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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Aseev, A. M. (Aleksandr Mikhaïlovich)
<b>Title:</b>	Aleksandr Aseev and the Occultism and Yoga Journal Collection
<b>ID:</b>	in00033882983
<b>ID:</b>	BA#1125
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1930-1980
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Linear Feet 2 document boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Russian
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>This collection contains correspondence, documents, research materials, and printed material documented the life and work of Alexander M. Aseev (1902-1993), a publisher and an editor of Occultism and Yoga, an almanac published in 1933--1977 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia; Sofia, Bulgaria, and Asunciun, Paraguay. In its early days the journal was the semi-official organ of the Agni-Yoga activities of Nicholas and Helen Roerich. Helen Roerich contributed material in her own name and as "T.P. Sudri."</p>

### Preferred Citation

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## Content Description

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This collection consists of correspondence, research materials and printed materials related to Alexander Aseev (1902-1993), physician, publisher and one of the editors of "Occultism and Yoga" almanac. In early 1931, Aseev read the book Agni-Yoga written by Helen Roerich, was tremendously impressed and wrote a letter to the publisher with many questions. His letter

was sent to the Roerichs family and they began to correspond with him. These letters are held at the Roerich Museum in New York City.

On March 22, 1933, Aseev began publishing in Belgrade the "Occultism and Yoga" almanac, which featured the Roerichs extensively. The almanac provided a platform for a broad circle of occultists and esotericists from the Russian diaspora.

In 1937, due to rising tariffs, Aseev moved the magazine's printing to Sofia, Bulgaria. However, in the summer of 1938, publication of the magazine ceased.

In 1951, Aseev moved to South America and in 1952, resumed publication of the almanac in Paraguay. Unfortunately, the magazine brought Aseev connections with some undesirable groups. In 1977, the journal ceased publication, and two other almanacs were published in its place.

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## Processing Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Russian -- Emigre -- Journalism -- 20th century
- Correspondence
- Grebenshchikov, Georgiĭ, 1882-1964
- Magerovskii, L. F.

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Correspondence

#### Sub-Series 1.1: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Bekman, Maria, 1935-07-19-1949-03-27	box 1	folder 1
Grebenshchikov, Georgii, 1948-11-04	box 1	folder 2
Grigorieva, M., 1936-01-16-1971-01-27	box 1	folder 3
Grosse, Lev, 1937-10-30-1938-05-21	box 1	folder 4
Magerovskii, Lev, 1977-07-28	box 1	folder 5
Poblocki, Anna, 1965-04-25-1977-07-14	box 1	folder 6
Rostopchin, Viktor, 1979-11-07-1980-01-05	box 1	folder 7
Rubakin, Nikolai, 1937-03-20	box 1	folder 8
Russu, Alexandre, 1936-02-07-1938-01-11	box 1	folder 9
Salnikov, A, 1936-10-21-1938-11-25	box 1	folder 10
Seryshev, Innokentii, 1937-04-02-1957-08-16	box 1	folder 11
Frankfurter, Maria, 1934-08-07-1937-11-02	box 1	folder 12
Kaidock, A, 1936-09-29-1939-04-22	box 1	folder 13
Kugalova, Elizavete, 1935-06-04-1962-05-20	box 1	folder 14

**Sub-Series 1.2: Arranged Correspondence**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Arranged Correspondence, A - D	box 1	folder 15
Arranged Correspondence, F - J	box 1	folder 16
Arranged Correspondence, K - N	box 1	folder 17
Arranged Correspondence, O - P	box 1	folder 18
Arranged Correspondence, R - W	box 1	folder 19
Arranged Correspondence, Envelopes	box 2	folder 1
Arranged Correspondence, Unidentified	box 2	folder 2

**Sub-Series 1.3: Editorial Correspondence**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Editorial Correspondences, 1936-1938	box 2	folder 3

**Sub-Series 1.4: Family Correspondence**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Family Correspondence, letters to Mother and Brother, 1935-1951	box 2	folder 4

**Sub-Series 1.5: Outgoing Correspondence**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Outgoing Correspondences, 1937-1939	box 2	folder 5

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**Series II: Financial Documents, Book, Research and Editorial Materials, Stamps**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Financial Documents	box 2	folder 6
A. Rubakin, Rubakin, 1979	box 2	folder 7
Research and Editorial Materials, 1970s	box 2	folder 8
Stamps	box 2	folder 9

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