

Dear Mr. Ferrater Mora ,

I am afraid this paper needs a bit of explanation. I did start with the problem of "If God is just, we are all condemned; if God is merciful, we can all be saved." But the books you suggested for me to read I could not find in the library, and I began to hunt around on my own, and read some things that were not very relevant. In the course of this, the paper got further and further from the original topic and I began to have more and more ideas about it myself. So here is what I think . I know that's not what one should write papers about, and if it's not acceptable I will write you another. I have not included a bibliography because I didn't read anything that was directly connected with either the topic or with the line my thinking took. I was going to give you a list of what I read, but that seemed senseless unless you wanted to check up and be sure I did any reading at all. If you want one, I will give you a list.

I also want to say that I am rather unhappy about especially the second half of this paper. I think that by the end I haven't made my point at all, and that in trying to keep from being either vague or flowery I have run circles around mercy without really saying anything about it, except once in a while negatively. This was partly a question of time, because even now I have a lot more thinking to do about mercy; my ideas grew more and more complicated and I think maybe they even change within the paper although I tried not to let that happen. I also left out a long section about God which I included earlier, but which is rather important. I am only handing this in because I have to some time; but I am aware that it is unfinished, and I would like to finish it, and I apologize.

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