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Dear Nachum:

Enclosed are some recent sermons which I hope you will like. They sounded better than they read, but I suppose that is true of all sermons.

I am still "mutching" along with my anthology. For some reasons the students of Rabbi Soloveitchik seem to have all acquired his bad characteristic as well as his good ones, they all share his reluctance to publish! If you have any more suggestions on essays that relate halachah to the issues of our time, please let me know.

Conservative Judaism ended up in some mixup sending your book to someone else who did a favorable but pedantic review. I'll send mine to Judaism or Congress Bi-weekly instead. I must tell you that the longer I look for material that deals with the issues of our time from out of a knowledge of the sources, the more I appreciate your book. Most of the essays I find either know halachah but can't relate it to the world or else know the world but don't know the Jewish sources.

For instance, do you know of any other essay but yours that deals with the problem of leisure in any substantive way from a Jewish perspective? Anything that is fit to be put near something like De Grazia's work? If you do, let me know. I haven't found one yet, and the same on war, non violence, economic justice, etc.

But enough complaining, all I meant to do when I started this letter was send you these sermons, and all good wishes,

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