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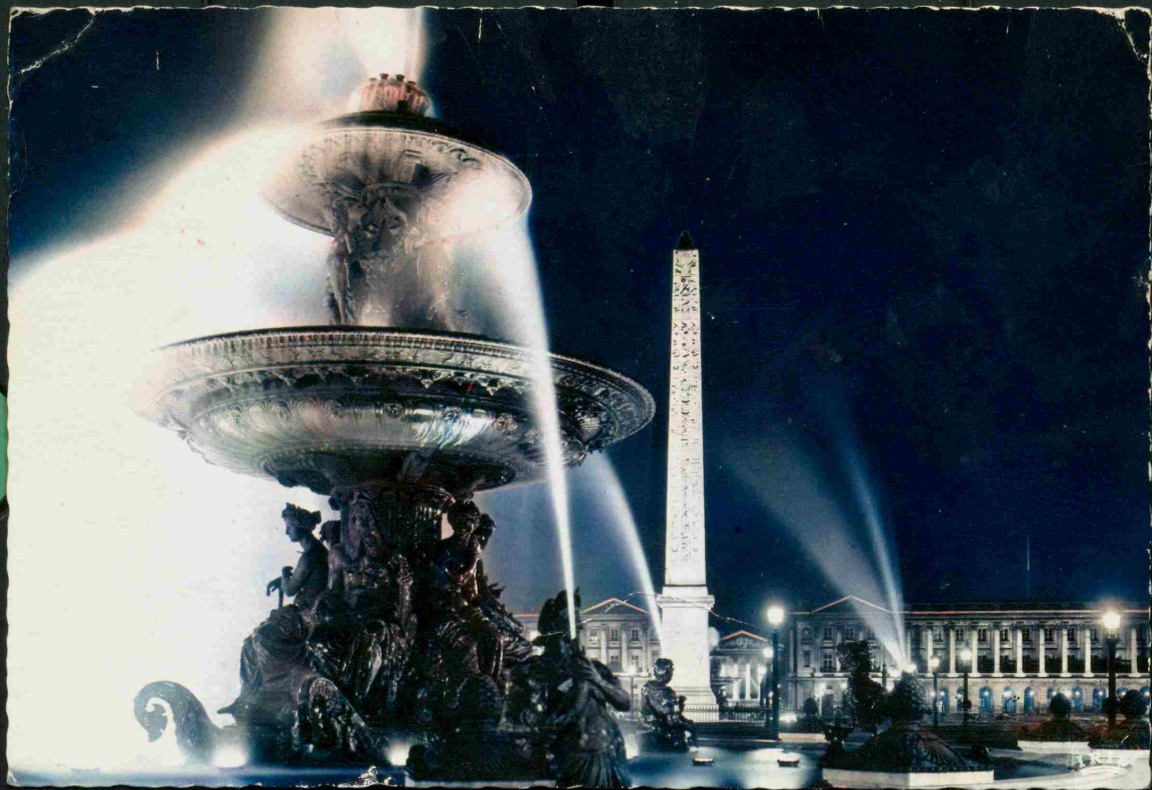
Arrived in Lyon instead of
Paris because of weather -
so came here & explored
Great fun. Catch train at
6 am for Ales & have
few hours. Things & Marvellous
Puy Country. Have a funny
hotel room here for ² 50 centimes
the 4 days we had! Wish you
were here with me! What fun
it's all in. Temp. about 45°.
Gone to a Busch Vivaldi Concert -
the Cathedral! Love it.

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Remember so well
time I was here

You & me walked from
Montparnasse to Montmartre!

Walked nearly that far today
but not quite - needed you a

an inspiration!) Having found
Mlle Valenci got - but keep

trying. She is out & tel does
not work. Marvellous weather

Tout va bien - hic bien
Alors on doit voir le tour

Dr. A. Vibert Dr. G.

~~127 King St. W.~~

~~Kingston, ON~~

c/o John Douglas Sep.
CANADA

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St. Joy. Quebec



MEXICHROME

Collectionnez les Cartes Postales!

Tallys H.

Rathaus



15 Aug 1968

So glad to get yours of 11th. Dora had not received mine from E. Gen. telling that Mary Keir's pen rolled up in Dresden & we had good times (+ lots of Poul's work). The Corlins had us (I tell about!) Now we are at last day of Conf. & I relax tomorrow & go to Montpellier on Sat. 17th - I hope Ingram at all but arrived today - well & happy - & good sunny days continuing. We had a fine day in Old Heidelberg on slopes of Oldenwald out, picturesque Schloss & great banquet there for 600 people by Mayor & Rector. (H. is oldest university in Germany) I hope progress in painting & more good excursions for you & Rosemary. Hope Carman a success. Love to all. Debbie.

Karlsruhe Marktplatz 11 Rathaus



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Mrs Omc Douglas
"Creery"
Beltra
Co. Sligo.
Ireland



Albie,

with best wishes
for Christmas & all
of 1966

from

Mary

The real thing puts
this completely in the
shade, but the
slide was better.





To await arrival
AIR
MAIL



PAR
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AEROGRAMME

Dr. A. V. Douglas
c/o I. F. U. W.

Cecil Hotel
Kifissia

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C. P. 26
Robertsonville, Que.
(Co. Mesozoic)

Harling Aunt,

I hope this reaches you in Athens.

Here we all are united in a chalet on a lake in the Eastern Townships where I've been working since the 1st of August. The work at Haure St. Pierre went fairly fast in July and as there seemed nothing left for me to do there I came back to Quebec & they put me down here. I was fortunate as I got back to Quebec 4 weeks early and after a week here I found & rented a cottage & moved the family down.

It's very different type of geology stratigraphy & structure but very interesting and the party-chief - a nice fellow of my age has been working in the region for six years & really knows his stuff.

Madame Salathé delayed her sailing about three weeks & M. C. is much better and gaining back some of her weight.

Paul and Marianne have grown tremendously and enjoy it here. We have an aluminium row-boat. The lake is about 3 miles long by about 1 mile across of half moon shape

and surrounded by hills of volcanics. The work is very intense 8-5-5½ days a week & evening all taken with working on the map & preparing next day's work. So there is little time for gadding about. M. C. drives now very well & she & Maman have made some little trips. This country is very beautiful with autumn colours having begun a week ago with brilliant patches of red & yellow here & there. The relief is enough to let one know that there are the roots of an old mountain belt and vistas over valleys & to hills beyond give one a joie de vivre. (Oshestos)

We are close to the good Mines & my work this winter will be on the igneous rocks of the area.

Mother seems to have got everything mixed up about work at Sept 21st. I was not working there & I work for the provincial government. Marie Claire & Maman have spoken with the Biellers at church & they ~~are~~ ^{evidently} rang to invite us over but we were already here.

Much love from I.F.W. and John + M.C.

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we shall probably be here until the end of Sept as there is a good deal of work to do still. I find the going slow as I am not acquainted with the rocks but it should go faster now. Madame S. (Maman) leaves Sept 4 on the Franconia. I think she has loved it here in Canada and being in french Canada is ~~perhaps~~ ~~perhaps~~ a help for a continental Frenchman to find his way here. M.C. has made numerous acquaintances during the summer in Quebec. It seems a more stable community than Ottawa where it took ages for us to even know our neighbours, but then it was winter time + in summer people are outside.

Marvellous of you to have finished your report. Never cease to wonder at how you + as had could sit down + write reports - as you know I am no good at that!

Hope this gives you some sort of idea of what's happening here. The days are so occupied with work that there is little time to reflect + write. Have an idea you never got our letters from me although I wrote to you in Nigeria and to Ireland.

Lots + lots of love from me - I shall be in setsina - have some Greek beer too.

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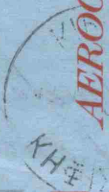


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AÉROGRAMME

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52 / Valmeiston
Sept. 3/64.

Dearest Auntie,

How poor we have been in writing this summer - how often we've thought about your Grand Travels - I hope these third + fourth parts of the summer will be very interesting.

We came back from 10 days at Ashkirk on Monday. Went out in pours of rain in the water taxi - soon had ourself warm + cozy but weather remained rather miserable (though drought struck in E. Ontario blessed the rain) for the time our friends the Musters were there - Peter you met when here - his mother - strange soul has gone back to England thoroughly fed up with her family + Canada. However they liked it and we had very successful fishing - off the docks and over by the marsh.

