



My dear Tony,

What can I say? Studying with you at Princeton and after, exploring books and manuscripts with you at Antwerp, Leiden, Basel, Oxford, and beyond, your immense generosity of time and of soul, the critical care with which you have read and supported my work and that of so many others, expressed your confidence and encouragement at moments of dreadful uncertainty, the way you have carried, nurtured and defended our culture of humane learning, your example and your humor, your *Yiddishkeit* and your *Menschlichkeit*, have meant the world to me.

In gratitude and friendship,

Theo



ROMEYN DE HOOGHE, HIEROGLYPHICA



TONY, I FINALLY FOUND THE PILLARS  
OF SETH! STILL AWAITING PHOTO-  
ARCHEOLOGICAL CONFIRMATION FROM SIRHAD.  
LONG LIVE TRADITION! (+ SUPERSTITION)  
WITH DEEP AFFECTION,  
DANIEL STOLZENBERG



Dear Tony,

What a pleasure to be coming back to campus in your honor! I can't thank you enough for all of your guidance and encouragement especially over these past few months — but also years! I'm so excited to be re-entering the orbit of history and I owe so much of it to your generosity and sharing of your time, company, colleagues and friends. Congratulations and happy birthday! Fondly,

Anna Toledano  
Class of 2011

Dear Tony,

Montaigne (I think?) said that good humor is the surest sign of wisdom. Thank you so much for your infinite supply of both qualities.

I am so grateful for your taking me under your wing.

Yours,

Tony

So Glad I could manage to be here for at least part of the celebration and even gladder that we have found so much time together over the last few years -- in NYC & London, at the podium, in the hall in the margins. With thanks and in friendship,

Bru Sherman

Dear Tony,

There are no words to thank you for the worlds you have given me. You have taught me about being a good human being as much as about being a good scholar!

Tantissimi auguri

Alex

Yours, Andrei Jesu

P.S. Part II to come

Happy birthday Prof. Grafton!

I feel somewhat like an imposter among the Early Modernists, but then again my infiltration is an example of how you cross the boundaries of fields. For me you have been a fountain of knowledge and insight on any topic - from rare books to the latest episode of Mad Men. More than that perhaps, if to be poetic, you have been a light brightening my time at Princeton. I know that after I graduate my encounter with you would be one of the memories I would cherish and for which I would be eternally grateful to Princeton.

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⇒ Rent Harari



"E quando saremo a dipingere storie, prima  
faremo <sup>(molto)</sup> noi penseremo quel modo e quel ordine  
in quelle sia bellissime, e faremo nostri  
concetti e modelli di tutte le storie e di  
ciascuna una parte prima e chiameremo  
tutti gli amici ..." Queste è la storia che scrivi tu.

Tanti auguri di buon compleanno, Tony,  
e grazie!

Giovanna Ciolelli

Princeton 9-5-15

Τοῦτ' ἔστιν, δέοται! Τοῦτ' ἔστιν, πρίντιπ! A medievalist's heartfelt  
birthday wishes in dog Greek of the  
B.B. variety. Looking forward to  
attending many more of these celebrations  
in years to come.

— Peter

Antonio suo Franciscus Petrarca S.P.D.

Qu<sup>ot</sup>~~ot~~ lacrimas, quales mugitus ~~esse~~ ~~conseravi~~ conseravi  
aeri vano cum mi manifestum erat ut saecula crudelia  
et invisum spatium nostras inter terras obstarent  
ut adforem tuis in laudibus hodiernis.

Scis me ~~habet~~ iam dudum vehementer hoc  
spatium inter homines literatos literariosque lamentasse  
et declamasse. Sunt autem qui vi animi intellectusque  
sicut terra orbes caelestis lumina ~~terrena~~ ~~visibilia~~ ~~terrena~~  
visibilem faciunt. Amicus meus Nicholas quidem  
aderit et dixit mi quaerenti tantos eruditos et  
magnanimos tui causa coventuros esse, ut antiqui  
invideant et ~~res~~ ~~publica nostra~~ non iam diffusa  
sed collecta esse. Hoc sciens profundius dormiam.

Vale.

