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הפקולטה למדעי הרוח



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Dear Norman,

I have just sent off my little piece to Henry Siegman. Luckily I found a friend who was leaving this morning for New York, so that my paper will be late by only about two or three days. I have asked Henry to xerox the typescript and forward copies to you, Lou and Fackenheim, and all others who may be concerned. I have sent copies directly to Uri Tal and Werblowsky.

The length of the paper is a compromise between your own ideas about it and mine. I have cut it down to about ten pages, half of which are in the nature of a discourse, and the other half constitutes what I would consider the basis for the final wording of our presentation. As I said in my letter to Henry, I organised the paper in such a way that it leads directly to the issue of "Communities" which will be dealt with by Uri Tal. Uri and I had a long conversation in which I, hopefully, succeeded in making him understand the set-up of our deliberations in Geneva. He had planned a rather fully fledged discussion of the issue which would have gone far beyond the limits of what can be accommodated in the frame of that meeting.

I understand that Lou intends to append a piece of his own to my paper in which he will discuss the question of "Universality and Particularity" in modern Christian theology against the background of Hegel's philosophy. I have just touched on this subject, since I could not refrain from some comparisons, although initially I had intended to keep strictly to a presentation of the, or rather, a Jewish view.

I do not intend to go on to Marseilles either. I understand that this is not required of us since the meeting with the Vatican will be of a different nature altogether.

I look forward to meeting you again in Geneva. I plan to arrive possibly already on Wednesday or Thursday, to take a breather before we begin our meetings.

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I wrote to Henry saying that I doubt whether we should again be put up in the Hotel Du Rhone. It is too expensive for my taste, and I wonder whether public money should be spent on non-essentials, like flashy hotels.

Peninah joins me in sending you and your wife best wishes.

Cordially,

Shemaryahu

Shemaryahu Talmon

P.S. I have just been informed that we are being put up  
in the Hotel Mediterranée, 14 rue de Lausanne.

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