Water very low but good for Stephen who had fine time in

little front bay + sand

We had a loon with a fit - I had to do away with him as we were afraid he might have rabies + might bite Stevie. The rest of the days were gloriously sunny + we all browned + bathed + relaxed, and felt quite recuperated.

Went up to Kingston by bus last Sunday. The flat day took + all in order. We booked into the locked room + had a beer each which went to our feet! We could hardly move for several hours after. I think we'd been so hot on way over from the Island we must have been dehydrated.

I phoned Gibson re the thesis - he thinks Lowe might take on the supervision again but not sure - may depend upon some new person coming on the staff + his "speciality"

57 11-11
Gebson gave me a good
boost in the arm to get
1st draft completed by
I mean and have everything
finished by Feb. 16.5.

Will have to be very strong
willed!

Mrs. Melvin so glad to
hear from you & looking
for word to your return - thinks
you are the most courageous
person she knows. Wrote that
to us.!

We left in a taze as we'd
not realized that there was a
train at 10 A.M. so much
better for the boys. So I hope flat
o.k. - sorry not to have made
your bed & put in a few things
for you etc. So many thanks
for having us - in absentia
Dear Auntie! Glad to think of you
home before too long - will have so
much to hear. You'll need your

The boxes of mail!
Pat, Audrey, & D.
to catch your breath - I love you
So very much

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Principal J. A. Corry

Date: April 30, 1962.

Re:

Replying to your memo of March 30, somewhat belatedly --

I have no publications to report for the 1961 - 62 period although the chapter on Scientific Writing in Canada for the Literary History of Canada should be in press soon.

I was appointed to the National Executive Committee of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada in March, 1962.

A. V. Douglas.

FROM THE LIBRARIAN



QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
KINGSTON, ONTARIO

Nov 11, 1964

Dear Dr Douglas:

I enclose a list of
your offprints in our
Faculty file. If you
have any other offprints,
not listed, which you could
let us have, we would be
most grateful to receive them.

I read your article on
Dr Leitch with the liveliest
interest.

Yours sincerely

H. P. Gundy

McGill University
L.L.D. Citation - 6 Nov. 1960

Mr. Vice-Chancellor,

It is a particular pleasure to present to you Allie Vibert Douglas, Professor of Astronomy at Queen's University.

Thrice graduate of McGill, Dr. Douglas was for seventeen years a member of our Faculty. For twenty-one years she has been on the Faculty of Queen's, and until a year ago Dean of Women in this, our sister university.

Throughout her career, Dr. Douglas has made notable contributions in the areas of Physics and Astrophysics, has written widely on various educational topics, and is the biographer of Sir Arthur Eddington.

All of this and more is in the record. What cannot be written is the quality of her leadership both as Dean of Women at Queen's and in various International Committees. In the former, she has been an inspiration to generations of students. In the latter she has worked consistently for educational opportunities for young people everywhere. As President of the International Federation of University Women and as Canadian delegate to UNESCO and other conferences, she has brought honour to Canada.

In the name of the Senate, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, I ask you to recognize the achievements of this daughter of McGill in the realms of science, education and international understanding, by conferring on her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Muriel V. Roscoe. *Muriel*

Warden, Royal Victoria College
and Macdonald Professor of Botany.

6th. October, 1960.

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September 29, 1964.

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127 King Street W.,
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Dear Dr. Douglas:

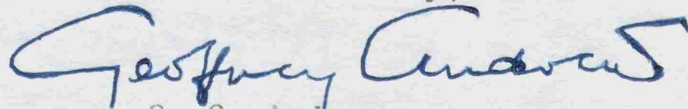
I postponed replying to your letter of July 30th until I was sure you would be back in Canada.

Very many thanks indeed for your long detailed report on your visits to 10 countries in Africa. I read it with great interest myself, and have had it reproduced in order to circulate to those responsible for the CUSO program, and for the international activities of Canadian universities in other spheres, all of whom I know will be deeply grateful to you for your detailed observation and convincing concern.

I am returning your original manuscript plus an extra photostat of your report, which you may find useful. If you require additional copies, please do not hesitate to let me know.

I am going to be out of town until the middle of the month, and will look forward to seeing you after I get back.

Yours sincerely,



G. C. Andrew
Executive Director

GCA/mkd

*Ottawa Oct 19, 20
or 1st week in Nov.*



FROM
THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.
KINGSTON, ONTARIO.

November 16, 1964.

Dear Dr. Douglas:

Thank you for sending me the offprint dealing with the Reverend William Leitch's forays into astronomy. I find this extremely interesting, and it seems to me a good illustration of the wisdom of the maxim that one should not outtalk one's information. I shall avoid this, at least in the field of astronomy.

Yours sincerely,


J. A. Corry

Dr. A. V. Douglas,
127 King Street West,
Kingston, Ontario.

THE SEASON OF THE ODYSSEY

T. L. MACDONALD

In the fifth book of Homer's epic—almost a sacred book to the ancient Greeks and a best-seller today—Odysseus is sailing his 'do-it-yourself' boat from Calypso's island somewhere in the Mediterranean towards the coast of Greece. Calypso had advised him to keep the Great Bear on his left hand, as he sailed eastward; and so, unsleeping, "he watched the Pleiades and late setting Boötes and the Bear, which is also called the Waggon, turning round in the same place and watching Orion, and never sharing in the baths of Ocean".

Odysseus' voyages may have been surpassed this year by Sir Francis Chichester, but the words I have summarized remain the earliest picture of navigation by the stars, at least in Europe. I have used the passage frequently as an illustration for classes in popular astronomy. The problem may be put thus: 'At what season of the year would Odysseus have been making his voyage?'

Commentators on Homer have been innumerable. Finsler and Wilamowitz argued that to see the Pleiades, Boötes (or Arcturus), and Ursa Major on one and the same night the date must have been between the end of the first week in October and the third week in November. Scott thought the necessary conditions could be satisfied between 30 August and 19 September.

The first thing to find out is where these stars were in the Homeric Age. The traditional date of the sack of Troy was 1184 B.C. (Eratosthenes) or 1160 B.C. (Parian Chronicle). The vast literature of the Homeric question cannot date the epics nearer than 800 to 900 B.C. It will be sufficient for our purpose to make our calculations for 1000 B.C. With such rough indications, it will not be appreciably wrong. Fortunately Neugebauer's tables give star positions for each century, as affected by precession and proper motion:

Star	A.D. 1900		1000 B.C.	
	R.A.	Dec.	R.A.	Dec.
Alcyone	55°·38	23°·80	15°·41	10°·77
Rigel	77·43	— 8·32	43·42	—16·26
Betelgeuse	87·44	7·39	49·22	1·43
Arcturus	212·78	19·70	179·18	36·64
Polaris	20·64	88·77	341·60	72·80
Dubhe	164·39	62·29	97·49	73·22
Merak	163·95	56·92	104·36	68·25

It may be a surprise that Dubhe (α UMa) was then a little nearer to the Pole than Polaris. The nearest thing to a Pole Star must have been Kochab; but there is no indication that Homer or Hesiod recognised it as such.

The greatly increased north declination of Arcturus must have given strength to the words "late setting" applied to Boötes. There have been, in fact, suggestions that these words ($\delta\psi\epsilon\ \delta\upsilon\omicron\nu\nu\tau\alpha$) referred to the slowness of its setting, like Tennyson's Orion "sloping slowly to the west"; but $\delta\psi\epsilon$ and its compounds seem always to have the connotation of lateness.

From Neugebauer's tables it is a simple matter to compute rising and setting times for the Sun and stars for any date. A practical astronomer will realise that the stars named can be seen at some time of the night for most of the year. The tables will also give the periods of civil and astronomical twilight.

They also enable us to compute four annual phenomena which were more significant in the days of naked-eye astronomy than they are today. Of these, the heliacal rising of a star or planet was its first visible rising in the morning twilight and its heliacal setting the last visible setting in evening twilight. On the other hand the apparent achronycal rising was the last visible rising in the evening twilight and the apparent cosmical setting the first visible setting in morning twilight. One has to stress the words 'visible' and 'apparent' to distinguish these from the theoretical but unobservable limits for each phenomenon.

