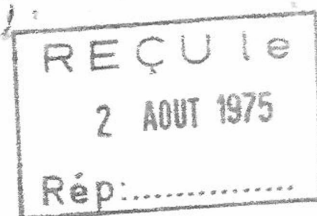


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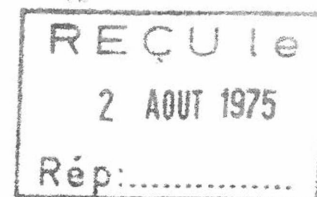
Dear Ron:

Justice After Darwin is indeed a pleasant surprise. I recall that you had been brooding about these matters for some years. Yet I did not know that you were near the point of casting your thoughts into print. Congratulations. There was obviously a huge amount of hard thought embodied in these pages. I must say I am flattered by your reference to me in your acknowledgments. It is nice to have one's name traveling in such cosmopolitan company.

I have "read" about three-quarters of the book. I say "read" because in fact the book thus far has been read to me by my 15 year-old daughter. At the very end of April I was unexpectedly plunged into the hospital here for an operation on a tear in the retina of my left eye. I was in the hospital for 16 days and then spent 5 or 6 weeks at home recuperating. Regrettably, I did not get back to the Law School for the remainder of the academic year. Then just as I was about back to normal, the retina in the left eye completely detached, depriving me of any useful frontal vision. After trips to Baltimore and Boston for further examinations, it was finally decided that another operation would not be useful. Thus, finally, the case was closed. Functioning on one eye is a nuisance, but not a serious handicap. In any event, I am back in business fully now, and I intend to finish your book on my own. The point in giving you all this medical history is to let you know why I have not written earlier. I do appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy.

On the book itself, I have especially enjoyed thus far your analysis of Antigone's problem. It is one of the most interesting discussions of that that I can recall encountering.

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I hope to complete my reading in the near future and will try to pass on further observations.

Much to my regret, I'm way behind in communicating with you. A great deal has gone on in these last two or three years. I have been heavily involved in projects concerning appellate courts. These culminated in a National Conference of Appellate Justice last January. At the moment I am working with Professors Maurice Rosenberg and Paul Carrington on a book that is supposed to pull together all of the contemporary ideas (and perhaps some new ones) for the reform of appellate courts in this country.

A leaflet on my Black book is enclosed. You may have seen notice of this somewhere. I wanted very much to be able to send a copy to you, but the University Press provided me with a bare handful of copies, pleading extraordinary economic stringencies. The book has had several favorable reviews.

For the second semester of this coming academic year I will be on leave of absence. My thoughts are turning in the direction of attempting to analyze the kinds of minds and personalities that we need and desire in an American judge. This may be where I concentrate my attention during my leave. I am thinking also of weaving in some comparative material, to show the similarities and dissimilarities of English judges and Continental judges as compared to American judges. I find surprisingly little literature in depth on this whole matter. Most of the writing about judges in this country concerns the mechanics of selection; I am not particularly interested in that, except insofar as it bears on the kinds of intellects and personalities we can bring on the bench.

I hope all is generally going well with you. When you have a convenient moment drop me a line. Many thanks again for your delightful book.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dan".

Daniel J. Meador
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