

22nd September, 1951.

My dear Mac,

Thank you for your letter. I am sure you know, but in any case I should like to assure you, that I shall remember your term of work in Cambridge always with the greatest pleasure, both in respect of yourself and of your wife.

I am delighted to hear of the arrival of Thomasso and especially of your thought to name him after St. Thomas, patron saint of sceptics. It is a curious and unfortunate accident that during the last century the use of the word "free-thinker" has seemed to deny to Christians the elementary human right of freedom of thought, an inhibition particularly offensive to the Christian tradition if any meaning is to be given to the phrase "whose service is perfect freedom." However, with patience I take it that we shall be able to overcome even the follies of our respective organised Churches, for I think your Church uses the word "free-thinker" as a term of abuse just as stupidly as mine does.

Anyway, give Thomasso a kiss for me and if there is anything I can get in England on his behalf, give me the pleasure of doing so.

Yours sincerely,