



INDIA AND SEMANTOGRAPHY

A letter to

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Dear Sir,

Being a member of the Australian Association of the United Nations, I have just received my invitation to your reception on Monday the 9th July. I would like to speak to you. However, from past experiences I know that the worst place and the worst time is after a reception. The guest speaker is usually surrounded by a number of people, mostly women, and he is hopelessly overwhelmed and smothered.

Even if I would succeed in a break-through and in an introduction to you... who am I? I am not a President, not a Professor, not a Director of This or That. Judged by the importance of my work, I am much more than many important people, but at first, I may seem to be a bother. And this is right. I want to bother you about India - for India's sake.

Well, who am I? Let Bertrand Russell introduce me. He is one of the greatest scholars of our time, and he wrote that assistance given to my work, means "performing an important service to Mankind". And if you would grant me a quiet interview of say 30 minutes, you would perform an important Service to the Mankind of India.

The Science Co-operation Office for South East Asia has approached the Ministry of Education in Delhi on behalf of my work. The High Commissioner of India in Australia has written to the Government of India. But so far their letters are somewhere sunk in a file in Delhi. This is the filing number No. D. 3980/49. D. 2. I don't know the filing numbers of my letters to some important people in India. This was one and a half years ago.

What have I worked out? You will find this in the attached letter which I have sent to all the important public, university and college libraries of India. And what do I want from you? Not an article in an Indian newspaper. This would not be enough. I want your active interest, your active help for India's sake, which needs my work almost as much as it needs food.

Now 3 reactions are open to you:

- (1) ignore this letter,
- (2) write to me, and tell me to send you particulars by mail to your address in India. At this stage I would probably give up. 15 minutes of a personal discussion will give you more information than 15 hours of study of my particulars. I am writing to you now, because you are here in Sydney.
- (3) invite me to a meeting in your hotel room, preferably after 6 p.m., because I have great difficulty to leave my work at General Motors, and it is even difficult to get me on the telephone. You would have to drop me a line. (please turn over)

I have duplicated this letter for the following reasons. A number of great libraries have realised that a new world-embracing idea takes shape, and that a man pioneers this idea and struggles to make it known to the world. They have requested me to send them anything concerning the growth of this idea, the first practical fulfilment of a speculation and prophecy of the great mathematician and philosopher Leibnitz, made 300 years ago.

You are a very important person in India, and the fate of India's progress is bound up with your endeavours. I think therefore that this my approach to you is an historic event, worthy to be preserved in libraries and mentioned in future publications.

Awaiting your response, I am, Sir,

Yours Sincerely

Encl. Circular Letter to the important Libraries of India.

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