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Dear Franklin Merrell-Wolff,

My name is Ken Wilber,  
and I am writing you to share my  
enthusiasm of "consciousness Without an Object."  
My research has for years drawn me  
along the lines you so forcefully explain in  
consciousness, and I have long intended to  
write you of my enthusiasm for your work.

In fact, I have just  
finished a work on the same subject, and  
I feel our experience-thoughts so overlap  
that correspondence with you would prove  
most fruitful. The work is tentatively  
entitled the Spectrum of Consciousness, and it  
deals with what is rather clumsily  
referred to as the "manifestation" of objects  
"out of" consciousness-without-object (which  
I call Absolute Subjectivity).

I hate to burden you by  
"forcing" the ms. on you, but I would like  
to send you a copy that you can read  
at leisure. I honestly feel that you  
would find it most interesting, and I  
believe further that you would be one  
who better than anybody else could feel

what I am humbly trying to write in words.

I ask to send you a copy of the ms. because it looks as if I will have trouble getting it published. John White gave a copy to Arthur Capps of Julian, who has apparently rejected it because it is "too difficult" for the average reader (so John informs me). No matter. Sooner or later it will be published - I am more interested in your comments on the ms., if you feel so inclined, for I feel our correspondence can be a fruitful cross-fertilization of two fields of research with different aims but a common goal.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth E. Wilber

Ans. - see other side

P.O. Box F  
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Dear Mr. Wilber:

Please forgive this unavoidable delay in answering your good letter. We are delighted that you, too, are writing on the subject of Consciousness.

We do have a little problem here. Dr. Wolff has cataracts. (He is 87,) and has difficulty reading. Our work schedule here is very heavy and I have little time for reading. Possibly you could just send us a few sample pages from your manuscript and if you would like our evaluation on that much, we will try to get it to you. I realize, of course, the difficulty, often, of making sense when a thing is taken out of context, but still we may be able to offer any pointers, if necessary. I have, myself, tried to have a work published and was told, "Yes, it is a fine work, but we just published something along these lines and it would be like eating one banquet on top of another." So you see, there may be a right cycle for your work. There may be other houses, too, who may be interested, like Shambhala, or Rider or Weiser, etc., tho I am not an authority on publishers. I would trust John White's word.

We wish you success with your book.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. F. F. Wolff*

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P.S. Dr. Wolff had to pay for the first edition of "Pathways Through to Space", about thirty years ago and it sold under 2000 copies. Today it is catching on.