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Dear old Gibbie.

I just received your "Monday" letter. Thanks! It was a very good letter too. Its immediate effect is this answer and thus it must have been very good.

This will be a very short letter. I am too busy for a long one. It is 10.40 A.M. don't you see?

The reason for answering your lines immediately is your reference to B. McFadden's book you are reading. I am very glad you feel about those matters the way you do. Of course it is very important for people to know a lot about sex matters. And indeed there isn't anything in the world quite as awe inspiring as the study of biological processes — with the exception of mental processes. I also feel Gibbie that people who enter into the most intimate of all relationships should be absolutely open towards each other about sex matters. The best thing Dr. Gray

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said last year was, that the moral question involved in sex life ~~has~~ to be solved by the mutual cooperation of man and woman both. What I mean is this: few women know what is going on in a man as a sex being. And the man consequently hides his sex life and expresses it in secret ways behind the back of his "helpmate". Disloyalty between ~~man~~ husband and wife is usually the outcome of such a state of mind. The same is true of a woman. Her sexual career she usually hides from her husband. If she feels sexual reactions in connection with another man she hides it from her lover or husband for she is afraid he might interpret it as faithlessness. Now my view is that sex life is a highly sacred thing and not to be sneered at nor to be looked upon as impure or sinful. And all the struggles that arise from sex ~~should be~~ for a man or a woman should be faced courageously and most of all cooperatively by married people. This however can only be the case if two persons love each other so completely that they are not afraid to mention and to speak about anything that turns up in their life. (Read the quotation from Shaw's bandade over again that I wrote in your album.)

But this whole matter has also another aspect. If you feel like putting McFadden's book aside by all means do so. The chief question is that people have a

I don't know whether I have hit upon the thing that was in your mind in this statement of mine. I suppose what you have reference to is the question of spiritual heredity.

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healthy constitution, not only physically, but also mentally. Now in our own case, Gibbie, I believe that our natures are absolutely healthy and sound and we need not be afraid to trust ourselves. (?omit me to mention a person that I don't wish to mention particularly in a letter addressed to you.) There was always such a contrast between the mental condition aroused in me by you and that aroused in me by Miss Death. In your case it was like a beautiful clear and pure spring morning, or let me say like that beautiful clear starry winter sky that you have in Canada. In Miss Death's case I used to have the feeling of struggling against something that comes from the lowest depths of human nature that befogs the mind and clouds the soul and does not allow us to see clearly. Now, Gibbie, it seems to me that we must trust these feelings. And it isn't good to reflect and think too much about those things. You say you have felt so free and easy with everything and that you want to continue that way. In that I think you are absolutely right. I feel that a good many people to-day don't take life directly enough they are constantly analyzing it and are losing direct contact with it and consequently acquire an unhealthy state of mind. By all means be true to yourself and your own feelings about these things. Too much talk can spoil a good deal in life and

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silence is often better than saying everything. Thus, Gibbie, we agree perfectly on this. From what I know about you, I have concluded that you come from a healthy stock. The same is true about me. And more important than even that mentally and morally I know we are healthy and sound. Let that suffice.

There is such a thing as spoiling the romance of love - and it is usually done by talking too much.

Two weeks from to-day we shall be in Milwaukee if everything goes right. Great ~~ita~~ is it not?

Well it is 4.20 now. If I don't succeed to-day in the logical seminar I blame it on you. Your letter has kept me from preparing my lesson. See what you have done?

Yours always
Luke.