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To Dr Karl Marx.

Honored Sir,

Knowing that you exert a most important influence in directing and inspiring a social movement the most beneficent, fundamental, and gigantic the world has ever seen, I have been induced to seek your valuable advice in the practical prosecution of an enterprise of the most important bearing on the international intercourse of democratic Socialists throughout the world[.]

The work to which I allude, and which has now engaged the leisure portion of some years of my life, is the formation of a Philosophical and International Language, entirely independent of pre-existing languages—starting de novo—based on the essential elements of Human ~~Thoaght~~ Thought, and on a synoptical | classification of all the known Concrete beings of the Universe, together with the abstract qualities, modes, powers, and relations, of matter, space, time, and number, according to the most advanced formulization of modern science[.]

This absorbing conception, with which I have been increasingly inspired for several years past, and which was even a favorite and irresistable day-dream of my youth, has within the last two years, by reason of social developments unprecedented alike in their kind, their rapidity, and the

world-wide area of their operation, has received in my mind the auspicious omen of unexpected promise[.]

I allude to the unprecedented progress of the International Association[a], of which I have the honor to be a member, and which I regard as the destined lever which shall raise Humanity from the dust[.]

| Under the mingled and conflicting feelings evoked by the fearful tragedy of Paris—with its army of hero-martyrs on the one side, and its horde of reactionary fiends on the other—I solemnly dedicated the entire remainder of my life to working out the details of this grand idea.

This I feel to be the mission of my life—the raison d'être of my existence. This, when I die, I would earnestly desire to leave as an eternal legacy to the Fraternity of Man.

I feel that now is the fitting advent for the birth of this New Tongue! That in the march of ages the time has well-nigh now arrived when the nations of the Earth—the tongue-tied and oppressed toilers of the Race must be no longer isolated by the adamantine barriers of diverse and jarring dialects. That the fetters of | the hands can only be broken when the seal of ~~*the*~~ them has been removed;—when Frenchmen and German, Russian, Spaniard and Italian—Pole and Hungarian —Turk, Arab, Hindoo[b], and Chinese, shall side by side with their vernacular tongue cultivate a Cosmopolitan Language which shall be at once a store-house of formulated Science, a bond of Fraternity, and a falchion[c]-sword of Freedom!

I would earnestly seek the conference of those of a kindred faith among that great and holy phalanx that, born but yesterday, is overspreading the earth; but chiefly of you, Honored Sir, would I seek for counsel how I might present these thoughts for the consideration of my brethren, the Internationalists.

My esteemed friend, M[r]Charles Murray[d] having kindly undertaken to bring this under your notice,

I remain
Yours very respectfully

F. W. Dyer

Erläuterungen

a) Internationale Arbeiter-Assoziation (IAA) / International Workingmen's Association (IWA) / Association Internationale des Travailleurs (AIT)

b) Oxford English Dictionary, "Hindu (n.), sense 1," September 2025, https://doi.org/10.1093/OED/7676541670.

c) Oxford English Dictionary, "falchion (n.), sense 2," December 2025, https://doi.org/10.1093/OED/7216542120.

d) Murray, Charles (-1889)

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