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Dear Albion,

Thank you for your letter of the fifteenth of December.

I was rather puzzled by your phrase, "There is a need to follow up on course content." Since the content of a series of genuine dialogues must emerge concurrently from within the conversations themselves, I take it you meant to ask about the general format of the projected packaged course.

Originally, I had suggested that in order to coordinate the dialogues some framework might be agreed upon within a general topic such as the destiny of man. Last time we met I had thought better of such a notion. It seemed at that time that a sounder alternative would be to leave the matter of a strict framework aside and to work toward the intelligible form of the dialogues from within them as such rather than imposing on them from without.

Your phrase in your last letter, (p. 3), "finding your questions in the teaching itself," puts the matter very aptly.

I believe it would be foreign to Krishnamurti's own life-style to anticipate rigidly in advance what ought to be left free to emerge in its own right within any moment.

In general, however, I should like to explore with him his prescriptive notion that "It is the responsibility of each human being to bring about his own transformation which does not depend on knowledge or time." And, if feasible, to point some of our discussion toward an examination of the aims of a genuine education.

Since I am convinced from studying his teachings that personal transformation is his single-minded and abiding concern, it would be better to let him express himself

on this in his own way as it applies to whatever particular personal and social spheres he wishes to illumine at the time. Fortunately, I share with him this same concern; and as we approach this problem together in discourse we shall be dealing with something intelligible to us both. Out of such serious and mutual attention I am confident that a substantive study will emerge.

Before our last dialogue I asked Krishnamurti what sort of format he preferred for the program. He replied that I should feel free to ask him whatever questions arose at the time. He seemed to prefer to trust my judgment in the matter and I have no reason yet to believe that he has since changed his mind.

As for the possibility of an accompanying study guide to the dialogues, that will have to wait on the content of the finished package, since there is no way to determine in advance what statements might or might not offer themselves for further suggested study.

I hope soon to see Paul Steen again and at that time will discuss with him certain other details. Some of the production features in the last dialogue I found unsatisfactory after seeing the tape. I am confident that he will do his best to assure as fine a studio situation as can be expected. He has been most helpful all along.

With best wishes to you and Phillip for the New Year,

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