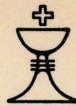


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OUR LADY OF GETHSEMANI
TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

Feb 4th, 1960

Déar Mr Carey-

It was very kind of you to reply so promptly to my last letter and to send the Shewring book, for which I thank you warmly. I have enjoyed it very much and learnt much from it and am suggesting that other copies be purchased for the library. There are many here who will profit by reading it. I am also asking Father Abbot if we can have a year's subscription to Good Work: could it be addressed to me personally? We will send you the amount necessary when we find out what it is. I look forward to seeing the magazine. I have seen it once in a while in the past, but not in a more than casual way.

It would be wonderful to borrow some of the pamphlets and other things you have of Commaraswamy. Perhaps I had better go at it slowly and gradually. I want to read everything of his I can, and then perhaps, if I am capable, write an appreciation. I would like first of all to have the bound sets of pamphlets you published "in the thirties" by Gill, Coomaraswamy, etc.

Then if you will forgive my presumption, I would just like to go down the list of your Coomaraswamy materials, with one or two small exceptions. This time could I please ask for:

Spiritual authority and Temporal power...
Eastern Wisdom and Western Knowledge
Eastern Religion and Western thought

And then to jump a little

Lila

Play and Seriousness

Please, if there is any difficulty about this, or if it inconveniences you in any way, do not hesitate to let me know. I would not want to be a bother to you.

The other day I sent you a little book of verse of mine that has recently come out. I am also sending you an offprint of an article on Pasternak, as some small gesture of appreciation.

I am very happy that recently a friend sent us a small ikon he had acquired in Salonika. It is traditional and very much alive in a sacred and simple way, so that I regard its coming as a grace and a great joy. We have it here in the novitiate chapel.

Again, with all gratitude and with very best wishes- God bless you

Cordially yours in Christ

Thomas Merton