work out special experiments with ultra-violet rays, with the spectra of different stuffs and to take the photographs of the spectra of different wavelengths for comparison and I do not know what else he has to do in that connection.

As I have heard, people think there is something about his personality that makes even those scientific people and to a great extent materialists love him feeling about there is something their materialistic brains can not appreciate nor understand and which makes their hearts bend before this mystic power,..... never heard of our European scientists, which is the outcome of persevering on the path to the realization of oneness step by step. Out of those of us who's Karma allows learning from His Holiness Swami Jnanananda and practicing under him, can't be thankful enough to the Divine Way.

At Langerbruck, as I was told already before he lived there a number of persons were attracted by His teachings. Last year already his Holiness lectured in the house of Franklin Von Veith as well as in the Vermin four volks building. I am sorry I did not attend those lectures, but five of them are printed in German; treating The Philosophy of Religion. A number of persons wishing to follow the teachings of his Holiness began to practice under him. During the month of July to Sept we are happy enough not only to learn four public lectures from him, but also to attend a series of private lectures, intended for a several number of admirers, friends and pupils longing to follow the path. In these lectures, His Holiness Swami Jnanananda spoke in more detailed manner on Indian philosophy to subjects of last years lectures and on Raja yoga, the subject of the public lectures above mentioned. He explained to us in a clear and comprehensible way the six Indian systems of Philosophy and we had great joy to hear also from him about his own wonderful systems combining and completing the others and to be shown of view of the Absolute Reality and its stages of manifestation in diversity from the spiritual plane to this physical world. I wish his Holiness would one day, find his pupils here ripe enough for hearing more of it. In the lectures on Raja yoga he deepened his explanations to the subject of the public lectures adding a good number of details not hitherto unknown for the public.

Some weeks ago, the chairman of the Vernia fur volks buildings where His Holiness delivered several lectures last year begged him to do so again. So His Holiness delivered a series of 4 public lectures in this society on Science and Religion, the way of the Psychological Religion, the way of the Religion of Action, the way of the Religion of Devotion on 14th and 28th of Oct. and Nov 11th and 25th. An evening for discussion on the subjects of all four lectures, will follow on 9th of Dec. The first lecture has been noted down directly in the original and sent to his pupils and followers in India. We took down the other lectures in the form of notes and hope to put them down in a proper manner in German in the near future. We also hope

that he will kindly help us for we are only poor beginners. We are thanking the Divine for sending a spiritual teacher to those who are longing for following the path to the realization of oneness.

A small number of persons have begun to gather around him, trying to follow his prescriptions and advice in this matter. His home at Franklin Von Vieths house has become and is becoming more and more a center for his spiritual work. Four of us are members of Theosophical society here. I am maintaining this partly to show that our membership in this society has laid foundation in us so as to enable us for receiving the teachings of his Holiness. This we are also thankful of the Theosophical society [not of Anne Besant or Krishna Murthy].

Elizabeth Bush