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My dear Professor Ferrater Mora,

Now at length I have gone through your very unusual book, El Sentido de la Muerte.

It manifests rich historical knowledge, scientific breadth, and insight into fundamental metaphysical problems.

The book shows an advancing development of thought from the inorganic up to the problem of human immortality. I should reread it, now, with a view of the whole before me, in order to appreciate its insights. If I were to comment on it now, I should say that the last chapter is the most illuminating. I am not sure how valid it is to apply to concept of death to the inorganic. Nor am I sure that we do justice to the interaction and organic unity of all being when we stand at an ultimate metaphysical dualism such as you advocate on p. 98. I am convinced that it is more coherent to "spiritualize" extension--that is to view all extension as one stage or phase of spirituality--than it is to leave irreducible ultimates in the Cartesian manner. --On the last chapter, I should like to note that the empirical evidence (e.g. for Extra-Sensory Perception) is much richer than you have indicated, and to add that philosophical considerations about value seem to me more significant than the psychic phenomena, important as the latter admittedly are. Your book leaves me with the wish for the larger work.

Most cordially yours, *Edgar S. Brightman*

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