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My Dear Dr. Date:

Your kind letter of 1st April, which revived happy memories of long ago. My wife and I are happy to receive news of the well-being of your children, and of your own impressive literary activities. In the years of your retirement, thave been published book after book of monumental scholarship in the true spirit of sadhana. It is of course the miracle of Grace, as you say: what else?

My son is still in Australia with his family. He was here for a couple of days, on the way to Italy. My daughter is with her husband at Vizagapatam; she has three children. Although she got her Ph.D. in 1962, she has three preferred not to take a job but maintain the hearth instead. She however writes both in Tamil and English.

Since 1971, I stay at Madras, though I have to visit Delhi on the average once a month. My Vice-Presidentship of the Sahitya Akademi will come to an end in December. I hope to be free from these preoccupations afterwards.

I shall be happy to receive your book on Saint Tukaram, which we will both read with profit.

With kindest ragrds from us bith both,
Yours sincerely

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To Prof V.H. Date