P. S. Audivi de Abidolo illo te Homerum latinum  
aut ~~et~~ tuscanum habere. Precor ut mittas ~~et~~  
unum utriusque proxima cum epistula: Pilatus  
noster obiit (cui satisfacisset opus eius completum).

Vale, iterum vale.

Dear Tony,

What an incredible  
two days this has been.

It has brought so many  
other wonderful days to

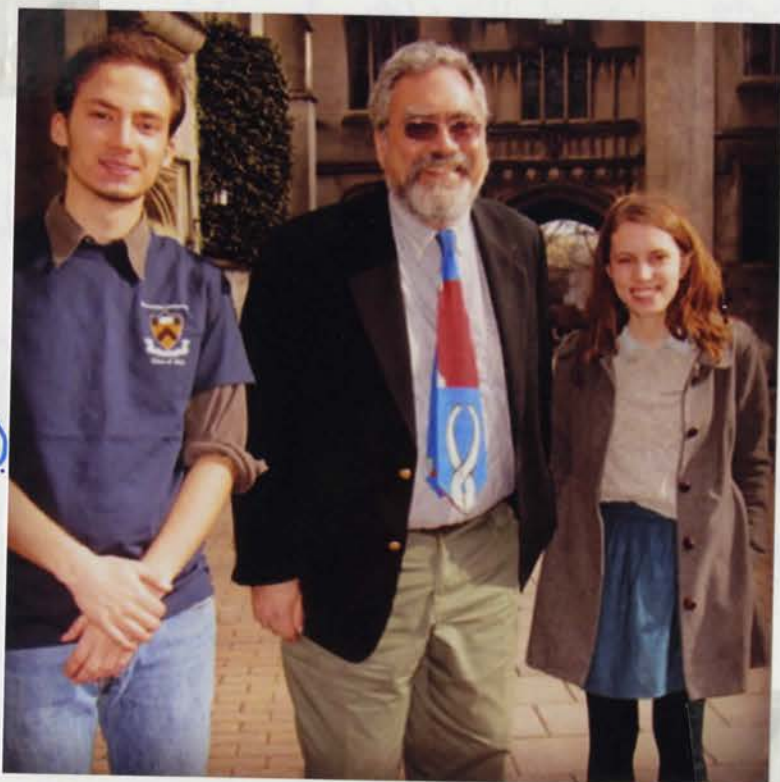
mind (like this one →)

I look forward to many  
more, and am so grateful to  
have been able to  
celebrate everything you  
do this weekend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Here's to many more  
adventures.

Maddy





Tony

So many years ago I met you at  
one of those banquets the  
Hanna Gray graduate students  
had. Henry & K. Ton Cook +  
I've been so happy to have  
published so many of your  
books ever since Frank Hermann  
to Humanities + tried to cook  
up others with you. Ah, if  
there's a margin he'd make  
that book appear on my  
desk. An this is too much abt  
work. Thanks for your friendship  
+ wise counsel a hundred  
times over. Linda  
9 May 15

Tony -

So many good wishes on this wonderful occasion... and a few thank you's as well.

Thank you for a full year of Penn. History when I was an Americanist or a chemist, or something else. I understood much less than you imparted, but like any good "meal," it returned for me over the years at just the moments I needed - the Medicis, Machiavelli, etc... to Rabelais. "You have French, you can walk on Rabelais," you said. Did you forget to mention 16th-C French was different than modern French? So I learned I had to figure that out among other Parguevelian lapses. And I was your advisee for a few short Ithaca weeks! Thank you for being willing. I definitely planned a PhD in modern French ~~at~~ literature. Ooops - I ended up an early modernist. So many thanks for the foundation I used and reused. How fortunate I was to have that year in the small "seminar" survey course ("He's new, the class will be small," Michael Kanen told me!).

Here's to another 65 years! Mazel Tov,

Ahly Zanger

congratulations, Tony — the great thing will be  
the next 40 years! all best, Michael Murphy

Tony,

I only took one class with you, but it had such an impact. You recited Machiavelli's letter to Vettori by heart. It meant so much to me. Thanks!



