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Dear Graham:

I have not yet acknowledged the check for the article, which came some time ago. Many thanks for it. It is more than I deserved or expected, and if I had thought of it we might have used it as part payment for the crucifixes, which incidentally have not showed up. I look forward to seeing them. I am also glad to be appearing in the same issue with Dom Bede Griffiths.

Have you seen a new book which is largely based on Commaraswamy? It is called "The Traditional Theory of Literature" by Ray Livingston, published at the U. of Minnesota Press. It is quite good, and has a lot of interesting material. It makes reference to some things you might have there in Vermont, notably an article called, I think, "Minerva and Hephaistos" which I would be interesting in seeing if you could lend it to me.

Lately I have been working on Cassiodorus, and am planning to translate a prayer of his for Victor Hammer to print. There is a great deal of good material in Cassiodorus, and if I come across anything that might give me an idea for Good Work, I will let you know. But I hesitate to put much faith in these prospects since I never got anywhere with my ideas for a piece on the Shakers either.

I hope I have read your Vermont village correctly as "Benson".

Very cordially in Christ,

*Tom Merton*