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—M.S.C.

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Franklin Merrel-Wolff, a native Californian and son of a Christian clergyman, early challenged orthodox dogma. He graduated from Stanford University with Phi Beta Kappa in 1911, majoring in mathematics with philosophy and psychology as minors. Graduate work was done at Stanford and in the Graduate School in Philosophy at Harvard. He taught mathematics briefly at Stanford and then withdrew from the academic world to search for a possible third organ of cognition which might render available the metaphysical knowledge that Immanuel Kant had shown was impossible if cognition were restricted to sense perception and conception. He emerged twenty-four years later with a successful outcome, without benefit of a visible Guru.

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The above quotations are judgments of the book as a whole and do not include specific discussions of parts of the book. I am unable to decide how much should be used in presenting the book, but the whole picture is beginning to reveal the angle of appeal in it that is most in common. The direction of this is somewhat different from what I had anticipated. The main value seems to lie in the rendering articulate subtle and intimate thoughts which the reader has had but could not bring forth. One who has studied Jung's psychology will realize that this is an earnest that the book will live. More than I realized I seem to have spoken something which others have realized in a dim way without adequate understanding. The effect is thus bound to be a releasing and stabilizing of the consciousness of the reader in his own Center. In a way, this is more than I expected.

I had hoped to have some influence upon the thought of the non-mystic, to gain a serious intellectual consideration of the mystical way of consciousness as a possible door to Knowledge which has implications bearing upon all ramifications of life and thought, but so far I have had no indications of such an effect. Perhaps this will come later.

Much to my surprise, I have not yet had adverse criticisms. They must exist and I am particularly anxious to know them for, if they are from competent sources, I shall have to deal with them. I wish to see them before possible publication of the companion work "The Philosophy of Consciousness-without-an-Object." This work is already twice as large as "Pathways" and deals mainly with the problematic which I handled only skethily in the current volume. If you meet adverse criticism please do not screen it from me.

Of the above excerpts, the most important is the one from J. William Lloyd, for Lloyd is one of the cases given in Dr.

Bucke's "Cosmic Consciousness". He has had quite a following through his "Dawn Thought", "Life's Beautiful Battle" and other works as well as through his direct personal influence. Several of the distinguished have thought most highly of him, including Havelock Ellis.

Of the quotations, four are from persons who have known me personally. But one is from a member of the Assembly. The rest did not know me personally. There have been several other notices in papers but almost always without reviews or evaluations. Reviews seem to hesitate to deal with the book; they seem to fear that they may say the wrong thing.

As I do not wish to have anything said which would be prejudicial in academic circles I have pencilled in two minor changes in your prospectus. There may not now be a philosophical club at Stanford and, if there is, it may not be related to the club we organized in 1910, so I added the word "formerly". Further, my academic work and training centered in mathematics, philosophy and psychology, but not in the other sciences. Ultimately my whole preparation lead to philosophy and my acquaintance with the sciences was from the perspective which every specialist in philosophy must have, and this is something very different from special training in specific sciences. The philosophic view is the bird's eye view rather than that of the technical specialist. Academic men are exacting on these points. I do not want the book to be viewed in academic circles as a curiosity from the intellectual underworld and all along I have watched my language with that thought in mind. I hope for serious discussion of the mystical way of consciousness in the philosophic seminars, as a possible way of knowledge. To achieve this I must show discursive competency and refrain from violating the code.

The rest of your prospectus I leave untouched as expressing your own honest estimate. It should not appear as my estimate of myself. The book now belongs to those who read it and it may well mean to the reader something more or less different from what it means to me. I am content that it should serve in any way.

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Darling Marge:

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What surprised me, was the ease in which I went deep into his reasonings and could follow closely as my own experience, but from an entirely different angle.

The particular value he gives to his presentation is his tie-up with occidental erudition, especially Mathematics and Physics.

He has read the Hindu and Chinese metaphysical books, like myself, and has interpreted them to English readers through his own direct experience. I am not in the position to say what the impression of the book would have, on say, a well-read person without previous thinking on these lines. It must be very intriguing to many as showing a possible way to immortality for men during their earth-life.

I do not know if it goes far enough in exposing fear, cruelty and ignorance in this life, that may be immediately induced by our own self-exposure of our fundamental ignorance.

It is difficult for me to criticize or commend anything so valuable to many. Its very clearness makes me feel that much is rationalizing on what was experienced and is dangerous, because he

has perhaps tried too much in his desire to help.

It has been my experience that all effort is undertaken by forcing our doubts into the subconscious and bluffing or egotistically presenting our opinion as the complete understanding or "introception" of the event.

He has coined this new word "introception" as equivalent to what I know as "direct perception", "emotional awareness", the harmony of mind and heart, or impersonal sympathy, understanding.

The whole subject deals with the unconscious ignorance and fear of humanity and the cruelty that such a state incurs. Becoming fully aware of this is equivalent to perceiving the whole event and its significance; the fear that motivates us and the irresponsibility, therefore, for our actions; as occasioned by the pressure from without or our environment. We react to our fears in self-defense, causing unconscious threats to others, who in turn also react in defense, continuing the vicious cycle of events. We must see all this in our every act and by thus laying bare our ignorance consume it in the light of this discernment.

It is not an intellectual process, but having experienced all human events, more or less deeply, we can see through our own experience the fearful ignorance that prompted it, and in this seeing we can sympathize, not judge; though it is not a personal evaluation, but the true meaning of the event.

Innate fear will not allow us to do this spontaneously at once; it is a process of uncovering our actions a little at a time until with this actual evidence of what has made us unhappy we continue until the awareness is spontaneous and we can do no harm in word or deed to any man, even in this world of ignorance and cruelty. We are then responsible and can be entrusted with life in Freedom, which may be all that Merrell-Wolff says.

To me, this understanding which is freedom from cruelty is my immediate interest; one must become human. There is no criticism in this, of another's conduct; it is his own affair and to constrain another to your own opinion is bondage.

Re-reading the first chapter on his "Recognition," the state that he forced himself to acquire by the abstraction of the center of his consciousness, was simple becoming impersonal, but with alertness and perhaps deep sympathy. This is the attitude we must take if we are to perceive things as they are; there must be no subhuman propensities of differences or agreements, but that the reactions causing events are born of fearful ignorance, driven obviously or subtly to protect itself by a defense that in its turn provokes further strife, with the absence of all understanding.

Freedom comes, when we see all things as inevitably so and the reaction that causes further strife ceases.

I have neglected writing the news and answering your many letters but I will do so immediately.

Lovingly,

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