

P. Rihoda

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Dear friends,

I thank you for your letter of October 10 in which you express sympathy over the passing away of my dear Mealissa.

I was touched reading your lines. You know that Melissa was my Alter Ego. We were attached to each other for half a century. Nothing can replace such a loss. My consolation is that I will not live very long any more, without Melissa.

As I am blind and don't know how to take care of myself I couldn't live alone. One of my relatives is so good to take care of me in a most wonderful way. She was professor in the Conservatory of Prague, an older widow, who is glad to do everything for me. You can imagine how hard it is for me, a man, who was a bookworm, when he cannot read and write. The only consolation is that I was able to finish all four volumes of my " Ontogeneze lidské psychiky ". I wonder that I had such a big succes with it. This year appears the fourth edition of the first volume and the second edition of the third one. The State Educational Edition promised to publish my description of my Lehrjahre under the title of " Pedagogická galerie." I write in it about my schooling in the Elementary School, in three Gymnasiums and in Five Universities, where I Studied.

I began to write my memories, but the blindness ~~interrupted~~ interrupted that trial with 270 pages. I don't think that I would be able to finish this last work.

I am so sorry I ~~cannot~~ could not meet you in Prague during your visit. I was in Kladno right after the death of my dear Melissa. I hope that you will be able to see my country as long as I am still alive. I am sorry that I cannot see you dear faces but we have so much to talk about.

Mrs. Helen Koňasová asks me to tell you her regards. She is so good to take care of me.

With best wishes

your  
*Slav*

I wrote this letter for my Professor. Best regards,  
Dana Rauscherová!