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Dr. José Ferrater Mora:

Sheer chance put your MAN AT THE CROSSROADS  
in my hands today!

For three decades - since I read Spengler while still a student in High School - my mind has been preoccupied with "our world" and the crisis through which it is passing.

About ten years ago I began trying to communicate to the girls here at New Rochelle the sense of optimism with which the war years endowed me. I have tried to do so through a process of moving them into dead center - between God and the World: a process which, when I attain my objective, reaches a "moment" in which they recognize the identity of "the crisis" and their own soul - or rather find their soul in the crisis. Last year I concluded my last lecture with an answer to their long asked question "What is THE ANSWER to the Crisis of our Time?" that they already understood: "You, each of you, are, if I have taught you well, my answer to it." They understood. This week they asked me (as seniors of last year), through a representative, to prepare a short list of books that what I had led them to see might be ever despoiled.

How startling to find that you handle the problem, and the relevant material, in a manner that long since has constituted a kind of "reality" for me! I have felt encouraged by men like Guardini and Camus (though in a literary sense I am soaked in Dostoyevsky and Thomas Mann) but with your first chapter - and I have read little more yet - I, for the first time, no longer feel alone!

Sincerely,

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