

98 BATTLE ROAD
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

March 12, 1984

Dear Kezia,

Ruth had hidden the parcel from you and brought it out only yesterday; but now I can at last Thank you for your kind message and Nico's and for the delicious cake, the name of which I think I should know but which in my senility I cannot recall. Anyway, I assure you that I am not too old to enjoy and appreciate the taste. Ruth, with whom of course I have shared it (I have not forgotten the promise, "with all my worldly goods I thee endow"), expressed her appreciation - as you might expect - by asking for the recipe!

The last decade has gone like a flash of lightning. I cannot understand what I could have done with those ten years - or in fact with the thirty that preceded them after my fortieth birthday, now forty years ago.

Feeling this anniversary to be only a harsh reminder of wasted time and promises not fulfilled, I had hoped to have it passed unnoticed; but old friends and Ruth would not have it so, and during the last three days there had been much celebration to my surprise and, I confess it, to much more of my pleasure than I anticipated. So far as I can see, my only accomplishment is to have survived so long; but friends like you and Nico have made me feel that it is worth while to have lived so long, and for that assurance I thank you and them.

We hope that all your preparations for the sabbatical will be made with your customary efficiency and lead to a happy and successful year beginning with a most happy celebration of your mother's eightieth birthday.

With thanks and love to both you and Nico from both of us always

Yours,

Harold

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February 4, 1984

Dear Kezia,

We both want to thank you for letting us read the two lectures on your visit to Tibet and on Buddhist architecture in South-East Asia, which I am returning to you herewith as you asked us to do. We wished as we read that we might have been seeing the slides, which we had to imagine with the help of such collections as we have of pictures of Indian, Buddhist, and Chinese architecture and sculpture. I am sure that the lectures were very successful, and we want to congratulate you upon them.

It is good to know that you are both well, though busy, and that you have had such good news and charming pictures from your son in Munich. You seem to explain the "less optimistic" news from your mother by the fact that she will be 80 this spring; and as I read that it suddenly occurred to me that my lack of "optimism" may be due to the fact that I too will be 80 this spring. Anyway this unusually severe winter has not had a good effect on us. In December and early January Ruth and I were ill in turn and then together; and, although we have weathered those illnesses now, we are both very tired. Fortunately, however, Ruth is not at the moment depressed; and so matters might be much worse than they are.

At either end of our living room now there is a head of our lord Sakyamuni, who taught the Middle Way. As I enter or leave the room I am reminded of the detachment that I should have achieved and have woefully failed to achieve. I am still bound to the Wheel - for how many more incarnations? I wonder whether you know the poem about the Buddha by my teacher: "The best loved man who ever trod the ancient earth is he who taught that by denying wife and god man's peace is won, salvation bought..."?

With love and thanks to you and Nico as ever

Yours,



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p.c. 27.3.

March 23, 1983

Dear Kezia and Nico,

There came in the same post today two cards and two messages from you, each of the cards graced by a "symposium", one Greek from Karlsruhe and one "pachyderm" from Baltimore; and I want to thank you for both at once and at the same time for the good wishes that both of them brought me. I do not know how you know or why you should have remembered the date of my birth, which seemed to come 'round with ever increasing frequency so that by this time I should prefer to forget how often it has done so. Since I cannot stop the course of time or even decelerate it, however, it is pleasant to know that there are friends who do not mind my tarrying here for a while longer and it is especially nice to know that you are among that small and unfortunately rapidly dwindling group.

Apparently you are as busy as ever despite having been relieved of the burden of the chairmanship; and now I read that you are planning a tour of Burma, Java, and Tibet — and California. I hope that it will be a safe and pleasant one. Interesting

I am sure it will be, for you go at your study-
do with open eyes and with minds eager to
understand and capable of appreciating what
you see. I trust that some time after your
safe return we may have the opportunity to
hear an account of your travels and
explorations and see through your eyes
what you will have seen directly.

I want also to congratulate you upon
your son's having won a prize for a film that
he made as well as upon his success in
finding a house in the suburbs of Munich.
Strange it is to put these things together in that
way, but probably he accomplished the former
more easily than the latter. It is good that you
will soon be seeing him and your grandson,
young Georg Maximilian, whose acquaintance
I am sure you are eager to make.

If there is interesting news in Princeton,
I know none of it. Rule is not well, nor
taxation and depopulation having returned soon
after the new year begins and we have had to
avoid all social gatherings and refrain from
making any kind of plan even for the immediate
future. She read your cards with pleasure,
however, and she joins her love to that
which I send you with my thanks.

Yours,
Harold

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May 12, 1982

Dear Kozia and Nicko,

Your card of the 8th arrived only yesterday - postmarked, I see, May 10th; and I want to Thank you for it and also for your very interesting account of your trip, which I finished reading last night. The account is impressive as well as being informative, and I am amazed by the wealth of details that you not only collected but also absorbed. For me, whom even a trip to Philadelphia or New York exhausts, the extent of your travels seems to be incredible, and the energy that you expend so easily arouses envy as well as wonder.

Ruth delivered the typescript to the house of Mrs

Mary having today as you asked on your card to have done. Miss Haing was not at home herself, but I trust that she found the packet awaiting her upon her return; and I hope too that the longer will be able to read the notes before they depart for China.