Schoch derived from Babylonian records the angular distance or *arcus visionis* for these events, for each major planet and for stars of differing magnitude; they vary between 4° for the cosmical setting of Jupiter and 17° for third magnitude stars. Neugebauer gives clear instructions for each computation.

It appears from this that in one of the suggested periods, the first half of September, the Pleiades could have been seen all night. Their achronycal rising would be about September 20. Arcturus would only have been visible for an hour or two after sunset (it would have risen shortly after sunrise); its heliacal rising would be about September 12; thus either late or slow setting would be the merest poetical epithet.

In the October–November period it would be worse for Arcturus, scarcely visible setting in evening twilight, rising again (due to its high declination) for an hour or two before sunrise, while the Pleiades would have set in the morning twilight, their cosmical setting being on November 1.

If then the suggested dates are not reassuring, especially for an all-night watch from sunset to sunrise, is there any time of year when Odysseus' observations could have helped him more?

A closer look at the passage may suggest a time when the Pleiades might have helped him to retain the direction of sunset as twilight faded and late or slowly setting Arcturus helped him to judge the opposite direction of sunrise while he kept the Bear on his left. If that was so, all the allusions would be meaningful.

From March to June, Boötes would be visible all night. In March, the Pleiades would be visible for some four hours after sunset. About April 3 would be their heliacal setting and on May 19 their heliacal rising. It is therefore suggested that Odysseus was making his perilous journey in March.

Hesiod is the nearest surviving Greek writer to the Homeric age. The society he depicts is changed. His *Works and Days* is a collection of weather, agricultural, sailing and other lore, up to a couple of centuries later than Homer according to the dating one favours. (References to Hesiod are to the lines of *Works and Days*.)

He says of the Pleiades, lines 385–387: "Forty nights and days they are hidden and appear again as the year moves round, when first you sharpen

your sickle". Such a close agreement perhaps confirms our calculations rather than the contemporary poet!

About sailing, he tells us (663) that fifty days after the solstice (say, August) is the right time for men to go sailing. But he adds (678) "Another time for men to go sailing is in spring (when a man first sees leaves . . .); then the sea is passable and this is the spring sailing time; for my part I do not praise it . . .; such a sailing is snatched, and you will hardly avoid mischief". And in fact Odysseus was shipwrecked.

Scrutiny of the *Odyssey* does not suggest anything which contradicts the March sailing. The indications are vague. Gilbert Murray thought it was winter, instancing the references to fuel for fires among other things. Others have criticized the October date already discussed on the ground that the journey of Odysseus' son suggested 'high summer'.

In *Odyssey*, I, 16, "as the seasons revolved, the year came in, which the gods had chosen for his return"—that is, the tenth year after the sack of Troy. His patroness Athena pleads his case with the assembly of the gods. It would be contrary to the spirit of the poem that she should leave this until August or October. True, we do not know exactly when the Homeric year started; Hesiod clearly thinks of winter as completing the year (617). His enemy among the gods, Poseidon (Neptune) is not there; he had gone to receive the worship of the Ethiopians. This is Hesiod's month Lenaeon (January–February), "wretched days, all of them fit to skin an ox" (505), when the sun goes to and fro over the land and city of dusky men (527). In *Odyssey*, V, 282, Poseidon on his way back sees Odysseus close to land and causes the storm and shipwreck. Would it be imaginative to think of this as the equinox? If so, the action starts on February 22 or thereby, the shipwreck was about March 21, and as the epic requires less than 45 days, the final battle and slaughter of the suitors would be about the end of the first week in April.

This is where coincidence takes a hand. Theoclymenus has only one part to play. In Book 15, Odysseus' son Telemachus gives him asylum from a blood feud and takes him to Ithaca. He only appears once again, on the morning of the final slaughter, in Book 20, makes a remarkable speech to the suitors of Penelope, returns to his local host, and does not re-appear. It is as though he had been introduced only for what he had to say then. I quote Rieu's translation: "Unhappy men, what blight is this that has descended on you? Your heads, your faces, and your knees are veiled in night. There is a sound of mourning in the air; I see cheeks wet with tears. And look, the panels and the walls are splashed with blood. The porch is filled with ghosts. So is the court—ghosts hurrying down to darkness and to hell. The sun is blotted out from heaven and a malignant mist has crept upon the world".

This may be merely a vision—a seer's second sight. If so, there is no more to be said. Darkness and no Sun would accord with the sunless Hades of the Greeks. So Dörpfeld and others.

It was already Plutarch among the ancients who suggested that it was a poetic description of an eclipse of the Sun. He noted that we are repeatedly

told that it was New Moon (14, 457: "there was no moon"; 14, 161, and again 19, 306: "Odysseus will return between the waning of the old moon and the waxing of the new").

Schoch and Neugebauer took up the idea and proved that over a long period only one eclipse was total over the Ionian Islands. There may be some doubt which of them Ithaca was: but the line of totality passed over Leucas. It was in 1178 B.C.; and the day was April 16. It may be sheer accident that this would involve only a change of a week in the rough timetable above, a change of a week in Poseidon's return, needed in any case for New Moon. The time of the eclipse, 11.45 a.m. local time, would suit the text. It would scarcely be necessary to adjust the traditional chronology, itself so uncertain.

It would seem possible that some recollection of an eclipse had worked itself into the tradition; and the poet used it with his accustomed skill. Dörpfeld considered the eclipse idea chimerical because there is no other mention of it. But just before Theoclymenus speaks, we are told of the suitors that "their laughing faces took on a strained and alien look; blood, as it seemed to them, was spattered on the food they ate". So the effect, whatever it was, was not limited to the seer. It is most unlikely that any further evidence will be forthcoming.

Schoch bowed to Dörpfeld's authority; and added: "Besides, I have established that according to 18, 366, it was winter and not April". Here Odysseus challenges the suitor Eurymachus to a reaping match. But, as we have seen, Hesiod tells us that the time to sharpen the sickle was when the Pleiades reappeared in the second half of May.

There is one other astronomical allusion in the *Odyssey*, 13, 93, when the Phaeacians land Odysseus in Ithaca at dawn, as "the brightest of all stars came up, the star which often ushers in the tender light of dawn", the planet Venus. By Neugebauer's tables, Venus was at greatest morning elongation in 1176 B.C. on March 17.

True, this could often happen: the chain of coincidences might mean something. I am very far from thinking that anything is proved. But it may be of interest to see what can be done with scant and unpromising material.

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THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

~~██████████~~, TORONTO 2-B
252 College St.

1969 Feb. 4

Dear Allie -

Recently I received this reprint from Thomas L. MacDonald, prompted by your account of the Orphic Hymns. Since he did not have your address, he asked me to send it on. Perhaps this may prompt you to submit another note on the subject!

We are certainly having a snowy winter. But the days are lengthening - and the goldfinches coming to my seed tray are showing bits of yellow, in anticipation of spring!

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Ruth

Mr. MacDonald's address is
12 Norfolk Road, Carlisle, England

yes, perhaps

R.
Jan 9

P.S.

A young man came to the National Council meeting on Saturday, representing the Kingston Centre. Nice to have signs of activity!

E.M.

12 Norfolk Road,
Carlisle,
England
1969 March 16

Dear Mr Douglas,

It was extremely kind of you to write about the reprint of my rather tentative little paper about Homeric references. In fact, it was rather presumptuous to send it on.

It arose gradually from my reading. I suppose I was attracted to finish it by the coincidences I seemed to find. While the Brit. Astr. Ass. accepted it without question, I have had no comment from anyone in the Classical Association. I have no doubt that the traditional dating of the Odyssey is not accepted in such quarters; and really I would not be upset if the remarks I made were criticised on serious grounds. I know that Professor Neugebauer was so criticised in the German magazine "die Sterne", and some of his notes on ancient eclipses were published privately in leaflet form.

For those reasons I thought the short paper might interest you.

Again thank you for your letter,

Yours very sincerely,

T. L. Maximaly



QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
KINGSTON, ONTARIO

5 February 65

Dear Dr. Douglas,

I concede to the mills of God the superior fineness of their grinding, but I claim that mine are - to paraphrase a famous Maritime story - "every damn' bit as slow".

