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Dear Richard,

Brain-washing or
brain-punching?
brain-blood

I am not a "movement" & I haven't "sucked the
brain-blood of mankind". Very few people write to me and those
that "succeed" (even those that do not) are not LESS intelligent, but
more so, not less sceptical but more so. My line is not belief, it is
proof. However there is a paradox (IF THERE WERE NOT THE WHOLE WORLD
WOULD BE "AWAKENED"!) - the first step must be belief that proof
will come.

like many others I wondered what satori was, what the
Oriental religions were all about, what Santama, Eckhart, Lao Tse, Jesus,
Heraclitus --- experienced. I soon found that there was SOMETHING,
& to little Alfred that was a sufficient challenge. But one has first
to dip one toe in the ocean.

Gops!

Many thanks for the photograph, I see what you mean.

Sense or
no-sense?

By speaking of "brain-blood" and so forth you negate
your own early words (Aug 17) "I have come to look upon reason
as the vanity of the intellect."

The truth is you are still the Supreme Court to yourself
even though Heraclitus says:

HUBRIS

ὑβριν χρεὶ στεννύναι μάλλον ἢ πυρκαϊήν
("One should extinguish pride more carefully than a great conflagration".
- and not leave a spark. ὑβρις or HUBRIS = pride, presumption.

What do you
hope to
find -
and
where?
Answer
me..

YOU KNOW, and your letters show it, that there is
absolutely no way to gain anything by a verbal understanding.
If one could, then let us publish it right away in the magazines
& newspapers! By "anything" I mean "anything ultimate" as regards
ourselves & this universe, the source of it or what is responsible for it.

Thus there is only one way left - it is work on oneself
& it is found, since you cannot decide not to decide, which is
essential, that a friend or teacher is necessary.

If I were "only a searcher for truth" we could go on
yak-yakking our fool heads off and the correspondence would
really be piddling - as piddling as philosophy or art-criticism.

As has Dae
says.
Flat,
no obvious
goal..

Whether I were working personally with you or by mail
(as so few, if any, do) the kind of work would be the same,
seemingly "flat, stale and unprofitable", distasteful, uninteresting,
no new discoveries, no tit-bits, no theories, plodding, annoying,
with no obvious aim or goal & no obvious raison d'être.