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Paul Brunton’s Literary Legacy to Be Housed at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

The PBPB archiving staff, under the direction of Timothy Smith, has nearly completed the massive task of preparing PB’s literary legacy (containing over 100,000 pages of his original writing, research, correspondence, and photos) for long-term accessibility in Cornell University’s Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, located in the Carl A. Kroch Library. This is a state-of-the-art, three-story, climate-controlled underground facility that is part of main campus library. The delivery of the archive to Cornell this summer completes the first and major phase of the Foundation’s work to preserve PB’s writings for generations to come. The Carl A. Kroch Library also houses the Asian collection. Visitors are welcome anytime during regular library hours.

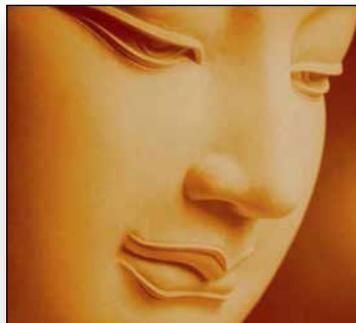


Cornell University Central Library

“This has been a true community project, calling upon the resources and talents of many, many people over the last decade. Our entire archiving team is grateful for the support, contributions, and guidance we have received, which has made this arduous (but amazing) task possible. In particular, we are grateful to the individuals who have contributed their own notes and correspondence with PB—gifts that have substantially enriched his legacy.”

—Timothy Smith, Archiving Chair

Phase two will be the completion of the digital version of the archive that will be accessible through the world-wide web.



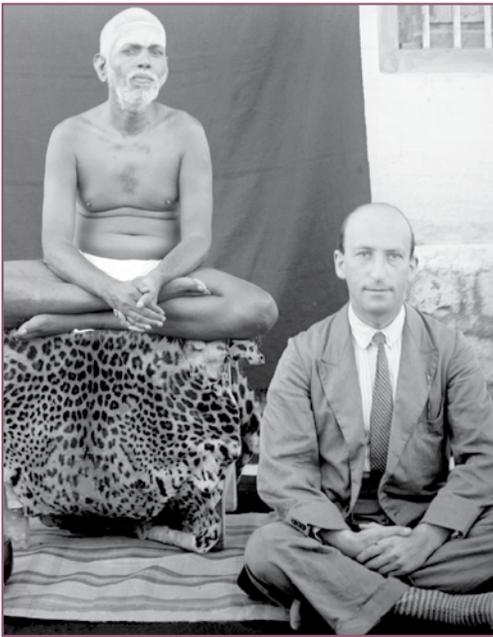
Wisdom’s Goldenrod—Summer Studies Program June 28–July 1

“Seeking the Sacred” is the topic for this year’s program at Wisdom’s Goldenrod Center for Philosophic Studies in the Finger Lakes region (WisdomsGoldenrod.com). You can join in for an immersion in PB’s teachings focusing on PB’s *Quest of the Overself*. If you would like more information about participating, please contact Helen Perl: helensperl@gmail.com.

Sixty PB eTeachings for You

For the last five years, Barbara Plaisted (a PBPB Board Member) has created an inspirational monthly PB eTeaching on a wide range of spiritual topics from PB’s books such as highlights from PB’s first meeting with Ramana Maharshi, the benefits of meditation, and the value of solitude. You will find this wonderful resource here: paulbrunton.org/eteachings.php.





What Ramana Maharshi said to PB about Diet

“When my book *The Secret Path* was printed many years ago, I sent one of the first copies to the Maharshi. Eight months later, I arrived in India for another extended visit, during part of which I went to stay with him. He told me he had read the book and had strongly recommended it to English-speaking Indians of the modern educated class, those who had little mystical faith or knowledge left in them. ‘However,’ he added, ‘there is one defect in it.’ I asked him to tell me what that was, and then he uttered this criticism: ‘It is not complete. It should have had a chapter on dietary restrictions. The Westerner should be told that his habits of eating meat, drinking intoxicating liquor, and smoking tobacco—whatever effect they have on the ordinary man—bring impurities into the mind and make meditation more difficult for the spiritually aspiring man.’ I immediately accepted his criticism but explained that the omission was deliberate. In those years it seemed to me more important to awaken the Westerner to take a little sympathetic interest in the practice of meditation than it was to arouse his swift antagonism by attacking some of his most familiar daily habits.”

—From PB’s *The Notebooks*, vol. 4, pt. 2

The PBPB Book Gift Project—

We have received donations that enable the Foundation to give free books to libraries/spiritual centers around the world. If you know a spiritual center library or study group that would benefit from one of PB’s books contact Beverly Bennett (bjben@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

PB Author Page on Amazon

Now you can see many editions of PB’s books that are available (in other languages too!) on his custom author page: [amazon.com/author/paul_brunton](https://www.amazon.com/author/paul_brunton). While you are visiting the page, please write a book review or two for your favorite PB books. It is easy to do once you log in to Amazon.



Your interest in the Foundation’s work is deeply appreciated.

Cleta J. Rudolph,
Board Chair and President

Can you help us with our many projects?

[PaulBrunton.org/donations.php](https://paulbrunton.org/donations.php) offers information on a number of projects that you could help us accomplish:

- The Archive Project
- The Prison Project
- The publication of new books
- Keeping *The Notebooks of Paul Brunton* in print
- The Gift Book Project

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