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Dear Professor Ferrater Mora:

Your letter of May 17 and books, MAN AT THE CROSSROADS and volume on Ortega y Gasset, were most welcome. I have read all of them. I certainly do think that your MAN AT THE CROSSROADS should be republished. So far as university presses are concerned, have you tried the one at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. They have become active in philosophical books and I should be happy to write to the editor my recommendation if this is a press you are willing to consider. Southern Illinois University Philosophy Department has become the world's center for John Dewey studies and they are engaged in bringing out a definitive edition of his works which will run to several volumes.

I look forward to seeing your BEING AND MEANING. In the meantime, I content myself with quoting with approval your statement, p. 225, that now God, Nature, Society and Man are all in crisis, and that we should seek an equilibrium of a dynamic sort both within and between them. "It should, furthermore, be such an equilibrium as will recognize that, at certain moments, it is necessary to emphasize the significance of one of the elements...." I extend this idea not just to different aspects of existence and experience, but also to different philosophies, i.e., to philosophies which select aspects and then try to reduce the whole of experience and existence to them. Organicism is a philosophy of existence as experienced by way of being a philosophy about philosophies, each having some truth or emphasizing some aspect of experience. Part of the significance of Hindu and Chinese philosophies for a world philosophy, and for Western philosophers who wish a well-rounded view, is that they too have stressed certain aspects and, in some cases, have done this throughout the histories of their civilizations. I have yet to do a systematic work on Hindu-Chinese-Western interrelations, but I have done some of the preliminary work I need to do for this task. I enclose a copy of my THE WORLD'S LIVING RELIGIONS. This book does not attempt to present Organicistic ideas as such. Some comparisons are made incidentally in some of the chapters.

May I recommend to you the works of another philosopher: D. Walter Gotshalk (U. of Illinois): STRUCTURE AND REALITY, Dial, 1937; METAPHYSICS IN MODERN TIMES, U. of Chicago, 1940; ART AND THE SOCIAL ORDER, U. of Chicago; THE PROMISE OF MODERN LIFE, 1958; PATTERNS OF GOOD AND EVIL, U. of Illinois, 1963; HUMAN AIMS IN MODERN PERSPECTIVE, Antioch Press, 1966 -- just out. P.s., you might try Antioch Press also.

Cordially yours,

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