



LETTERS TO SHANTI by Percival. 210 mm x 130 mm, 206 pages, illustrated in black-and-white (20 photographs). Cover design: Cecilia Frank. A limited art edition is now available. Skr. 394:- / \$49 (US dollars), €43.

The letters in this book were written on four continents, and the texts at the end are dedicated to Shanti and Mary Magdalene.

The author writes from the North of Europe but also from places in Thailand, India, Peru, USA, Mexico, Belize, Egypt, Rhodes, Malta, France, Scotland, etc.

1995 is an important year of initiation (e.g. in Mexico), 1999 is called "The Year of Destiny", and 2000: "The Year of Mary Magdalene." When the new millennium begins the author is inspired by the Maya culture and the jungle of Guatemala...

Are you looking for a rare vision of the future, a subtle humour, spontaneous travel observations, signs in time, playfulness, epiphanies, and inspiration from great works of literature, you should read *Letters to Shanti*.

In a letter to the reader the author writes: "Yes, you are right. Shanti is a person who is a real person, and most of the letters have been written to her. Only a few have other recipients, e.g. letters to a Goddess and a Space Sister and Solar Sister who could also be called Shanti. *Shanti* is a Sanskrit word for peace, welfare, prosperity, good fortune... a common female name in India. It is peace mankind has been unable to create so far, the peace of body, soul, and mind."

Lois More Overbeck, Emory University, USA, who is at work on the correspondence of Samuel Beckett, writes in a letter to Percival: "I am sure that your project, the letter book, will provide another thoughtful glimpse of what you have worded: the eternal moment."

Percival (surname and first name) is a Swedish writer, composer, and artist, author of about 20 books in Swedish and a few in English. He is chiefly a writer but has also e.g. exhibited his paintings, composed music, and directed some of his own plays and a play by Samuel Beckett. His latest novel: *Den nya människans historia – Lasarustecknet* (The History of the New Man. The Sign of Lazarus). His latest drama books: *Julen på jorden* (Christmas on Earth), published in 2001 by Carlsson Bokförlag, Stockholm, and *I samma säng* (In One Bed), published by A.D. in 2001. The publisher of the limited editions of Percival's books *Letters to Shanti* and *Time Plays* (293 pages) is Art Distribution, Askrikegatan 13, SE-115 57 Stockholm, Sweden. Telephone: +46-8-6615433. Postal giro: 65 38 64 - 9. www.artdistribution.se