Tony - My favorite encounter I will always remember is how perfectly reasonable you found my plans to marathon Buffy The Vampire Slayer with a friend for Thanksgiving one year. Thanks so much for all you've done and continue to do!  
Much love, Heidi Hauze

Dear Tony - I've learned so much from you, from the lecture at Chicago when I was an undergraduate - part of what became Forgers and Critics - to your generous meeting with me when I visited Princeton in 1993, to our numerous encounters since then, virtually and in the flesh. You've been a model of erudition, kindness, generosity, and boundless energy - perhaps too boundless! I look forward to many more encounters. All best, Bin W. Ojir

Tony,

I believe our association stretches back to 1995, when I took "Magic, Science, Nature & Religion" with you and Professor Kaufmann. Little did I know what a fateful meeting of the minds that was! I remember what a deeply fascinating class that was and how it opened my eyes to the odd and interesting in history. I was then in your ECS Senior thesis workshop and remember the ease with which you adeptly advised us on topics ranging from German philosophy to travel guides, to mine on Piranesi. When I returned 15 years after my A.B. graduation to begin the Ph.D., your course on Renaissance Readers was precisely what I had hoped to find when I embarked on a second life of the mind. Big questions, witty gritty questions, rare books shown & tell, carefully selected, engaging (and voluminous!) reading, as well as the freedom to follow a personal interest for the final paper, which was thoughtfully commented upon. Your generosity extended to →



With the greatest admiration and much gratitude, I wish you a very happy birthday and many returns!

This conference has been such a moving testimony to your extraordinary erudition, generous mentorship, and bold leadership w/ the Republic of Letters — a beautiful and thoroughly inspiring gift — that is more than eminently well deserved!

With my warmest wishes,

Ben Nadeau

P.S. The line for this book has grown so long that we are now writing two at a time & side by side!

Dear Tony —  
Like everyone else  
here I can say you've  
changed my life — MADE  
ME A BETTER SCHOLAR,  
I CAN'T THANK  
you enough —  
With All my  
love —  
JERRY  
PASSANUNTERO

Dear Tony,  
Thank you  
for being you.  
You have  
opened up  
worlds for me.  
amities,  
Will Slater



multiple general exam preparation meetings. Those weekly sessions were so fruitful and helpful in getting me ready for that big day.... My greatest fear when beginning grad school was that moment when I would have to walk into a room with 3 eminent professors to be "examined!" When I came out, my friends asked how it went. I replied that it was very hard - I had to draw floor plans! - but thank goodness Professor Grafton is a "nodder"! I could gauge my progress by the vigor of your nods - with each one I gained confidence. So, thank you for nodding me through that terrifying exercise.

Even more to say, but as the last anecdote demonstrates, above all, you are a humane humanist.

With gratitude,  
Holly

(P.S. I curated an installation at the Museum that just went up and it includes a portrait of Scaliger. Please consider it as it was intended, as a small tribute to you.)

Dear Professor Grafton -

Happy 65th Birthday, looking forward to the next 65...

"Antonius Graftonus est homo pro se!"

- Yung In



I agree with everything that was written above, or almost all of it. Although I never had the privilege of taking any of your classes during my time in Princeton, you have had one of the most profound influences on my thinking - for which I will be forever grateful. You have taught me also how influence can work in the most subtle of ways: the suggestive question that resonates in one's head for years, or the mental picture of the intended reader which has made my writing and my thinking immensely better. But most importantly, it is the influence as a role model. Now that I am far enough removed from the anguish of grad school, the dread of knowing that one will never come close to emulating one's mentor, either you or Bob, I see that the value is in having the privilege to follow the right model: that the bar is set impossibly high matters far less than having it set in the right place. It is not the books on the beard, but the gentle, luminous soul that is behind it.

