To all my friends
Everywhere

Dear Friend(s),

For what it is worth I am trying to make my life’s work available to anyone who wants all or any part of it at no cost. The hope is that people will benefit from it in their spiritual aspirations and ability to serve. I know there is vanity in this so please be forgiving. Since I tend to be verbose, this turns out to be a large project. It is broken into several stages called projects. The general audio project is called Mystai.

The first stage was *Project Fingering*. It involved digitizing everything that could be digitized from cassette tapes and other sources. It took about two years and very little was lost.

The second stage which is now virtually completed is *Project Silk Purse*. The name is taken from the old adage “you can’t make a silk purse out of a sow’s ear” because many of the recordings were pretty bad, some beyond redemption. This stage involved editing the audio, improving the audio where possible, filling in lacunae, condensing the audio to the highest degree possible without loss of quality, and deciding what is worth publishing abroad. It has been an enormous task because I knew nothing about audio editing when I began (in fact, I still know little) so I made blunders, time costly blunders. Along the way I learned things that could improve the quality of the recordings significantly so I had to redo many recordings, sometimes several times. The product is as good as I can make without putting in an enormous amount of time that I do not have. Please remember that you can’t make a silk purse out of a sow’s ear so please be merciful and forgiving.

The next stage of this project is called *Arachnid Activity*. It involves building a website for downloading recordings or streaming recording so that I don’t have to
bother with shipping them as I do now. Since I also do not yet know how to create a website, I do not know when it will be ready. The final stage is called *Epoptai* and it will involve video presentations for streaming of the few talks that have been video recorded. That stage is in the distant future.

The second part of this bulletin is a map of all of audio recordings available to anyone who would like any part of it. To order recordings email me at the address given above and state which recording(s) you would like. I will then drop-ship them to you via a delivery service called Hightail, formerly called YouSendIt. You will receive an email with clickable links. When you click the links the recordings will be downloaded into your computer. The recordings are all in mp3 format so you can load them onto your ipod, tablet or smart phone from your computer for mobile use. The files are intentionally kept small (~15 mb on average).

Any feedback or questions will be gratefully appreciated but please do not expect immediate answers.

Thank you.

In Fellowship,

Richard