

EAST-WEST CULTURAL CENTER

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To the Members of the Board of Directors of the East-West Cultural Center:

I desire to provide direction and guidance to the present and future members of the Board of Directors of the East-West Cultural Center in the event of my death or inability to serve the corporation in my present capacity.

To the new Board of Directors and Officers just appointed today, December 9th, 1978:

I wish to express certain ideals, policies and principles that have motivated the building of the East-West Cultural Center this last 25 years and which I hope, when I am unable to carry on or should pass away, will be carried on and expanded as the New Age unfolds.

This Center is not a business or a sect or a popular or social activity. It is a service to the Divine to share and unite the best aspects of the spiritual and religious, philosophical and cultural and healing arts of the East and West for uplifting and leading to a Divine Life on Earth. Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga and his teaching that "The Knowledge that unites is the true Knowledge" is the guide. Most of the labor that has built up the Center has been dedicated Karma Yoga and income from professional teaching and offerings of Subscription Members and interested friends and the sale of books, cards, and incense. The spiritual teachings given in groups and personal counselling have been given free. May it continue to grow thus spontaneously with Divine backing with no catering to lower standards for attracting money.

In case of my being unable to carry on, or on account of death, please let Robert Dane, the first Vice-President, take over the charge and responsibilities of the East-West Cultural Center until the Board of Directors meet and vote on the choice of the new president.

In choosing my successor please consider first one of noble character, devoted to sharing and spreading Sri Aurobindo's broad vision of a supramental manifestation on Earth in the Future. If this is united with a scholarly knowledge of Eastern and Western Spiritual Culture, so much the better. Otherwise choose a member from the Board of Directors meeting the above first requirement and assign departmental heads for Oriental Studies and Liason with India, etc. Please consider for one or more of these activities, Vasant Merchant, Irma Glen, Madhav Pandit, or Sharad Joshi, not now on the Board of Directors. In choosing new Directors or Officers please consider Donna Sharkey. The future may unfold new possibilities, so I only suggest the above.

May the Divine bless the work!

Sudith M. Tykerg