With affection & gratitude  
Thierry Rieger

DEAR PROF. GRAFTON,

Thank you for your contributions to our species.  
AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 🎉 (a noisemaker)

- DAVID TING

Dear Professor Grafton,  
I take the chance to congratulate, without  
being a student of you, all the more proud to be in your  
Wuja Jongs Volume "What is kept". I hold up the  
Swiss Flag for all the others. Gerald Schwedler, Zurich



Dear Prof. Grafton -  
What a moving celebration. I can't think of anything  
more inspiring than joining this community. In my last  
year, already grateful for that. More anon.  
w/ gratitude - Ben Bernart

Tom,

No one knows about you when I first came to  
Princeton in 1978, but I assumed Princeton knew what  
it was doing. As soon as I met you, it became  
clear I had an ~~advising~~ <sup>advising</sup> with the very intelligent  
quality of being accessible ~~easy to talk with~~.  
Soon my faith in Princeton, a judgment proved to  
be far more accurate than I ever could have  
expected!

Mike Denton

Tom,

Ultimately, the defense of the humanities  
must proceed by example, more than argument.  
And what an example you have provided!

Thank you, for your teaching, your encouragement,  
your writings, and for your example.

David Bell



Prof. Gratton,

One should leave a tag, but what fits?  
Folx qui potuit, rerum cognoscere causas.  
~~I~~ I think you find causal pictures foolish.  
~~The life is above them.~~  
The work above the life, you've sweat a life's work  
to you they are one.  
Felix est, modumque materiam et LV places.

Thank you, Tony, for your  
kindness to independent scholars  
— and exemplar of independence in  
scholarship! Tlatote Xaipete!  
Karen Reed

Dear Professor Gratton,

Thank you so much for your example.  
role models are important, as you know.

With

with love

Lekha Kanchinadam



Dear Professor Grafton,

Thank you for sharing your wisdom, laughter and humor over the past year. It has been the most incredible and life-changing experience of my academic career.

Heath

Dear Professor Grafton  
Thank you so much for all your help and patience with my senior thesis and with coursework - I have had an incredible experience and my work with you is definitely one of my best academic memories of Princeton. Many, many thanks for everything! I hope it was OK that I compared your legion of Graftonians to a growing fungus. (In the best way)

Alexa McCall

Dear Prof. Grafton,  
It still feels right to call you that. Thank you for all that you have taught me, showed me, done for me. I try always to remember them, and to pay your kindnesses forward with my own students. You are a beautiful man!

Love,  
Eric Ash



May 9, 2015.

Dear Tony,

Congratulations and know how much I, among so many, thank you for your life of mind and work.

Our studies of Early Modern cities in the Low Countries have kept percolating -- and your enthusiasm for my senior thesis and study of art history as well as history - Millet, Warburg, Vande Gosh - these talks are indelible....

Your voice - "to discover and transmit knowledge" as our task - I hear in my mind and it keeps me going - as researcher, teacher, and writer.

With love and gratitude,  
Debby Silverman



Tony-

Thank you for waking the dead—  
Thank you for showing us the humanity  
in the humanities— You have been an  
enduring inspiration during my 27  
years at Princeton.

In admiration,

Pat  
Pelman Fortini Brown

Dear Tony,

Thank you for including me in your  
birthday celebration. It was an honor to  
celebrate with you. May there be many more  
years to come.

Sincerely,

David Moak



May 9, 2015

Dear prof. Grafton -

Again congratulations on your milestone, and on this amazing flock you've gathered!

You may have cleverly hid it from me at the time, or perhaps I was too tightly focused to realize it, that our historical exploration of my German pilgrims was indeed part of a spiritual journey. I'm so glad I made it today, and am ever grateful for our bester Zeit, and our work.

