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Mr. Ajata N. Sharma
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Dear Ajata Sharma and Virginia Birdsall,

Thank you for your kind telephone call of July 23rd. and Virginia's prompt delivery of the matter at my door on the same day, then your cordial reception at the studio the next day.

I was very glad to be in your studio and spend some time with you all. I was really fascinated by the liberal and non-dogmatic attitude of Mother Tessa. It was a very good experience for me to be exposed to her non-traditional thoughts and ideas.

Swami Vivekanda in his Karma Yoga says very clearly that unselfish work is the best way of achieving spiritual realisation. The world requires unselfish service more than anything else. By inculcating that noble attitude we can help ourselves as well as the people around us.

Those who are living in this modern age should not be parochial and narrow in their outlook. If we are one hundred percent American only, then we are not good people to live in this world. We must develop fellowship with others and try to be a world citizen. This cosmic principle, when sincerely harbored, will not make us patriotic in the narrow sense. So by removing the cobwebs of ignorance from the minds of the people, by having enlightened dialogue through your forum, you are really rendering a great and genuine service towards that cosmocentric attitude.

Swamiji says as we are all interlinked, nothing is separate. Everything is interpenetrated by that Divine Ground popularly addressed as God. So our actions are affecting others. If we send powerful good-will from the depth of our sincere heart through such dialogues, we are in a way helping to have global peace.

I sincerely thank your noble project and may God bless you all.

Sincerely yours,


Swami Tathagatananda