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Dear Joshua:

You two should try traveling with children! I returned here as your letter arrived in San Francisco, my children having seen the U.S.A. and I having seen both it and them so thoroughly that it seems ages since our visit in Madison!

First, as to the delivery of your completed manuscript, thank you for keeping me advised of changes in your schedule. Bear in mind that you will be, not only the "executioner" of the finished work, but the final judge of when it is ready to go to press. And when that state is imminent, I will be, as you know, happy to have you give us all the warning you can so that the work may not hibernate between receipt of the manuscript and appearance of bound books.

I will hope that you do have time for a visit with us while you are en route to the South Pacific. I am therefore carrying in my little black book a note that I may hear from you either August 5 or August 6.

As things turned out in New York City, I was harried by a heat wave and hurried by a schedule so tight that I would berate the person who concocted it would I not then be risking the accusation of insanity because I was talking to myself. I will have to write Dr. Cavalli, and will do so some time this summer.

In one of the folders I have carefully brought back to San Francisco there is, hidden in a jumble of incunabula and priceless items, that booklet which you gave me. I hope shortly to locate it and send it to you in Madison. Barring that, I will save it here for your arrival, when you can give me proper shipping instructions.

Sincerely yours,

*Bill F.*

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*P.S. Have you ever read Homer Smith's "Man and His Gods"? I have - just - and think you would enjoy it, to me a great achievement in writing.*