A long time ago you were good enough to send me an off-print of your article on God's Glory in the Heavens, and I have just now given myself the pleasure of reading it. It must have been rather fun to live in a time when you could solve the insoluble by merely saying "God". My own inclination, which in honour of the age I live in I do my best to combat, is still to say it; but then one is engaged in a battle within oneself which can't be allowed to become too fierce for equilibrium's sake. Sometime - perhaps on a starry night on Ashkirk or Sampson ~~via~~ - we ought to talk about such things.

With many thanks,

Fraham

Ayton Castle
Berkshire

27. 12. 1965.

My dear Mr. Douglas,

I need send you a word of
very real appreciation of your most
interesting lecture about your
African trip after your recent visit.
I could corroborate much you said
from what I know personally, but
very much would have to be done
in lightening - Primary education
is the crux of the matter, & one of the
most difficult of achievements
in these parts. In the West Indies

We have the same difficulties
from over population the next to-
impossible task of teaching all &
of finding the teachers - I am going
to make a strong plea with my
undergraduates in the U.S. that they
must really be patriotic & go in for
teaching even if less remunerative
than other jobs. Because it becomes
as you say an ever more hopeless
"impasse" for the University in this -
It was such a pleasure meeting
you again in Australia of all places
& I did so enjoy what I saw &
heard in that short time available.
With all good wishes for 1966
from John Jay with affection.



QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
KINGSTON, ONTARIO

7 December 1968

Dear Miss Douglas —

Thank you very much for the offprint of that fascinating review. It is as interesting to me as a one-time classical scholar as it is to me as a one-time navigator. How fortunate a textual editor is to come on a passage specific enough & reliable enough to admit of this sort of dating. I find entries in standard classical reference books very cagey about the date of the Orphic Hymns beyond stating that there are undoubtedly very early elements embedded in much later. This is the sort of thing that rewards the patient & careful scholar — if backed up by a good astronomer to do the calculations.

With best wishes

Yours very sincerely
George Whalley

THE THREE MUSKETEERS.

STRATFORD.

A MUSKETEER.

R. MARSHALL



Reproduction of a costume sketch
for the Stratford Festival 1968
production of "The Three Musketeers"
designed by Desmond Heeley.

4 Carlton Court,
Carlton Way,
Cambridge
CB4 2BX
Dec 30th, 1968.

Dear Prof. Douglas:

When I arrived back from the North where my father
has been seriously ill, I received Mark Edwards' letter
containing the off-print which you so kindly sent to me.
I found the article most interesting. Thank you very much for
letting me have a copy.

I am enjoying my sabbatical leave here, though,
I find the wet weather very trying. Viola and I are looking
forward to the Mediterranean and Asia Minor trips that
we shall be taking next year.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Eric Smithurst.

DR CONST. CHASSAPIS
ASTRONOME
STATION ASTRONOMIQUE
DE PENTELI
ATHÈNES - GRÈCE

January 31st. 1969.

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas,
Queen's University,
Kingston, Ontario,
Canada.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

I was very pleased to receive your long critical article on my book: "The Greek Astronomy of the 2nd. Millienium b.C. according to the Orphic Hymns" published in the October Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, you were so very kind to send me. In reply, I wish to thank you most sincerely for this delivery and still more for your very kind words.

I must admit that I was highly impressed with your interest to give such a detailed picture of the contents of my book as well as with your exceptional ability and skill to express in a limited number of lines nearly the whole of the essential contents of it.

I shall consider myself very happy if I would include in my library copies of published works of yours. Kindly, if you have for disposal such books or essays, please send me a copy.

I hope to publish within short a new extensive work of mine on the Star of Bethlehen, of which I shall be very pleased to send you a copy as soon as it is published.

I thank you once more most sincerely and I wish you to have a very rich scientific contribution during the current new year.

Sincerely yours,

C. Chassapis

C. Chassapis.

14 Jan 1967.

Sam Amesse.

Dear Sam

I am glad to add
my word of appreciation
of all you have done
to help your colleagues
~~and the students~~
during these many
years - and done
with ^{your special cheerfulness} & good humour,
and efficiency. It
is not easy to think
of the Macdonald
Physics Laboratory
without you.

My thoughts go back
as yours will do also,
to the days of Dr Barnes,
and Ja Gray, Alwe,
L. V. King, D. A. Keys

H. Reilly, H.W. Watson
and Horace Watson,
An Shaw and
J.S. Foster and Mr Pye
and Harry Lane.

We have seen them
all pass off the
McClint scene.

EBM
JRP

My hope for you is
that you may
enjoy every day
of retirement as
much as I do

You have earned
all the good things
that life can offer
you - may they be
many.

Best wishes from
your old friend
A V D.

Cambridge, Oct. 4/61

My dear Allie,

Many, many

thanks for your inspirit-

ing address: Thinking in Centuries.

You keep it up, wonderfully.

Ever yours,

Carlton W Stanley

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

415 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017 MURRAY HILL 8-3900

January 3, 1969

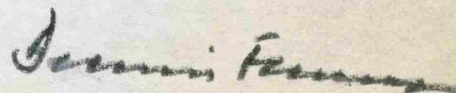
Dear Dr. Douglas:

We here at Scientific American were most interested in your recent note in the Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. Indeed, we should like to know more about Dr. Chassapis' work. Would it be possible for you to briefly lend us his paper? We would a Xerox copy made and return the original to you.

Perhaps I should emphasize that we are not seeking the paper in order to consider publishing it. At this point we would simply like to inform ourselves. It is possible, however, that we would ultimately ask Dr. Chassapis to write an article about his most interesting work.

If you can grant our request, I appreciate that it will be a bit of a nuisance for you to send the material. The least we could do would be to cover your expenses. We will be most grateful for any help you may be able to give us in the matter.

Cordially,



Dennis Flanagan
Editor

Posted Jan 8, 1969

DF;ap

R.R.2, Coldwater,

March 6/61.

Out

Dear Dr. Douglas,

I am writing to let you know what pleasure I have had from your article in this last Queen's Review.

As you say, few people take the trouble to get a perspective in time. Most of our ills would begin to crumble if we did.

I was talking to our local Canadian Club in Orillia about our notable Orillians, some time ago, and quoted Chesterton - 'Develop a sense of history', It gives a breadth to one's outlook, lifts one's head, and clears away a lot of fog.

Perhaps we shall see something more from your pen on those lines, or a talk over the radio ?

Yours sincerely,

Katharine Day

R. May

1 West 72 street
New York
11 March 7

Dear Dr Douglas,

I wanted to tell you how very much I enjoyed and appreciated your article in the Queen's Review. It is indeed so essential to-day that we all be taught to think in centuries; that we all learn to appreciate the hundreds of years of human endeavour, sacrifice and achievement that have gone into making our world what it is. We must try to fight what my mother calls the "what's-so-great-about-that" attitude. The more we take our world for granted,

the greater our chances of
falling prey to any one of the
horriifying fates which human
jolly is now capable of inflicting
on us.

I hope you and the
members of your family are
all well. I should so much
like to see Dary and Pat
and Aubrey again. I may
be in Toronto again soon, and
I shall certainly give them
a ring.

Sincerely,
Ellen Stone



QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
KINGSTON, ONTARIO

14 March 61

Dear Mr. Douglas,

Thank you very much for
sending me the reprint of your talk to
the teachers, which I read with much
interest and — need I say? — hearty
approval.

Attempting at least to think in
centuries, I am at present wrestling with



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

the old, sticky questions for historians of the arts: what is it that the artist is expressing? - if, as Herbert Read says, it is the culture in which he lives, why is the relation between art, architecture, music, philosophy and religion in any period no clearer than it is? - why does the climate of thought change? (presumably the French Revolution didn't produce Beethoven, nor Beethoven the French Revolution, but why did they both happen, with their clear inter-relevance, at the same time?). Painters will be appreciated!
 Yrs. Graham

January 14th. 1960.

Dr. Ram Swarup Sharma,
Indian Institute of Astronomical and Sanskrit Research,
NEW DELHI -5,
INDIA.

Dear Dr. Sharma:

I received your letter of December 19th, early in January. I thank you for inviting me to contribute to your monthly journal. The date of publication is only 10 days from now and it is impossible for me to send you a paper.

In any case, I would be unable to write up any research as I have not been engaged in active research recently other than the research in the life and contributions of the late Sir Arthur Eddington. As this book was published 3 years ago this material is now available to Astronomers or Philosophers who wish to consult it.

I wish you success in your plans for this special number of your journal.

