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Nov 5, 1990

My dear Rajem,

It was really a pleasure getting your letter and to learn you are having a good time in God's own country. Yes, it is very important to know what to eat, when to eat and what manner of drink is suitable for various occasions. It is a process of civilisation. The white Americans are not all hidebound about cuisine except it should be tasty. Most of the food you have mentioned has been known to me but I have heard a lot about a Vietnamese fish-sauce. Also you must try the American chowder and their excellent oysters.

I am very grateful you're giving me that book by Hawkins. I am not only enthralled by his theories but the story of his life. Imagine one of the greatest mathematicians with sensation only in his fingertips who has to be constantly looked after. It is a unique story of unparalleled human courage and adaptability to adverse circumstances.

Can you, incidentally, send me
by post a few copies of the well-known
(I don't mean Mayboy) magazines by post. Just
2 or 3. This is an intellectual desert.
Can you believe it? There has not been a
single worthwhile analysis of what went
wrong with Marxism & Communism by an
Indian writer.

Kushala is collecting her degree,
I suppose. Are you also getting something?
Swababu came here some 2 months ago
and I encouraged him to go to the US.
That is where you learn something about to-
day's mores and chores. No wonder
Appu likes the place and does well at school.
Practically all the scientific Nobel Prizes
have gone to Americans after World War II.

I realize you must be embor-
assed as Indians about news emanating
from here. But it is not all that bad.
The whole of non-Hindi India is completely
untouched by job quotas or temple-noque

Rivalry. Anyway, as with other things, it
will all disappear in a matter of months.
Do you get Indian newspapers or magazines
below the Mason-Dixie line?

Tai at last sent me a letter last
month to inform that he & his girl
friend are proposing to visit India and
Siam, in particular. I am waiting.
He sent a photograph of himself & Kanani
(that is his girl's name - she is half-Indian,
half Canadian). Tai looks roly-poly,
no doubt the result of good American beef.

Baby, your mother, has had her eye
operations at last. It seems to have been
successful. But she is still somewhat cloistered.
She came to Paris some weeks ago when I was
in a nursing home. My trouble was partly
blood pressure & partly certain subjective
soma conditions about which Indian medi-
cines know nothing. I am all right now.
What is troubling is the inability to take

walks because of pain in the knees. It is
not arthritis - no ~~an~~ acute pain but
inability to raise the legs. Can't climb,
Can't get down or at least can do
these only with extreme care. Anna
is physically fit but her mind is not all
there. But she is not a great burden.

I hope, when you all get back,
to spend an evening or two hearing
your experiences of the new world.

Parman has written a small book of his
early memories. Quite readable for
a change. This year we got both monsoons
full - square. The skies in November
are grey & the rivers & tanks full.

Have you bought a car? If you have,
you should bring it to India. At least
for some time. The oil should be forth-
coming despite Saddam. Please cont.
& love to Kumbha & Apple.

C.P.R.

Part 1

5-3-93

My dear Rajem,

Thanks for your lovely letter. I enjoyed reading it. Please convey my congratulations to Kishala for her excellent performance in her exam. And congratulations to you for your papers published in learned magazines. It is something to be proud about. I am sure the US will be able to absorb the talents of both of you. Kishala is right. Why, indeed, should she return to India when she can do a more useful & rewarding job in God's own country? And I suppose ^{Appa} ~~she~~ has set used to the American atmosphere.

Baby was here last week. She is very well although she has a touch of diabetes. She is no longer alone because the doctors have discovered some excessive sugar in my blood. Yesterday, I heard that Venne has also got diabetes. So, we can now start a club. Oh yes, everyone is doing fine here. You are right in asking Swabalu to visit the US. It will be very useful for his mental development.

I had a stern letter from him the other day asking me not to die before he has completed his medical studies. After that, I suppose I will have to survive whether I like it or not. Anasuya sent me some books for browsing purposes. Her daughter, Nisa, looks like a bright & eager pixie in her photographs. Tai remains the strongest man in London whom he prefers to New York. We have become an international family, a far cry from Orapalam.

I got your card with the picture of Alcatraz. I know all about the place having seen films about it & read books. But I never realised it was so small. I never visited San Francisco but saw an excellent documentary on the subject. The mist coming over the city in the evening was most impressive. You must have enjoyed Chivatown about which I have heard. There was a musical about Chivatown some three or four decades ago. It was a hit.

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पहला मोड़ FIRST FOLD

I am very glad to learn you are taking an interest in
classical literature more. I am a Hogar/Boat/Beetham/
Brahm/Scholar. I am myself although I cannot read
any special language. I like the sound, that's all. Any
way it is better than the catering, that goes by the
name of pop music. See the Grammy award shows
on TV & feel like tearing my hair & shouting
improvements. Puttara vattom. for fear that I might
So, her about writing more with. Read any
Kai she can write for me in a while. Read any
good book today.
Love CPR

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July 2, 1993

My dear R & K,

Have received your letters. So you are coming home. Welcome back. It may be a little hard on Appu but I think this is the right age for him to get back to this country. You don't want to be an alien in your own country. And things are not all that bad. We always exaggerate our deficiencies. That is part of the Indian character. There is a lot more excitement here today than before. Partly this is because there is more money about. People are more clothes conscious and fashion-conscious. Better food, for instance is eaten today than earlier. Horses are & more tastefully done up, decorated, looked after.

