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Dear José,

I hope all goes well with you.

In your dictionary article on ANGEL you mention an interesting idea presented by EUGENIO D'ORS to the effect that an angel can be considered as a sort of super-consciousness. You also mention that this is more a metaphysical notion than a merely psychological one, such as Freud's superego.

This happens to interest me at the moment and I am totally ignorant of Eugenio d'Ors except to the extent that I have read your article on him to which your mention in the ANGEL article directed me.

Can you tell me where I might find the idea most simply expounded in his work? I can read Spanish if need be, although I do not speak it to any extent, even after living so long in a region in which it is so widely spoken, (Cynics might interpose that while elsewhere in these United States people are illiterate in only one language, here we are illiterate in two.)

Anyhow, I am interested in the connection between angel and superman, which might include the androgynous ideal, which might be attainable in some future stage of evolutionary development although certainly not in this one. (Not even in San Francisco!) The ancient androgynous myth is obviously relevant here.

Do you ever hear from Milton Nahm these days? I wrote him at the time of Elinor's death but received no reply.

I have two books in proof, another in the press, and am expecting contracts for two more very soon. Can nothing be done to stop the progress of the disease?

By the way, if I cite Eugenio D'Ors, what is the correct way to do so? Just like that? I know how to cite you and observe that in some cases at least you seem to have dropped the Mora, perhaps from sheer exasperation. I once came across a library catalogue card that indexed CLEMENT D'ALEXANDRIE under D. I confess that in a yeshiva in Mea She'arim in Jerusalem, when asked to sign my name in a book that must have been part of the filing system of the Maccabees, I did enter my name under BETH for BenGregor. But that was just dictated by a mischievous little jinn on my shoulder.

Best remembrances to your wife and yourself. ¡Hasta la vista!

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