

BEGINNING PHILOSOPHY

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ODD PAPER OUT

The thoughts that follow might have begun, but they would certainly not have reached the paper shore on which they now gasp for breath, half-finished off (in the unhappier sense of the word), were it not for a lot of probably misguided but certainly very well intentioned friends. . They would all wisely, no doubt, prefer to remain anonymous. I will respect their wishes, except in the case of two who have shown such a sense of tolerance and patience with my love of the ludic and indulgence in the ludicrous, that I presume they will even swallow the dedication to them of these semi-pickled pickings and peelings. They are Dr Albert Borg and Mrs Isabelle Vella.

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BEFORE BEGINNING

A PRAYER

At the beginning of the world, Lord, Your Spirit hovered over the primordial waters, and made them fertile. Help us discover Your Spirit in the surging wave of every commencement.

At the beginning of each day, Lord, the earth is flooded with Your light. Illumine our minds, and help us enlighten others with the radiance and the fire of your Spirit.

At the beginning of every friendship, Lord, joy sings in our heart. Help us share the fruit of all the work we'll do together and of the suffering we'll cause each other. Make us grow in the solidarity and fellowship of Your Spirit.

At the beginning of every page, Lord, imagination is aglow and boldness overflows. Help us write it out, down to the last line and over to the next, humbly and undistractedly, in rhythm with the breathing of Your Spirit.

At the beginning of every word, Lord, tongue and pen often hesitate and falter. Help us write out, with our lives, a faithful reply to Your love, You who write straight with our crooked lines.

Amen.