The weather is delightful right now. It is raining a lot and it is cool & pleasant. Kind of weather you like a slug of whiskey with hot sausages & mustard. Swabahn was here last week on vacation. He has calmed down a lot & is pleasant company. He & a couple of drinkers. Aji was also here & both get on well with each other. We dashed to Trichur and spent the night there

I returned next day. The Colony is quite
poor. I am told the average monthly income there
is about Rs 10,000. Raju has made a nice garden
in the plot. He also has a large forbidding
dog.

Had a letter from Ansu. She is trying to rope
in people, including me, for a programme on the
Madangam literary scene for Asia Net. It
seems to be a family business as the venture
includes Ansu, director, her husband Ajay, producer
& photographer, myself, Pawan & Minnie.
Also a letter from my daughter-in-law,
Kumari, from London. She has completed
her TV course & apparently produced a docu-
mentary. "Very professional", is Kumari's
verdict. As you can see, everybody is
busy, busy, busy.

It must be a busy time for you too,
saying your farewells. I am sure you have
pleasant memories of your stay in the US. It
is a great experience. Perhaps you will
get the chance to go there again. After
all, every recession must come to an
end some time.

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As for politics in India,
you are no doubt well informed
about the stock market
scam & etc field-out.
Somebody is lying like mad,
of course.

Well, I must close now.
Let us hope to see you
bright and cheerful
soon. It is good to know
you will be around here.
It gets lonesome for a
fellow like me with no
one to talk to.

See you soon

Love
O P Rameshchandra

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Parli
18-9-93

My dear R, K & A,

Thanks very much for your
birthday greeting card. I had
to celebrate (?) the event all
by myself as the others are away.

You must have heard of
Thamphavan's illness. It is sus-
pected he has cancer of the bone.
It is very painful & I am very
sorry about it. I only hope it
won't be a prolonged illness.

Ansu has sent me 3 cotton
kurta as a birthday present.
She has just returned from a trip
to Ladakh when they have been

shooting for TV. Tai & wife
Kuman have decided for the
time being to settle in Toronto.
Kuman's late mother was a
French-Canadian. Tai
thought Britain was a better place
than the US. I hope he will find
Canada better than the UK.
But racism exists everywhere.

How is young Appu?
Has he found his feet in
our environs? He will soon
settle down. Boys always do.

You & K. must find it a
bit of bone to settle down to.
our humdrum way of doing
things after the excitement of the
US. Still, you've had a wonderful
experience which few can have.

I hope you are keeping up
your contacts with the unwary
people in Columbia.

Minnie came here with husband
& daughter & presented me with
2 Kentons claiming she too,
like Ann, was my daughter.
Her child, Pacha, is an attractive
imp and we have become great
friends. Her husband, Gopi, is
a pleasant-mannered chap who
has read a good bit & I can
talk to him without feeling
bored.

I am looking forward to
your visit. Please remember
also you address me, you are
falling to a septuagenarian.
What a dreadful expression!!
Love
PR

My dear Appu,

I declare if you're gonna be a Southerner Ah'll run up a Confederate flag when you next come up to Paris. Yes, Sirree, dat's what Ah'm gonna do.

Et Hamama.

My dear Baby (Tr) and Rajen,

Thanks very much for Baby (Tr)'s cameo notes. Good to hear you are enjoying yourselves. Could you wrangle an Australian tour? How do you like my Southern accented letter to Appu? NO harm in pro-South sentiments. But I do hope he does not become an admirer of Simon Legree.

I enjoyed the tapes very much. Still do. You must have read that Israel has withdrawn the ban on Wagner. The bloody kikes. They know they can't ban Wagner for ever particularly now that Germany has become a powerful entity. Trust the Jew to turn towards the buttered side. I'm not anti-Semitic, God knows, but Jews are not quite angels as a collection. You've heard the joke about the birthday party where invites were asked to bring something covered with "gold" as a present. The Englishman (German Sucker) brought a gold pen. The Scotsman brought a pack of Goldflake. The Jew brought along his friend, Goldstein.

Parman's second vol of autobiography is well-written but lacks depth. His account of Ammamama is in great praise. A real ~~monogist~~ is how he describes her. Same with my mother. The She CPs are all, from his account, either eccentric or haughty. He has left ~~me~~ me out probably because he knows I can write too. But all in all it is a good record of the times. He seems to be pleased that a man like him should now be living in a comfortable home with TV, frig & so on and with children

in American etc driving their own cars etc.

Give my regards to Lisha when she phones next. No news of Surchaba at all. I am told he is still grumbling & gristling about his not going to the US. The fellow is only 30 & there are loads of time when he can make it. Still, I suppose he does not like to be left out from what look like a family picnic.

I know your Tais address to Baby (Sr). Write to him in time if you intend to stop in London. As to what I want from the US - all I can think of ^{or} taped recitations by John Gielgud, Dylan Thomas and Paul Robeson spirituels which must include "Ole Man River". Alternatively, paper back edition of Plato/Horace/Thucydides. None of them are expensive.

Baby Jr did not write about her experiences in the West Coast. Well, last night, there was pro-Grammy shows on TV. I detest pop music but rather enjoyed a song "Unforgettable" by Veronica Cole who is the daughter of a good ~~son~~ black singer, Nat "King" Cole. Otherwise it is a lot of caterwauling.

It is getting to be hot here in Kerala. We have dammed the river here to keep the water in. By the way, did you see ^{the film} JFK ~~by~~ directed by Oliver Stone? I would like to know your views on it. All the best -

CPM