Affectionately yours,

Mathias



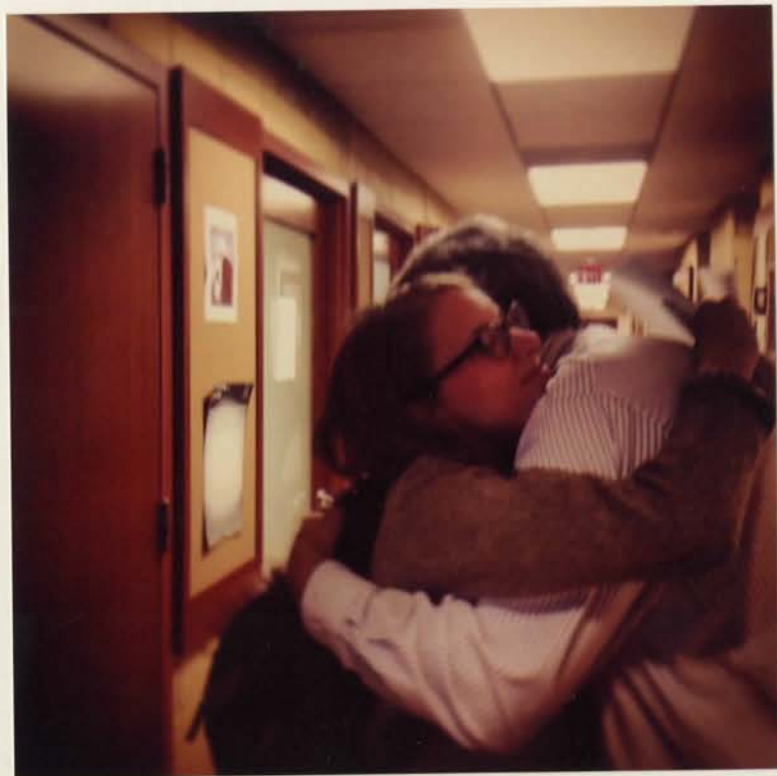
May 9, 2015

Dear dear Tony,

I have enjoyed every conversation, every seminar intervention, every chance encounter, your presence at the Society of Fellows' seminar table and interviews, your tour of rare books recently, your encouragement of women, of my small research project, of those who are not faculty but still persisute about ideas, and especially for your ecumenical, egalitarian, generous openness to us all. When you asked me if I were 'joinable' as I sat alone at a British Library lunch table, I can only say, as I said then, 'yes' and always, Tony.

Happy Birthday! Mary (Harper)





9 May 2015

Dear Tony,

Happy Birthday! Thanks for letting us be a part of this amazing weekend. We feel incredibly privileged for even in a small way being part of your world.

As for the gift, I am offering it as a foretaste (quite literally) of perhaps a larger adventure. How does St Andrews Scotland sound for a few days in high summer 2015? More anon,

Howard, Andrea + Tony



Dear Tony,

For this to be properly  
representative of my typical  
missives, I should send it to you  
at 1:30 a.m., with a carefully  
phrased request for a letter of  
recommendation — but instead,  
a few lines of polyglot doggerel!

Die letzte Jahren sein schnell verschwunden,  
daher hab' ich ein klein Gedicht erfunden.

J'espère un jour d'avoir temp pour lire  
tous les articles que tu partages,  
mais j'ai peur en ce cas que je ne  
réussirai jamais à écrire <sup>aucun</sup> autre page

Twitter gebrauch ich noch niet,  
aber ich freue mich, daß ich Dir bald  
auf Facebook zieht.

I also look forward to seeing you in  
and now, to concoct a book proposal <sup>Toronto,</sup> pronto!

There will be many a deadline I will not hit,  
but I'll do my best never infinitives to split.

Your generous advice I'll always heed  
(although never the Twain shall I read)

En nu een laatste vraag:

wat houd je meer van —

Oude boeken of gevoelde koecken??

With love and thanks, Margaret (Schotte)



Dear Tony,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my time as a graduate student at Princeton so stimulating and for your tremendously valuable suggestions that improved my dissertation and book. I have treasured knowing you as a my teacher and neighbor over the past few decades.

Happy birthday and all best wishes,  
Sherrill Cohen

My Dear Tony

For the record,

Much love,

Bruce Janz



Our connections with the Crafthams run long and deep  
(and yes we should have found a photo to prove it!)

Not only did Tony & house attend our wedding in 1982  
but so did Sam, who attended in our Sam's Moses basket!  
Which allows us to remind everyone that in three days  
not only did Tony read a book while walking, but in  
three years he would do so with a long-suffering Sam & Anna  
in a baby-sling attached firmly to his chest.  
Much love and admiration Lisa & Jon.