Yours very truly,

A. V. DOUGLAS.

AVD:wh.

THE ALUMNAE SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL



630 Grosvenor Avenue,
Westmount, 6, P. Que.
March 13, 1962.

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas,
The Observatory,
Queen's University,
Kingston, Ont.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

Since the death last Autumn of Mrs. Walter Vaughan, the Alumnae Society has been without an Honorary President. It is therefore my privilege and pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Directors, to invite you to accept this office.

I can assure you that your duties would not be increased in any way, for we are all aware of your many professional activities. It is the hope of all members of the Board that you will find it possible to accept, for it would be a great honour for the Society to have as its Honorary President one who is both a distinguished graduate of McGill University and an internationally recognized scholar.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Margaret M. Stronach
Margaret M. Stronach (Mrs. R.B.)

President

Obsy.

4127 Kensington St W.

1962 Mar. 16.

Dear Mrs Stronach

Your letter of Mar 6 1962 came in this morning and fills me with amazement and a sense of inadequacy.

I am tremendously honoured by the Alumnae of my Alma Mater. I appreciated very highly the invitation eighteen months ago to be an honorary member, but to be asked to follow Mr Walter Vangha, my old professor and friend Dr Susan Cameron, whom I so greatly admired is something in another category. Thank you very much.

I shall hope to meet with you some time next autumn or winter and express my deep sense of gratitude to the officers and members of the Alumnae.

Sincerely yours

A. D.

Mrs B. B. Stronach

President, Alumnae Soc. of Mcg. Univ.

September 19, 1961.

Dr. George Weber,
School of Medicine,
Department of Pharmacology,
1100 West Michigan Street,
INDIANAPOLIS 7, Indiana.

Dear George:

Your letter of June 15 followed me to Vienna where I flew from Warsaw, having had three most interesting weeks in Poland. The University people, especially the astronomers, in Warsaw, Cracow, and Torun were marvellously friendly and hospitable. The spirit in that country is amazing and their degree of freedom of speech is good to see.

From Vienna I flew to California, across southern Greenland and Hudson Bay, to attend the International Astronomical Union. There we had some 800 astronomers from over 40 nations and some excellent meetings.

I wish I could have come home slowly, visiting you in Indianapolis, but I came via the stratosphere. On arrival two weeks ago, I had to move and am now at 127 King Street West, a lovely apartment facing out to the lake. It is very near the foot of University Avenue which is a great convenience as I am carrying on for at least one year more as Professor of Astronomy.

I hope your researchers are making encouraging progress. Give my warmest regards to Catherine and to your father.

Sincerely yours,

AVD:ns

A. Vibert Douglas.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Medical Center

1100 WEST MICHIGAN STREET

INDIANAPOLIS 7, INDIANA

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY

June 15, 1961

Dear Doctor Douglas:

From your latest letter I understand that you will be going to California for a short stay. Catherine and I have been wondering about when will you be on your way returning to Canada and whether you would be able to stop over and visit with us here. It would be a wonderful thing for us if we could have the privilege of meeting you again. We will be in Indianapolis with the exception of the month of August which we will spend on Cape Cod in Wellfleet where our address is Williams Cottage, Cove Road.

I am sure that you will be glad to hear that Indiana University promoted me to the rank of full Professor of Pharmacology. I also received notification some time ago that I was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine (England).

I am delighted to see from your letters how many places you travel and how rich life is for you. Next year we plan to go to England again, but this year has been very hard working and I have been longing for a quiet vacation beside the warm little lakes on Cape Cod with the view on the ocean.

I am pleased to tell you that all of us with my father are well. Hoping that these lines find you in the best of health. With very best regards.

Sincerely yours,



George Weber.

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HUNTER COLLEGE
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
695 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

Office of the Dean of Students

October 18, 1961

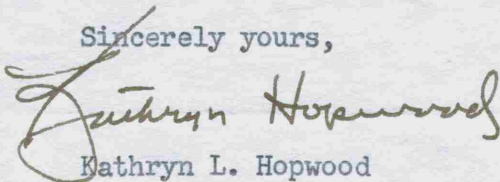
Dr. A. Vibert Douglas
Queens University
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Dr. Douglas:

Please let me tell you how delighted AAUW was to have the honor of your presence at our Anniversary Dinner. It was so heartwarming to have your thoughtful greetings upon this occasion and we all appreciated the opportunity to come to know you a little better.

I send warmest good wishes for a pleasant winter. I know you have many speaking engagements, and I hope that your retirement is a fruitful and happy one.

Sincerely yours,



Kathryn L. Hopwood
Dean of Students

KLH:tgp



NATIONAL PAROLE BOARD

OTTAWA, October 5th, 1961.

Dr. A. V. Douglas,
Queen's University,
KINGSTON, Ontario.

Dear Dr, Douglas:

Thank you very much for your note of September 29th enclosing the copy of the interesting letter from the Education Supervisor of Green Haven Prison in Stormville, N.Y.

I am quite impressed with the observations made concerning this book on Arthur Stanley Eddington. I have a bookseller in Edinburgh and I am adding this book to an order I am sending to him next week. Upon receipt of it and after reading it myself I will turn it over to the gentleman in the Justice Department who does the purchasing for the penitentiary libraries. I will also at the same time send him a copy of the letter from Green Haven Prison. I am so glad that you wrote me in this connection.

The work here continues to be ever challenging, sometimes frustrating, but never dull.

With all good wishes and looking forward to meeting up with you at Queen's on October 20th,

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Alex. Edmison".

J. Alex. Edmison,
Member, National Parole Board.

JAE:ML

Dr C. Iwaniszewska
Astronomical Observatory
N. Copernicus University
Sienkiewicza 30
T o r u ń, Poland

Toruń, September 11th, 1961

Prof. Dr A. Vibert Douglas
Queen's University
K i n g s t o n e, Ontario, Canada

Dear Professor Douglas,

Having just returned from my summer holidays, I found the parcel Dr Adamowicz kindly sent me from Warszawa. I am very, very grateful indeed for your great kindness for my friends and myself. Really I do not know how, after attending at your meetings in Vienna you found time enough to go and choose those nice scarfs for us.

We admire specially your good memory of our difficult names which you wrote so correctly.

Unfortunately I am not able to send you now the photos made during your visit at Piwnice, because my husband has had as yet no time to develop them - we have been nearly a month in the mountains. But of course I will send them when they will be ready.

I wanted also to tell you how I enjoyed reading "Cards on the table". I think Agatha Christie is at her very best in that novel .

We hope you had better weather in your later travels than during your visit to Poland, because all August was here cold and rainy.

Thanking you once more very, very much, I remain

Yours very truly

C. Iwaniszewska
C. Iwaniszewska

Merci bien pour le joli souvenir. avec mes meilleurs salutations

L. Gondrinska

March 21, 1961.

Mrs. J. W. Campbell,
11138 - 87 Avenue,
EDMONTON, Alberta.

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

It was very good of you to write me after reading my paper in the Queen's Review.

I am glad you are so interested in the meetings of the Edmonton Centre of the RASC. We established a Kingston Centre this winter and hope it will become quite active in the autumn. Thus far it has been chiefly a student club.

The teaching session is almost over here and for the first time in eleven years I am not going to take part in the summer school session. I shall take the whole summer off ending with the International Astronomical Conference in California in mid August.

Again thanking you for your letter and with my kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

A. Vibert Douglas.

Mrs. J. W. Campbell

11138 - 87 Ave
Edmonton

Edmonton, Mar. 11, 1961.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

On reading in the last edition of the Queen's Review your very fine and beautifully expressed article, 'Thinking In Centuries' I was not only thrilled and delighted but also so moved I want to congratulate and thank you.

Not only my family will receive inspiration from the 'fresh air' blowing from your 'hilltop view' for I shall pass the Review on to my minister and other friends.

You would not remember me, I think, but some years ago I met you very briefly when I accompanied my husband, the late Dr. J. W. Campbell, to meetings of the Mathematical Society in Kingston.

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Dr. Campbell thought very highly of your contributions to Education and especially in your chosen field of Astronomy.

Since his death in 1954, I joined the Edmonton Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and find the society meetings both interesting and stimulating.

Dr. Campbell and I loved the epitaph which was on the tombstone of a New England husband and wife who spent their lives grinding lenses.

