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Dear L.

You speak of the 'new world of witchcraft'. Have you simply found new powers within yourself, met new people who are involved in it, or come to it thru reading?

The books should be very exciting. It might be possible to find them an English language publisher as well as an Italian one. This way you would reach many more people.

Why do you have to study so many hours when your mind is quick and often, probably, your teachers are slow and plodding? There's a non-fit here for me. Are you maybe over-conscientious?

On March the 10th Sophie had our third child, B. He is not ugly, like some babies are. It was a short labour, about 5 hours, and they let my 17 year old son in, though he arrived late! He saw the afterbirth being delivered. It was pretty strong meat for him: to see what 17 years ago had happened to him, from the same mother. Areas like birth and death should be much more open, less shrouded in silence and mystery. Have you ever seen a birth: a brutal but very efficient process.

What of next year, after these foolish exams?

Yours warmly.

Mario

p.s. B is an Umberto Eco kind of name, to my ear.