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Dear Friend:

Looking back over our publishing program for 1965, it seems that a number of useful projects were accomplished, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many friends whose donations put these publications into print. You will note from the enclosed report that we have added some new titles to our line, re-issued items that were out of print, and replenished our stock of bound books. Our inventory reveals a diversity of needs in our publications department for 1966, and we hope that you will continue your wonderful assistance so that this year will be one of significant progress in this essential part of our activities.

The last printing of our large book on symbolism, "An Encyclopedic Outline of Symbolical Philosophy," was made in 1962, and we are now faced with the need for a new edition. The demand for this book is continuous; it is distributed by dealers throughout this country and abroad. It is a very costly book to produce, so we place it first on the list for immediate consideration.

According to present plans, my new book, "Buddhism and Psychotherapy," should be in the hands of the printer within the next three months. The purpose of the work is to show how mental, emotional, and physical health can be improved by a practical system of idealistic philosophy, supported by the development of constructive cultural interests. Emphasis will be upon the continual remembering of the eternal truths that bring to man serenity of spirit, thus relieving the body of psychic stress. I have always felt that Buddhism offers an entirely new approach to religious psychotherapy, and have long wanted to present this theme in book form. It will include many illustrations made from photographs I took during my recent visits to Japan and from pictures of religious art objects in my personal collection.

One of the most practical ways of spreading our teachings and helping people is through our inexpensive booklets. Nearly half a million of these little publications have been distributed to date. Several are now out of print, and we would like to re-publish them this year if funds permit. And of course, in addition to our printing projects, we have the perennial problem of new bindings to replenish our regular stock of books.

In the last few years, the cost of binding has risen about 20%, and further increases are inevitable not only in this phase of production costs, but in all related areas, as well as general overhead expenses.

Recently we received a letter with the following comment: "It seems to me that at today's price of books and the increased cost of everything, your books are priced below anything on the market, and I am wondering how you do it." As long as it is humanly possible, we will withstand the pressure of inflation because we feel it is an important part of our basic program to make our publications available as economically as possible to those who desire self-improvement. Your contributions to our Friends Fund enable us to maintain this price level and to reach more people of moderate means.

We hope you will be pleased with our plans for 1966, and will be moved to help as generously as you can. Rest assured that we deeply appreciate your assistance in the past, and sincerely believe that your support of our publishing program will give you a sense of real accomplishment.

Very gratefully yours,

Manly P. Hall