"They have loved the stars too fondly
To be fearful of the night"

Wishing you continued success in your great work of teaching others to 'love the stars' in every high meaning of that phrase, I am,

yours sincerely,
Ruby Kilgour Campbell

August 27, 1960.
306 Fourth St. W.,
Cornwall, Ont.

Dear Madam:-

My father and I would like to express our wholehearted thanks for the efforts you have expended on his behalf. I might say that there has been a considerable change in the attitude of his employers. He has been offered a position of responsibility in his particular branch of knowledge.

With summer drawing to a close, I am looking forward to my return to Queen's. I hope that I will have a chance to see some of the fine photographs you have taken through the new telescope.

Once more, my heartfelt gratitude,

Yours sincerely,

M. V. Neimanis

Mr. T.

October 17, 1960.

Mr. M. V. Neimanis,
221 Stuart Street,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Neimanis:

Your note of August 27, has given me immense pleasure. I hope you will call at my office some day as I would like to return to you the cylinder with your father's certificate. I am delighted that his company has given him a position with more responsibility and greater interest.

My best wishes to you for the present session.

Sincerely yours,

A. Vibert Douglas.

AVD:wh

October 17, 1960.

Mr. M. C. Tillotson,
Secretary,
Queen's University,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Tillotson:

I want to thank you for the letters which you wrote on behalf of the father of our student M. V. Neimanis of Cornwall. If the son's letter gives you one-quarter the pleasure it gives me you will feel rewarded. It is dated August 27, and reads in part:

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Yours sincerely,

AVD:wh

A. Vibert Douglas.

April 5, 1960.

M. C. Tillotson Esq.,
Secretary,
Queen's University,

Dear Mr. Tillotson:

I have become interested in the father of one of my students and am setting forth the facts as I understand them, hoping that you will be able to put this case before someone who might look into its merits.

Valdis Aleksandrs Neimanis was born in Riga, Latvia, June 24, 1908. He graduated from the University of Latvia with the degree "Agronomist". He took special courses in business administration, had his own farms and a fleet of cargo ships. His son tells me he was a wealthy man. He left his country due to Russian invasion and occupation of Latvia and found a job with Howard Smith Paper Company, where he is a machine operator. As he is not a young man able to take on heavier machine work, there appears to be no chance of advancement. He has been able to retain ownership of one of his freighters - a 7,000 ton tramp ship, registered in Nicaragua and he manages this from his home in Cornwall. He speaks English but I do not know how proficiently, he is fluent in Latvian, German, Russian and Polish.

His son brought me the certificate of the University of Latvia, showing that he graduated there in 1937. I have also seen the Certificate of Professional Status given to Valdis Neimanis at Hanover on April 16, 1948 by the Area Supervisor of the British Zone of Germany and carrying the stamp of the Preparatory Commission International Refugee Organisation. This certificate corroborates his graduation in 1937 from the University in Riga, Latvia.

It seems to me that this man could be making use of his education and training more constructively for himself and for Canada than as a machinist. It occurs to me that some position in connection with the St. Lawrence Seaway, where skippers of so many nationalities are in and out of the office might be

available for a man of his knowledge of languages and of shipping.

If this is impossible, perhaps an office position in his present firm would be more in keeping with Mr. Neimanis' qualifications. His son in first year Science at Queen's University strikes me as very keen and able and exceedingly gentlemanly.

I shall greatly appreciate anything you can do in regard to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

AVD:wh

A. Vibert Douglas.

Valdis Alexander Keimans

b. Riga, Latvia - age 52.

Howard Smith Paper. Machine Operator.
Cornwall.

Seaway.

Freighter 7000 tons

Registered
(Nicaragua)

Degree U. of Riga

German
Russian
Polish
Latvian

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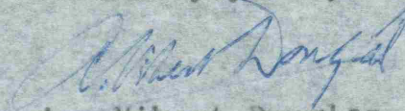
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Sincerely yours,



A. Vibert Douglas.

AVD:wh

Translation from Latvian

/ Coat of Arms of the Republic of Latvia /

THE UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA.

issuing this diploma in accordance with the decision of the Council of the Faculty of Agriculture of May 26, 1937, certifies that

Valdis Aleksandrs Neimanis,

born on June 24 1908 in Riga,

finished very successfully the complete course of the Agricultural Section of the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Latvia with all practical work and examinations, passed the final academical examination, presented and defended a scientific-technical work and was awarded the degree of

agronomist

with all rights foreseen in the law.

/ seal of the University/ Rector:/Signature/
For the Dean of the
Farmer Faculty for
Agriculture: Prorector/Signature/
Secretary/Signature/

Riga,
1940, 6th August
No 624

This is to certify that the above text is a literal translation of the Latvian original presented to me at my office HANNOVER, Landschaftstr, 3.

Hannover,
November 20, 1947.

(R. H. KUKAINIS)
Latvian Representative,
Baltic Advisory Council
Land Niedersachsen.

BY AIR MAIL

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Sr. A. V. Douglas

Queens University

KINGSTON (Ontario)

(Canada)

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Sender's name and address :—

Bikram Prasad

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Thapa Dental Clinic,

Andhiana,

(India)

Papaya

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Louisiana,
Dec. 2, 1961.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

Kindly accept our heartfelt gratitude for the keen interest you have shown in our son, Ravi. It makes us really feel very proud to have such a warm impression about him & other members of our family, about whom your impressions are based on the photographs Ravi has shown to you.

Dear Madam, you deserve the richest gratefulness of all the Indians for the keen interest you have evinced in guiding & inspiring Indian students & research scholars studying at the Queen's University. We shall certainly be lucky & delighted to have you in

our midst in India, so far from your own country. We are, in fact, looking forward to that lucky day when you will put us under a deep debt of gratitude by paying us a visit. We shall deem it a privilege, both proud & rare, if we can show our regard for you by sending you anything which maybe of any interest to you in our country.

Yours very sincerely,
Bikram Prasad

Montreal, April 30, 1961

Dear A,

"Thinking in Centuries" is a joy. Thank you very much for it; it is really inspired - and how ^{is} apropos in a country, - even educational milieu - where petty thinking can sneak in, at times, unperceived. I believe that many people are taking to looking over their shoulders as a means of escapism, - They recoil from what appears to be a disastrous future. But the past has been just as dreadful, and the world has survived, and will, I think. And what horizons are opening to education, already!

This evening, I was talking to Hope Ross, President of Queens Alumnae, here. Had she known you were to speak to the ProCell group, she would have tried to arrange a joint meeting. As it is, the two groups meet at the same time, in different places.

I had to wait until my return, two days ago, to see if I could manage to accept your very kind invitation. Alas! it is hopeless. And, next week, I must go to see my sister whose condition is causing us great anxiety. In fact, I

have been going and coming a good deal, except
when in Cambridge. My only consolation is that
the weather is still a bit unfavourable with
regard to Pauvogue. How I should like to see
that dear place again, - and the chateaux!

If we do not meet before you fly over-
seas, my very best wishes for a splendid
holiday. You certainly deserve it.

Affectionately,

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A nasty business with regard to Algeria. How
shameful! But then, much as I enjoy the French,
I never thought much of their much-valued
"patriotism" which always seemed to me more
like conceited, noisy nationalism, a pernicious
thing

QUEEN'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
KINGSTON, ONT.

10th November, 1964

Dr. A.V. Douglas,
127 King St. West,
Kingston Ont.

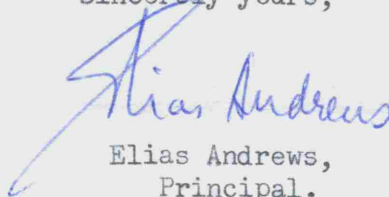
Dear Dr. Douglas:

My warmest thanks for the copy of your article "Astronomy a Century Ago". It was thoroughly interesting, and to have it written mainly around the work of Principal Leitch made it doubly significant to me.

It was kind of you to send me a copy.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elias Andrews". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Elias Andrews,
Principal.

EA/jms

From
DEPARTMENT OF
LIGHT
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
TELEPHONE: BELFAST 30111, EXT. 345

THE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
BELFAST

4th December 1963.

Dr. A.V. Douglas,
c/o Queen's University,
Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

R Dec 12.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

I hope that you will approve my submitting your name as a referee in my application for a Second Chair of Electronics in this University. This arises as a result of a reorganisation of the Departments of Electrical Engineering and Light Electrical Engineering consequent on the retirement of Professor Allen.

