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Dear Mr Prakash Gole,

First of all, permit me to say that I was disturbed when your friend Mr Sawarkar informed me that you were in indifferent health. I trust and pray that you have recovered. For, India needs ecological saviours like you by the thousands in each district of the country if we want to prosper.

Thank you for sending to me Vol 21, 2008 of your journal. I enjoyed your essay <sup>and</sup> though I confess that your research and knowledge has made me realise for the first time how fundamentally flawed is our "education" that in the normal course we know nothing of the wisdom you have revealed through your essay. I confess I shall have

to read it several times before I  
fully grasp your gospel. Now I  
understand Mahatma Gandhi's  
fetish of simple living ~~and~~ <sup>but</sup> I  
fear that the inheritors of the Planet  
~~last~~ after the last Extinction (us)  
are unlikely to change their  
self-destructive mind-set.

Did not Mr Girish Ashyankar  
know that there are <sup>many</sup> people like  
you and me who will not be  
able to plough even six meters  
in a day!!! My father who was  
an administrator was always  
bubbling with such ideas but could  
not convince any one! He was  
always posed the option "why  
do not you leave the Service and  
settle to farming on your ancestral  
farm land?"

Please remember us to Admiral  
& Mrs Awati and to Mr & Mrs Sawarkar.  
warm regards, yours sincerely,  
Baljit Singh.