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Tuesday

Dear José,

Thanks for your long letter of November 18. Apparently our experiences with Princeton University Press were identical. I am not altogether discouraged, and have one or two ideas of how to proceed in the chaos of publishing. In addition to the local press, which does a good job physically, there are a couple of houses which might be interested in what I am doing. The Princeton episode was an experimentation on my part to see what would happen at a "prestige" or traditional publisher which relies on professorial experts to make its decisions. As you say, fate is the ruler. Perhaps next time, she will select a different reader. If I try the local press, I can suggest readers, and will probably include your name on the list, if you don't mind.

I would very much like to have copies of your books in English. The only one I own is "Man at the Crossroads," which I enjoyed, and about which I wrote you at length some five years ago or so. Unfortunately I read no Spanish, so will have to rely upon translations.

One last thought on the question of Presses. Do you have any reason to believe that Columbia is especially well-disposed toward philosophy, or was your acceptance there also a matter of fate?

Due to a mix-up, we didn't have dinner with Jaime last week, but will do so tongght instead. I look forward to his wisit and hope to find him in good spirits.

I always enjoy hearing from you. With best wishes to you both from us,

As ever,

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