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Dear Wesley,

Received your letter one hour ago. !! How's that for promptness ??

My great news is that I am leaving for Australia on the 22nd of this month, just three weeks hence. Arriving Melbourne by sea 23rd October. I have made this decision because my wife is not well and needs a fairly long time for convalescence so she is making herself comfortable here in our home and going to be well nursed and with me out of the way she will be able to relax. A woman with a man about the place will ALWAYS plead that there is so much to do for a man and she cannot really call her soul her own !! so I decided to leave her for a long period of time, hence the Australian trip. I plan to buy a car-caravan and really become a vagabond. I thought of the plan you had to arrange a joint trip with you, but to be truthful and downright I thought my views on life had put you off a joint trip with me !!!

Being an agnostic, which is, or means a certain view point, and not completely true of me, for if I think of it at all I am more of an atheist, but interfere so little with other's point of view or BELIEF that I am quite harmless, until some person starts to "Christianise" me Then I say they are "Christian fascists" or something quite rude (this to myself and not aloud to them)

There are some SC's who try to bring in Christianity but I am more inclined to declare the ETHIC pinciple, and leave it at that. Man is so unimportant in the universe, and he claims he is so necessary, and I often think, necessary for what ? Mankind prostitutes himself, his fellow humans, his domestic animals and in so many ways destroys the benefits of NATURE Even trying to IMPROVE on nature and making a sad mess of it. Nature left to "herself" "or itself" surely is satisfactory and we should live more in keeping with it

I am going to Australia and all my reading of it - travellers, writers journalists etc etc tell me the result of the "works of mankind" are far from beautiful. The people are lazy, too "sport-loving" which is not really true if the sport is watching Horse-racing, drinking, bathing on the beaches, watching cricket instead of playing it They do not trouble to "serve" the requirements of either visitors or themselves as customers. In the claim that there is equality No-one will put themselves out in service to anyone, and it is the European incomers who are causing "trouble" by working too hard !!!!

There will be opportunity to observe how they live, I am going more inland and in the as yet undeveloped areas to see how they are progressing. I cannot say if I shall have time to visit NZ but as I think about it I want to see so much of Australia, W.A. NSW Vict. Queensland and the Northern Territory that NZ may be out. Tasmania I may do, but with the car-caravan I shall have I shall not take THAT either to Tasmania or NZ If successful I can always do NZ on another trip??? Probably I may yet do CANADA on a similar project on my own and call and see you in 1964 or so ?

Will write you from Aussie.

Kind Regards

