

Dear Mr. Ferrater Mora and family,

My very best wishes to you for a wonderful holiday season – how I wish I could see you! Alas, I was forced to come home burdened with Gray's Anatomy and several other less famous but equally bulky volumes of medical science! (I have come to the conclusion that the best preparation I had for medical school was not chemistry or biology, but the experience of plodding through the Critique of Pure Reason!)

Medical school is very demanding, both physically and mentally, but I cannot really complain, for I love what I am aiming for – the practice of medicine- so that I can bear the dull, dead weight of present studies for the sake of future applications. Also, I am lucky to be at Harvard, where the students are, by and large, la crème de la crème – so that, although I am immersed in medical studies, my off-hours are spent in the company of interesting people; indeed, seldom have I had the pleasure of such good conversation, such sparkling wit, and such attractive personalities as I am now experiencing.

I miss philosophy sometimes – although it is not my formal field of study, I cannot but think in a philosophically – oriented way on many many issues, even in medicine. And very often I miss Mr. Ferrater Mora and the brilliant teaching which, alas, one finds nowhere but in his classes!!

With much love,

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