Tony, A CHAZA DAIL,

LE MEAS, IS LE BUIOLHAS GO DAIBH MILE  
AG, CIDHILE BUD. COMING TO PRINCETON WAS A  
BEAUTIFUL YET TERRIFYING THING FOR ME. I KNEW I  
WOULD ENCOUNTER BRILLIANCE. WHAT I DID NOT  
KNOW WAS THAT I WOULD ENCOUNTER EQUALLY  
STUNNING & HUMBLING HUMANITY. YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT  
SUPPORT & KINDNESS WERE AS IMPORTANT AS ANYTHING  
I LEARNED IN A SEMINAR. AND THEY WERE PERHAPS  
EVEN MORE IMPORTANT AS I TRIED TO MAKE MY WAY  
IN THE PROFESSION & THE WORLD. YOU'RE A MODEL LIKE  
NO OTHER. AND FOR THAT, I ALL EUSE, MILE BUIOLHAS ARTIST.

Brendan



The slide that was deleted... of a  
certain friend deemed that it was too  
flip

BOW  
DOWN  
TO THE  
MASTER



Silly jokes aside...  
I can't put into  
words what you  
have meant to me  
and what you  
continue to mean.  
I can only say  
thank you, for the  
great gift that you  
give.

Happy Birthday!

Cynthia

Dearest Tony,  
You bring love to my  
life and all I can do  
is appreciate and enjoy  
it. Being a part of your  
life is one of the most  
special parts of mine. I've  
grown so much under  
your guidance. On the  
occasion of your 65th  
birthdays, I look in wonder  
at the past 15 years  
and am joyful for the  
future to come. My words  
here are short but my  
feelings are expansive.  
All my love,  
Cynthia

DEPTHLESS IN HIS EVADITION  
LESS A LUMPER, MORE A SPLITTER  
THERE'S NO FINER RHETORICIAN  
INTELLECTUAL TRANSMITTER

WITH A RANGE THAT'S QUITE ECLECTIC  
WOWS US WITH HIS EXEGESIS  
PUBLIC LECTURES ARE ELECTRIC  
MAKING PUNS ABOUT PROSTHESIS

FIRST IN STUDY, AND IN ACTION  
"NEAR TROLLOVIAN" IN SCRIBBLING  
FOOTNOTES BRING HIM SATISFACTION  
PROOFS THAT LEAVE NO ROOM FOR SCRIBBLING

LEIDEN GAVE HIM FINE REGALIA  
FOR HIS SCHOLARSHIP FANTASTICAL  
READING ALL THAT MARGINALIA  
ON ALL THINGS ECCLESIASTICAL

WISER THAN THE WISEST DON  
ALMOST SEEMS YOU'RE TELEPATHIC  
KNOWS IT ALL 'BOUT CASANOVON  
AND WHAT MAKES HIM POLYMATHIC

Paul Davis +  
Frederic Clark

WHEN HE WAS IN WOLFENBÜTTEL  
READ ABOUT CENTURIATORS  
ATE A LOT OF APPLE STRÜDEL  
FOUND THEY WERE COLLA DONATORS

HUMANISTS WITH INICY FINGERS  
DEMONSTRATE THROUGH THEIR SHARED CRAFT  
NOTHING EVER ENDS, IT LINGERS

ON THE OLD, THE NEW THEY GRAFT

Pan  
+  
Fried



May '15

Dear Tony,

A small note of thanks for everything,  
as always! The weekend in Philadelphia  
was greater than I can say for more  
reasons than I can name, though I more  
than suspect you can guess them all. The  
very greatest was the sense of both  
contributing and belonging to a community  
that I never knew before. This was a  
gift for years to come. and I won't  
soon forget such a perfect evening  
with you and Maddy as well. So  
thank you again, and my very best  
as always,

John

P. S. You'll find here a small something  
for both you and Louise. I still need  
to really meet her, you know!

May 7, 2015

Dear Tony,

This spring, a very dear colleague in my department achieved promotion to full professor. Her promotion and your b-day struck me as happy milestones to be celebrated w/ something a tad whimsical. So I made each of you a gold star.

