

Sunday - Jan. 21st. 68.

Dear Don,

I feel worried about you and Ruth with the earth quake. But the papers say it was in a part of Sicily not usually visited by tourists - so it can't be Tasmania. I will feel better when I hear.

I have been in California since Jan. 3rd. Had a dreadful trip with every flight changed or cancelled by fog or other emergencies. It took 16 hrs. from start in Fla. - to London in Monterey. Incredible! But it is wonderful to be here. I love the climate - the companionship of life in a family - the busy, busy and useful. We are now in the midst of buying this house. I am glad - for it is the perfect house for you & the boys and there is a place for me when I come. I will keep the Fla. apartment as a base - but will want to be here often. I feel so well here - full of energy and the joy of living. As long as I do home energies I will never be content with the sterile sort of life as lived by most of my & widowed friends. I and I are planning for six months in Guadalajara, Mex next summer. She will take art courses for more credit and I will work with Spanish and perhaps music. As you know, there are several universities there. Speaking of credits - I am now taking a required concentrated course in Spanish. I read some of the books. Especially I

and fascinating. It is the Jargon Crimology
by Alan Watts. He gives the more
constructive side. Do you like Watts?

I've gotten quite a bit of constructive
philosophy from him - especially from his
"Wisdom of Insecurity".

I got your letter just before I left
Fla - and enjoyed it. I believe you
have had to change quite a few of the
ideas you had about Ernest - even
a short year ago. I'm glad I never
joined the "Hate Hemingway" trail. It
almost seems as tho he did it on purpose.
I mean - trying to dare people to hate
him. Perhaps it made him feel
stronger. Being sensitive, it hurt
him less to have dislike than love from
friends - and he didn't have to love
them back. ^(way back) That would tie in with
what he once said about wishing that his
friends wouldn't write the last letter - so
he wouldn't have to be the one to break
a correspondence. That was why I
never answered his last letter - knowing
it was time to break.

Hope you continue to find richness
from your sojourn in Italy. I can see
a trip isn't in the cards for me this year.
Love to you both -
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