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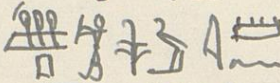
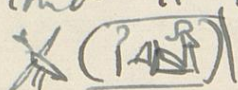
Dear Professor Euman

Breasted's address is,
I believe,
American Express Company
Cairo

I expect he is still in
Cairo, though I do not
know at which hotel is
staying.

Your postcard provided the
tiny little impetus that was
lacking for me to write
you a letter. I fear I

am very remiss in these matters,
though my intentions are always
very good. While you have
been busy with the Dictionary,
I have been pretty well occupied
with the correction of the proofs
of my grammar. It will
be a terribly big work, even if
I relegate the vocabularies and
sign-list to a second volume,
as I think of doing. And
this, though I so strongly hold
попа беднее по па каков! I
hope that it will not be so
very long before I am able to
send you a copy.

I am also about to publish a
fourth volume of the Theban
Tombs Series, with the tomb of
Hay. I hope the subject is
topical enough at the moment
to enable me to sell a
few copies! I expect you
are all even more busy than
usual. I wrote to Sethe a
week or two ago, and among
other things asked him, if he
had time to see whether the
expression  occurs elsewhere
than in the tomb of Hay. In
that tomb it is applied to the
words  i.e. Tutankhamun,
and if not found elsewhere must
be interpreted, I suppose, as a
wish 'May Amun receive him!' After
so many years of hecsey, it would

no doubt be a legitimate cause for
harmousness what reception a
converted Aten-worshipper would
get on returning to Thebes!

I should be so very grateful
if one of you could let me
know what light the Wittenbach
throws on this point. I want
to send my MS to Press at
once, so bis dat qui cito dat!

I wish I had a copy of
the letter to the Times which
I felt constrained to send,
after a newspaper correspondent
had written to me and
hailed me as the re-discoverer
of Moses! Grunime has written
me seems, more in sorrow than
in anger, because I described

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this theories as 'fantastic and impossible.' My own feeling is that 𐤍𐤅𐤓 is incontestable, — such a coincidence as the reading from the letter-names of just the very divine name one would most like on the site cannot be fortuitous. But if you accept this new reading you accept the presuppositions on which it is based, namely that the letter-names of Phoenician are already at the back of those queer Sinai-inscriptions, which consequently are, so far as

those letters are concerned, the origin of the alphabet. This is simple logic. But though some of the readings that have been suggested by others may be right (and I like Tanieth, though she has not been found outside Canthape), yet there is no convergent evidence (as in the case of Bealat) to prove them right. In my own part I wish someone sensible would go to Sinai and fetch the inscriptions which Petrie left there, for though they don't mention Moses (pace Grimme) yet they surely are all-important.

Please dont discourage that task,
if occasion arises.

I think often of our dear
Fran Proferr, and hope she
is in better health now.

Heddie and I would so much
like to see you both again,
but I dont know when I
can get away from England.
And I think of my little
godson too, whom I would
so gladly see.

I am all excitement to
see the first instalment of
the Wörterbuch. Will it come
soon?

Best greetings and wishes
Yours sincerely

Alan H Gardiner

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