Ruth herself has not been feeling well, and we shall be fortunate if she can come out of this depression in time to enjoy tranquilly some of this summer. If we do not see you before you depart for Europe on June 2nd, let this be our message of bon voyage et bon retour with good hunting in libraries and museums and a happy visit with your son and new daughters-in-law.

With love from both of us

Yours, 



Dear Kezia,

There are not yet any flowers
like this in Princeton, but the weather
today promises - descriptively no doubt -
that there soon may be. Anyway I
send you this picture in lieu of
real flowers to thank you for
your card and your good wishes
and to say how sorry I am that
your telephone-calls were
unanswered. We have made no
attempt to escape to milder
regions but like good soldiers
have remained at our post.
Pete may have been out shopping

when you called, and I may have been
in my office, where I have resumed
my usual routine. On the eleventh,
however, from four to seven we
did indulge ourselves in truancy
at a cocktail-party given by the
Seltens. Otherwise we have not been
absent at all.

We marvel at your industry,
zeal, and efficiency. I am sure
the dinner in honour of Buchner was
both a culinary triumph and a
social success, but we do not
understand how you manage all
you do - and all of it so well. It
(will be a special gift of the gods,
but I am especially flattered by
the amazing fact that with a

dinner for ten before you you
should have time to think of
us and energy to write after
having tried in vain to get away
the telephone.

We both thank you with all
our heart and send our best
love to Nico and to you.

Yours,
Harold

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December 17, 1980

Dear Kezia and Nico,

We want to thank you for your charming card and message and at the same time to tell you that we are much perturbed by two items of news that you give us. Your confession, Kezia, that you "have not had a very good bill of health" is especially disturbing. We hope that the visit to New Orleans and a week in the Bahamas will restore you entirely, however, and that having met that deadline of which you speak will raise your spirits so high that they will have a good effect on your physical health.

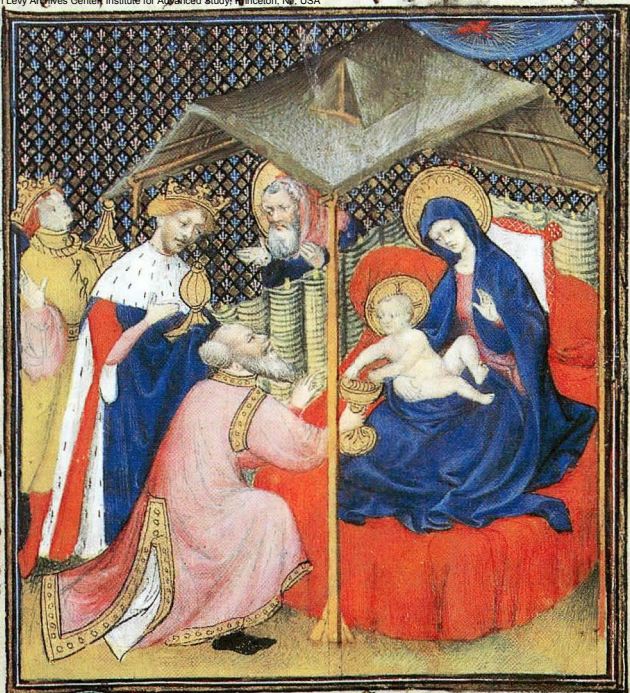
The other item, the conversion of your building into a "condominium" with all that this implies for you personally, is the kind of trouble one hears more and more from all quarters. We know how much you like your apartment and can understand how unpleasant it would be for you to be forced out of it; and so I am moved to hope that you will be able to "meet their terms", as you put it. On the other hand, I have a fear of the risks involved in buying apartments in these "condominia", and so I am moved to warn you to consider carefully the implications even if you find that you can meet the current terms. Remember that taxes and maintenance costs will

increase regularly and without warning and that, if one day you should wish to sell, it may not be easy to sell an apartment in such a building. I should not presume to give advice about such matters, concerning which I am sure, you both are more competent than am I.

As for us, Ruth is quite well at the moment; and I feel as if I might be getting a cold, which I trust will not be infectious by mail. We expect to go to New York to spend Christmas with Ruth's brother and his family, but that is the only expedition that we contemplate. Fifty-two years ago this evening New Year's Day we set out for New Orleans - but for a honeymoon and not any convention - , and so that city has a special significance for us. We hope that despite the convention you may enjoy your visit there.

With love and best wishes from both of us

Stanley



Deus in
adiuto
rium me
um intende

Domine ad
adjuvandum me fe

stina

Gloria patri et fi
lio et spiritui scō

Sicut erat in pri
ncipio et nunc et sem
per et in secula seculi



You anticipated us, but that enabled us to thank you for your beautiful card and very welcome and interesting message. We have nothing to report like your peregrinations and busy accomplishments, but we can say that at the moment we are both fairly well after a shared siege of "viral infection" after our return from California.

That trip was quietly successful, a purely private visit with Ruth's sister in San Francisco and a brief one in Southern California with her niece and my brother and sister-in-law - no "socializing" and no communication with academics, not even a visit to Berkeley. I returned to mountains of mail, MSS, etc. which I have not yet excavated.

I hope that Cincinnati may

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and best wishes for a very Happy New Year
with love
from

Ruth and Harold

not be too strenuous and that your Bahamian island may be tranquil and curative and that later in the new year you may come to Princeton and let us have a glimpse of you. Above all, however, keep well and happy.



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Illuminated manuscript from a
Book of Hours, French, ca. 1400

The Art Museum, Princeton University
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