

My dear Hasan,

Your letter was received in due time. I ~~wrote~~ immediately, but my ~~reply~~^{letter} was too frank, too direct to be sent. I have been wanting to write, but there was too much work & it seems so very difficult to ~~be~~ keep on repeating ~~the~~ endlessly what I have so often ~~wrote~~ written ~~to Fatima~~ in no uncertain terms. I regret, it will not be possible for me to change my ~~views~~^{attitude} & my plans. I seek to end up my marriage & I am determined to see it through. Every letter from Hyderabad only convinces me that I am in the right including the last letter of Fatima for which I have no heart to reply.

I understand your sentiments. You have seen a woman suffer. My own suffering is a unknown to you or others. But I do not seek sympathy. What I sought once that my wife shared my life. I had a plan of work - ~~was~~ a plan of work worthy of a man. It was her duty to have come & joined me. I arranged a part of her passage^{money} & inspite of my differences with her, I asked her to come - and join my struggle. In reply I got only stupid letters, absurd reasoning, abuse & insults, threats. I ~~turned~~

I took my decisions, ~~calmly~~ ~~not~~ firmly.
~~was in a stage of my struggle, where it~~

Now I do not care. I am determined to end up this marriage, + if necessary I ~~shall defend~~ will be prepared to defend my attitude before men + before God.

Tell Fay that life is more than being born living + dying, that even this physical existence has millions of variation, where human beings + things exist in relation to situation + where even mothers may have two entirely different destinies to fulfill - (destiny not in the sense kismet but 'a programme of work') Tell her not to judge too quickly, carelessly vaguely. I have very important work to do + this total misunderstanding pains me. Tell her that work is not merely going to office from 9 to 6, it is much more it is where the real creative life starts, it is when having lived one ~~understands~~ sublimates experience, gives it our expression; It is ~~a~~ ~~real~~ understanding - ^{it is} really living - constantly.

My wife has hindered me ~~and~~ in my work, No power on earth will now bring me back to her. I am indeed sorry if my decisions influence other members of my family - I regret. I must continue my way.

Love - Ravi