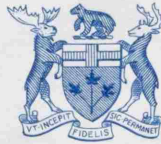
You may be interested to know that the research work, both at the field station and in the Department, is progressing well and we look forward to having some useful information from the radioastronomy measurements early next summer. Our total research group now amounts to six and we are looking forward to the extra space we shall have when we move into our new building in the spring.

It was a pleasure to meet you again when you were in Belfast recently. My wife and I send you our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and hope that you will soon be back in the United Kingdom when perhaps our meeting will be a little longer than last time.

Yours sincerely,



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

44 EGLINTON AVE. W.
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4 Deer Park Crescent, Apt. 4E,
Toronto 7, Ontario.
February 10, 1965.

Dear Dr. Douglas:

Miss Jennifer Clare Jackson is a candidate this year for the Marty Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded annually by the Queen's University Alumnae Association for one year of graduate studies overseas. Miss Jackson intends to study at St. Hugh's College, Oxford, and she proposes to continue her study of the concept of duty, in the light of what distinguishes moral duty from non-moral duty and of the status of dutiful conduct in ethics.

She has given your name as a person from whom the Marty Memorial Scholarship Committee may obtain confidential information about her academic and personal qualifications. In the light of your knowledge of Miss Jackson, would you kindly let me have your considered opinion of her personal and academic qualifications, the merit of her proposed plan of research and her ability to carry it to successful completion.

The competition for the Marty this year promises to be very keen. I would appreciate it if you would give your prompt attention to this request, to enable Miss Jackson to compete on even terms with several other outstanding applicants.

With my thanks for your very kind cooperation, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Gladys R. Munnings

Gladys R. Munnings, Chairman,
Marty Memorial Scholarship Committee.

Dr. A.V. Douglas,
127 King Street, West,
KINGSTON, Ontario.

Wrote Feb 12 -

10th February, 1965.

Dear Dr. Douglas.

Thank you so much for your letter. I am sorry to have been so vague about my thesis topic!

There is at present a powerful lobby of philosophers [J. O. Urmson, Professor Hart, P. F. Strawson, P. H. North Smith, C. Whiteley and P. Gauthier] whose aim it is to expose the inadequacy of the traditional classification of actions in terms of the morally right, the morally permissible (or neutral), and the morally wrong. They say that this tripartite classification fails to do justice to the complexity of moral values. Specifically, it fails to account for those actions which have positive moral worth but which cannot be ~~is~~ morally required and ^{which} should not, therefore, be lumped together with actions which can be morally required, under the classification "morally right". ^{Paradigms} ~~Characteristics~~ of morally required actions are duties and obligations. ^{Paradigms} ~~Characteristics~~ of the class which the traditional classification cannot accommodate are supererogatory acts, e.g., heroic and saintly deeds. The main differentiating features on account of which it is felt that a separate class is called for are: (i) that whereas the omission of ^{morally right required} ~~supererogatory~~ acts is ~~not~~ blameworthy and their commission not praiseworthy, the omission of supererogatory acts is not blameworthy and their commission is praiseworthy, (ii) that whereas morally required actions ought to be enforced if necessary by social sanctions, supererogatory actions should not be enforced by any form of sanction, and (iii) that whereas morally required actions lend themselves to formulation

in terms of rules, supererogatory actions are individual, that is, not rule-determinable. (Only one proponent, P.F. Strawson, makes explicit the implication of this third feature, namely, that the agent of a supererogatory act can approve the commission by others of actions having morally incompatible consequences.) The various challengers of the tripartite classification differ in the emphasis they place on these differentiating features, and our man, Mr. Gauthier, would not appeal to the third feature. I do not mean in my thesis to dwell much on the particular virtues and difficulties of the ^{individual} ~~social~~ challenges to the tripartite case but to single out a fundamental assumption which I think all the challengers to the tripartite classification endorse and are obliged to endorse, since the assumption is presupposed in their differentiating morally required and supererogatory actions. This is that morally required actions admit of purposive analysis since all actions properly deemed morally required are instrumental to social harmony and are morally required for this reason, whereas other actions which are not morally required but possessed of supererogatory value do not admit of a purposive analysis and are to be justified ~~in terms of~~ as instances of intrinsic goods other than social harmony. Their reason for putting out intrinsic good, social harmony, on a special footing, i.e., in a separate conceptual category, seems to be that without some degree of social harmony, a degree sufficient for there to be a "society", no aims, let alone moral aims, could be realized.

In my thesis I am trying, by analysing all the implications

of this assumption, to show that if, ^{it were} maintained consistently, it would entail that we hold a very odd and rigid set of moral values. The sort of thing that seems to me wrong in the approach of the people whose views I am criticizing is that it is assumed that we can abstract moral qualities, e.g., honesty, kindness, justice, prudence, generosity, etc., and fix to each independently of context a ^{relative} moral value ~~in relation to the rest~~.

This approach is common to a good many philosophers who are not taking part in the controversy over the tripartite classification and so I think that my thesis, if sound, has wider implications than that the tripartite classification is not ~~proven~~ inadequate by its critics. For example, Kurt Baier in The Moral Point of View (Cornell, 1958) isolates and rates moral qualities saying, e.g., that obedience to the law is morally more important than prudence (self-preservation). At once our mind is crowded with exceptions - if you are driving along a highway (alone) and the engine of your car ignites and threatens to explode ought you to keep going simply because it is a legal offence to stop a car on that highway?

But while I don't think that the tripartite classification is disproven by the fact of supererogatory acts, I do not mean to deny that there are supererogatory acts and that there are important distinctions to be made between those types of actions we call duties and obligations and those we call supererogatory, within the class of morally right actions. Once I have given my reasons for supporting

the tripartite classification, I shall offer my own account of the key term "duty" and of its moral status, trying to show that the objections of those who have objected to the tripartite classification can be better accommodated by my account. In my account, I concentrate mainly on the concept of duty and I examine its status in terms of such questions as: Are all moral acts dutiful? Are morally dutiful acts morally deficient? Are there private duties (duties to oneself)? ~~Are~~ These questions affecting as they do the moral status of dutiful conduct must be considered before one can say how and in what sense some moral acts can be beyond the pale of duty.

My tentative conclusion is that duty is used in two senses both in ordinary language and throughout the history of moral philosophy. It has a "special" sense in which the descriptive meaning of the term, "duty", is paramount. When used in this sense it is possible to say, "act x is my duty but I ought to do ^{act y} - although I have no duty to do y". Duty has also a "general" sense in which to say "act x is my duty" is to say no more than "act x is what I ought to do". In this "general" sense it is the normative meaning which is paramount. Some philosophers (e.g., Professor Hart) think that in the interests of clarity we should proscribe the "general" sense of duty. But I think the less drastic way of ensuring clarity is preferable, namely, by spelling out the implications of both senses and trying that it be made clear in any context the sense in which the term is used. While I think ^{that} the distinction is sound and that many discussions about duty (particularly those about the

moral status of supererogatory acts) are vitiated by neglect of this distinction, I do not think that the two senses of duty are utterly disparate. And the common core of meaning would only be obscured if we were to rule out the "general" sense duty has. For instance, think how impoverished would be the sentiment Cordelia expresses to her father in King Lear when in response to his demand for a declaration of her love for him, she replies simply, "I love your Majesty according to my bond; no more nor less". If, in order to allow room for supererogatory acts, we legislate against the "general" sense of duty ^{so} that we are obliged to interpret "according to my bond" in terms of filial duty, then I think that like King Lear we must fail to grasp the import of Cordelia's declaration. For Cordelia vis-à-vis her father the question of supererogation could not arise. In a similar way too, Luther revolted against the Roman Catholic Aquinian doctrine of supererogation on the grounds that it is conceptually absurd to talk of ~~offering more than is required morally~~ ^{offering more than one owes} vis-à-vis God. Perhaps it is partly a question of temperament whether one inclines to the Catholic or the Protestant viewpoint with regard to the relation between love and duty; whether, that is, one conceives of love as something which is not owed and which is not to be exacted but which is freely offered or conferred, or whether one conceives of love as something which is sublimely compatible with gratitude and with a sense of that the object of one's love is entitled to (is owed) more than one could ever give. At least both viewpoints seem interesting and illuminating and

I do not see that we must legislate against either morally to ~~keep~~ keep philosophers from talking at cross purposes about duty!

