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I trust that you know of, By the Grace of G-d
of putting aside a small coin 5th of Kislev, 5725 and custom
of Shabbos and Yom Tov. I also suggest
Mrs. [redacted] of your home should be checked to make sure

London [redacted] England

Blessing and Greeting:

With blessing

Your letter of October 25th reached me with some delay.
May G-d grant that the matters about which you write should
be resolved in a satisfactory way.

Needless to say, I cannot agree with your attitude and
state of mind, if my impressions of your letter are correct,
that is to say, an attitude of discouragement, and even pro-
found discouragement, etc. For, one of the most basic tenets
of our religion and way of life, is our trust in G-d, whose
benevolent Providence extends to everyone individually. And
precisely when things seem to be discouraging, it is the time
to strengthen one's faith in G-d, for this in itself is a
channel to receive G-d's blessing.

It is not unusual that something happens in the daily
life which makes it difficult to reconcile with one's trust
in G-d. However in most cases it is a matter of a test of the
very trust in G-d which one professes. Indeed, the Torah
states explicitly that G-d may test our love for him under
trying circumstances. Therefore when we show that we under-
stand the significance of the trial, and our trust in G-d,
far from weakening, becomes even stronger, this will hasten
the end of the trial period.

Needless to say, the trust in G-d has to come within the
framework of a full life in accordance with the Torah and
Mitzvoth. And however satisfactory this may seem at any time,
there is always room for improvement in all matters of good-
ness and holiness. Every such additional improvement will,
as already mentioned, bring about additional Divine blessings.

With reference to the person of whom you write that he
has undergone a change, experience has shown that very often
it is easier to attain the desired results if the intervention
comes through the agency of friends, who could speak to that
person with words coming from the heart which penetrate the
heart; and speak again and again if necessary. Needless to
say that the effectiveness would be conditioned upon the fact
that the person should not know that the friends have been
requested to talk to him and influence him.

I trust that you know of, and observe, the good custom of putting aside a small coin for Tzedoko before lighting the candles on the eve of Shabbos and Yom Tov. I also suggest that the Mezuzoth of your home should be checked to make sure they are Kosher.

With blessing

By