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Dr. Atthreya,

Please accept my honest greetings on this special birthday of yours. When I think of you my memory takes me back to 1973 and the very first seminar on Transactional Analysis in India at Taj hotel in Mumbai where more than 30 senior managers from different companies participated in the program. That was the beginning of a new life for me.

I grew up as a shy lad and one of the aphorisms that deeply impressed me was "Love to be unknown and to be esteemed as nothing". But you made me realize that "you don't light a lamp and put it under a bushel".

Since 1973 onwards you have indeed been a true friend to me. Your genuine Indian life style of simplicity, and well-disciplined habits are inimitable and you are a model. Another thing I admire in you is 'your word is gold'. My experience is that you always keep your word. This is possible only for a person who is routed in TRUTH and has a deep sense of identity. Since our first program we have given many programs together. I found you always well prepared even to the least detail of the program in the style of a genuine professional manager. This is a pointer to your hard work and systematic work habits. In this you are model.

To me you have been a good model of positive thinking. In my experience I have never seen you picking up a hole in the pie, as the saying goes. We have co-authored two books on Transactional Analysis in management. In writing these books you have helped me to draw the best in me. I was very diffident and over-careful in writing, even when I have something worthwhile to write. Instead of advising me like a good friend, to overcome my diffidence you sat with me and together we gave shape to two significant books on Transactional Analysis in management. Further you went out all the way to get them printed and published.

When I proposed the new positive perspective of Transactional Analysis, as it is called "G. K. Frame" you didn't question its validity but wrote a searching article how it could be further developed.

Honestly, my life and work have been really enriched by you. I stop here with heart-felt thanks to God for bringing you into my life.

Ever yours gratefully,  
Fr. George Kandathil.

