

Replied

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My dear good Friend,

You have been good enough inspite of my silence to have sent to me from time to time your writings and lectures. I wish you to know that each one to me and to us both are most precious. Though I have not written to you because for the last two years I have been unwell, I have read and re-read all that you have sent me and I have been very near to you because in my difficulty I wanted the company of a few friends and you are one of them. It is not that I wanted sympathy but, I would have liked to have just sat quietly and talked to you for sometime. You will be glad to hear that this year only from January to March I was treated in Bombay and that my spine is quite well again. I had what they call a cervical spine but this created a few complications, all of which have disappeared now. I believe this cervical spine was mainly due to the fact that I slept on five pillows and also to my riding and the many falls I had during my career. The last but not the least of such a complication I believe comes on with age ! All of these things have been dealt with so I am quite well. I do not know how you are or in fact where you are but I am sending this letter to the old address of yours and hope it reaches you.

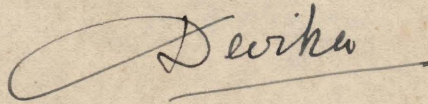
We go every year to Kulu and we go through Delhi but because I was being treated in Delhi just before going to Kulu, I did not see anyone except just a few and that to for a little while. You are not among those people whom one just sees in the course of a short visit to Delhi. If and when I have the pleasure of meeting you in the near future I hope we can sit and talk and that I may avail myself of your wisdom and guidance. Somehow, in the world today one is confused. There are so many trends which make one sad and the values which we have known seem to be fast disappearing, hence, it is necessary to discuss so many problems. I am quite sure that inspite of the various things that are happening in the world today, you remain as calm and as peaceful as ever. There is much that I would like

to tell you about but this I will do at a later time and date. Svetoslav often talks of you to me. You will be glad to hear that he has been painting and writing a great deal and I am sure his latest paintings would make you very happy. I am trying now to compile some of his writings and I am trying to edit them. I am very tired of just having typed scripts and I wish to put all this into print.

We spent quite a long time in Kulu this year where we did quite a lot of work, also at last the stones are being cut for the Roerich Memorial Museum which we hope with God's help to build on our property there. All this and so much more I want to talk to you about. Please write to me if this letter reaches you. We hope that all the children are well and all the grandchildren too. Give the children my love if they remember me.

With our love to you, as always,

Yours affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Devika". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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