My supervisor here is Professor W. E. Kneale of Corpus Christi College. I feel that I am learning more and more from him as my study progresses. He has been especially helpful to me in indicating the effect of legal and religious uses of the concepts of duty and supererogation on the moral uses of these terms. He is himself particularly knowledgeable about legal concepts and his ~~best~~ behavior is that it is wrong-headed to neglect the history of the use of these terms (in law and in religion) if one is analysing their moral use. Professor Kneale is writing himself, of course, in support of my application.

The title of my thesis is "Duty and Moral Value".

I hope I have not been too polite about my work this time, having ~~read~~ in my last letter in the other direction!

I was interested that you should have remarked the effects of nutrient deficiencies in the diets of some women in middle Africa. One sees African and some Indian students suffering here ~~from~~ the same complaint. The Colleges supply vegetarian meals upon request but these do not look very nutritious (limited vegetables). One Indian girl I know here has tried to eat meat and fish and eggs and on each occasion has been made quite sick from indigestion. I suppose if she persists she might get over this.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Jackson.

CARLETON UNIVERSITY

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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

March 12, 1965

Dr. A. V. Douglas
127 King Street W.
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Dr. Douglas:

Miss Marion J. Watson who is enrolled in a doctorate programme at Royal Holloway College, and was formerly in the Department of Mathematics at Queen's University, has applied for a position in the Department of Mathematics at Carleton University.

We are considering her for an appointment at the lecturer's level and would appreciate your comments on her academic and teaching ability.

It has been sometime since I re-visited Queen's, my last visit being to attend the party held for Dr. Angus when he retired. At that time I did go through the dressing room of the Drama Guild and recall, somewhat nostalgically, the time I played in Hamlet and your comments on that production.

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Best personal regards,

D. K. Dale, Chairman
Department of Mathematics

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OTTAWA 4

March 5th, 1965.

Dr. Vibert Douglas,
Queens University,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

As you know Malawi is planning to organize a university beginning this Fall, and has asked us for staff members. One of the requests is for a Professor of History to organize that Department.

Dr. Michael, the President, has written to me asking if we would give him Dr. Raymond Wendell Beachey who is now Head of the Department of History, Makerere University College. Dr. Beachey graduated from Queens in 1948 with an Honours B.A. and received his Ph.D from Edinburgh in 1951. He evidently went directly to Makerere University College and has been there for the past twelve years initially as a lecturer and since 1962 as Head of the Department of History.

He has given your name as a reference, so I presume you have been in contact with him since he has been in Makerere. Evidently he has made a success of teaching abroad and has those intangible qualities so necessary for this type of work, but I would like to have your judgement as to whether it would be a good thing to transfer him from Makerere where he is on a private contract with the University to Malawi where he would be a Canadian visiting professor under External Aid. In his application he says:

"I have had 13 years experience living in African territory and working at a university institution throughout those formative years. I would like to transmit this experience to a new university in another developing territory."

There is of course the problem of whether he would still represent the Canadian outlook after 16 years away from Canada. Needless to say, your comments would be confidential.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'W.T. Ross Flemington'.

W.T. Ross Flemington,
Director,
Education Division.

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KINGSTON BRANCH
FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH OVERSEAS STUDENTS

(To welcome to Canada students from other countries and to provide opportunities for mutual understanding and appreciation.)

1 College Street,
Kingston, Ont.
August 23, 1962.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

At the annual general meeting of Kingston Branch, Friendly Relations with Overseas Students, it was unanimously agreed to invite you to assume the position of honorary president of the Branch.

A number of members spoke highly of your services to overseas students during your long association with Queen's University, and it was felt that it would be appropriate to offer you the position of honorary president as a token of the esteem in which you are held by your friends and colleagues in F.R.O.S..

May I add my personal thanks to you for your assistance. I do hope it will be possible for you to accept the honorary presidency of the Kingston Branch.

Very sincerely yours,

A.M. Keppel-Jones

A.M. Keppel-Jones,
Branch President.

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September 4, 1962.

Professor A. M. Keppel-Jones,
1 College Street,
KINGSTON, Ontario.

Dear Professor Keppel-Jones:

On my return from the 10th International Congress for the History of Science in Philadelphia, I found your kind letter of August 23. I am tremendously appreciative of the honour you and the members of the committee propose to confer upon me. If you really think our committee should have an honorary president, I shall accept and continue to do whatever I can, though I fear it has never been as much as it might have been for the overseas students at Queen's.

Please present my grateful thanks to the committee. To my surprise and yours, I am not being retired as from September 1 but am carrying on for one more year due to the fact that the young man appointed to succeed me let us down badly in midsummer.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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A. V. Douglas.

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re Fleemington, Malawi
my summer + plans
+ Ethel Stewart



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History Department
February 23rd, 1965.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

I have meant to write to you for some time to thank you for your Christmas card, it was very thoughtful of you to remember me. Since you have been here developments have been many. The recent developments in western Uganda and the attack on the American Embassy have been perturbing. However, life at Makerere is fairly normal. Our student numbers are increasing but it is difficult to get staff - especially on a permanent basis .

I have recently given my name to the External Aid Office, in work Ottawa, stating that I would be interested/abroad in another developing country. I have been in Uganda so many years that I would like a change and yet use my experience from here. I have also applied for a post at the new Laurentian University at Sudbury, Ontario. I gave your name as referee. I hope you do not mind. It is so many years since I was at Queen's, that I doubt if anyone there would remember me, in addition, I feel that since you have been at Makerere you will know something of the work I have been involved in here - at least from the viewpoint of environment and problems one faces in an African University. I am not desperate to get away, as I realize that there are many advantages here and I do feel a sense of obligation, to Africa, but I think a change always livens one up. Please let me know what you have been

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doing since you left here. I have been to India and the Middle East since you were here, and in August go to a conference at Vienna. Next year we are due for leave and we will go on to England- my two boys are at boarding school there.

I would be pleased to hear from you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ray Beachey
Ray Beachey.

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AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE ; IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

Sender's name and address **Professor R.W. Beachey,**

P.O. Box 262, Kampala,

Uganda.

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Queen's University,

Dr. Vibert Douglas,



SARNIA UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB

SARNIA - ONTARIO

400 Maria St., Apt. 41
Sarnia, Ontario
May 26, 1966

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas
127 King St. West
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Dr. Douglas:

The Sarnia University Women's Club is presently planning its programme for the 1966-67 season, and I have been asked to invite you to address the club on Tuesday evening, October 25, 1966.

We have heard of your distinguished career as an astrophysicist, and of your interest in University Women's Clubs as well. Our membership has a variety of interests including education, science, international affairs, and creative arts, to name a few. We would be most pleased if you would accept our invitation to speak to us, possibly on a topic of your own choosing.

As our budget is somewhat limited, I would appreciate knowing your fee, and the expenses involved in your trip to Sarnia.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Joan C. Mitchell

(Miss) Joan C. Mitchell

Programme Convener.

70 years of living - The beloved task of living

care-free
The happy years of childhood
The difficult years of adolescence
The years of struggle + achievement
The happy years of retirement

Q. Vic's Diamond Jubilee 1897 - wooden sidewalks and the kerosene lamp.

Victoria Tubular Bridge.

Eng. Sect. Ireland 1902-4 - The first public showing of radio activity - 5-Kens. Museum.

School days in Westmount, on the first airplanes. Bleriot crossed the Channel

McGill 1902 - The opening of new windows of the mind - Dante - medieval hist. - math. - physics

1915-19 in London - War office, K. Geo V., D. Lloyd George, Sir J. Simon. JIT Jeans + JIT

McGill 1919-21

Cambr. 1921-23. Rutherford, Eddington, Ridgway

McG. 1923-39. IAU + IFDW.

Q. 1939-63 - IFDW + IAU Europe + Mexico, USSR, Poland.

Retirement - travel + writing - Africa, The Pacific - Iceland, Yugoslavia

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Possible 15 names
1. IFDW
2. Ast. Soc. + Mod. (slides)
(but 1961 address was on Astrom)
3. 70 years of living
4. Travels in U.S.S.R., Africa, Cambodia (+ Iceland?)

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1966 Oct 25