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Dear Berkeley;

It was most enjoyable to have an opportunity to talk with you yesterday and I am looking forward to deepening our relationship in the years and ages to come. I had a few brief thoughts related to your topic of "students" which I wanted to share with you which you may or may not find to be relevant.

It seems to me that when one considers students, what is really being considered are the qualifications which are to be required of those who will participate in a given program. It seems to me that the process of taking in new information, be it new fact, meaning, or value, is based on the association of the new information into a pre-existent frame of reference. Growth is attendant upon the construction of an ever more real frame of reference, the reality of one's life being a function of how much in harmony with cosmic reality this frame of reference is. If it is the purpose of a school to assist the student in assimilating new information, the relationship between the educational effort of the school and the frame of reference of the student will have to be closely matched if the process is to operate at maximum efficiency.

What I am trying to arrive at here, strange as it may seem, is a clear understanding of just what should be required of those who would participate in the school, and I think that this is going to have to be closely coordinated with other areas such as curriculum, philosophy, etc. If students are accepted who have no structured frame of reference at all, the courses are of necessity going to have to be very elementary. Whose needs are we trying to meet? The needs of the newcomer, who certainly needs some sort of orientation, or the needs of the long time dedicated student of the book, who is hungering for some guided excursions into the depths of the teachings?

Certainly the needs of both need to be considered, as well as the needs of those who fall into intermediate categories between these two extremes. Whatever, it seems obvious to me that the qualifications of students are going to have to be

carefully considered if we are going to have a truly effective organization.

I will be sending a general letter out to all those who are participating in the workshop which will go into some of these ideas in a little more depth. You should be receiving that in a few more days. In the meantime, I trust that you are enjoying this activity, and are looking forward to the opportunities which our time in Chicago will provide for advancement and growth.

WITH JOY,

DAVID KANTOR