With gratitude,  
April  
#2





*An Horation Ode upon Graftonius*

by

Anna Rosalinda Johannifilia and Petrus Fortinbracchius

THE froward Youth that now would start  
To emulate great *Grafton*'s part  
Must with the Muses *sing*  
His Verses flourishing,  
Leaving the Dunces' Books in dust,  
And to new Loves himself entrust.  
Let him his Soul remind  
Of *Grafton*'s mighty *mind*:  
And he his Spirits first should test  
With learned books, writ by the best,  
Then with adventrous Wit  
Pursue *Graftonius*' *fil*.

For like the three-fork'd Lightning, first  
Breaking the Clouds where he was nurst,  
Our *Tonius* broke the *mold*  
Crafted by Dullards *old*.  
He let not *Hist'ry*'s genres crude  
Constrain him to the well-trod feud,  
But did himself *oppose*  
To thoughts they would *enclose*.  
So burning through the Stacks he went,  
And *Firestone*'s hallowed Halls he rent:  
The books he there *devoured*  
'Twas where his Genius *flowered*.

'Tis Madness to resist or blame  
The force of our *Graftonus*' flame:  
And, if we would speak *true*,

2

Much to the Man is due.  
He, from his scholarly retreat,  
Living reservèd and austere,  
As if his highest Plot  
To share a witty *Moi*,<sup>1</sup>  
To international fame did *climbe*  
And overturned the works of Time,  
Casting *Curric*'la old  
Into a newer *Mold*

He nothing common doth or mean  
Within the great *New Jersey* Scene,  
Where th' academic *State*  
First saw its happy *Fate*.  
The mystic Ancients were asham'd  
To see themselves so quickly tam'd.  
To him flocked girls and boys  
Agnosticks, Jews and *goys*.  
They can affirm his Praises best,  
Who, taught by him, have all confest  
What labor 'tis, but *great*  
With him to *dissertate*!

What Project may he not assume  
Now Victory his Crest doth plume!  
What may not others *fear*  
Since thus he crowns each *Year*!  
A *Caesar* he to AHA;  
At RSA so *distingué*!  
Now for thy *last effect*  
Still keep thy Sword *erect*.

<sup>1</sup> Pronounced in the proper English style, to rhyme with "not" and "sot."

3

For still it hath the force to fright  
The Specters of the Dunce's night,  
Enlight'ning with Truth's way  
And Learning's festive day.



May 9, 2015

Princeton

Dear Tony,

My dear friend, as I have thought about the love and friendship that has developed between us it breaks my heart to acknowledge - as it will yours - that the two moments when we grew closest together were the deaths of Betty To Dobbie and my dear Susan. When To died Paula Finkler reached out to you and suddenly you were joining my Dissertation Committee. (1993 was just before email so texts were what I was anticipating as "speedy" contact and expression of the other.) But it was your generosity in being willing to help what was - and sorely remains - the smallest figure in your intellectual galaxy. I shake my head still at how kind, generous - but also wonderfully critical of my dissertation - you were.

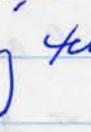
Some years passed in relative silence but in the summer of 2004 we found ourselves at the Huntington and it was there where we really got to know one another. (My sweet Georgia who was at our feet at Burger Continental is 14 this week!) We laughed and really enjoyed each other's company.

I think it was only two weeks after that week that I learned Susan had an inoperable tumor on her leg. That was August 2. She died October 19.

You were so kind. You emailed me throughout the day, telling me you could not keep from thinking of us, offering



to contact my teen, get me time I might need. You did or it just wanted to do anything you could. You did a lot my friend. Knowing you had my back was priceless.

And that's what you're doing: You're had my back. You're put up your shield, leveled your sword and done whatever you could do to look out for me. You know I am a man of faith and Christians believe that grace is the love God has for us that we, as sinners, do not deserve. Your life, to me - and, as this weekend continues to hundreds of others - is a living testament of grace. Wouldn't your rabbi be proud?! 

As a winner, I have not always lived up to the grace you taught me but, now knowing that I am, I am catching up on your lessons. I'll never be the master you are, but I can come close.

Of course I want to make you proud of me intellectually. But if that was all I did, I think I would have been an average - at best - student of yours. I want you to be proud of me someday because I was as kind, as generous, as loving as you are.

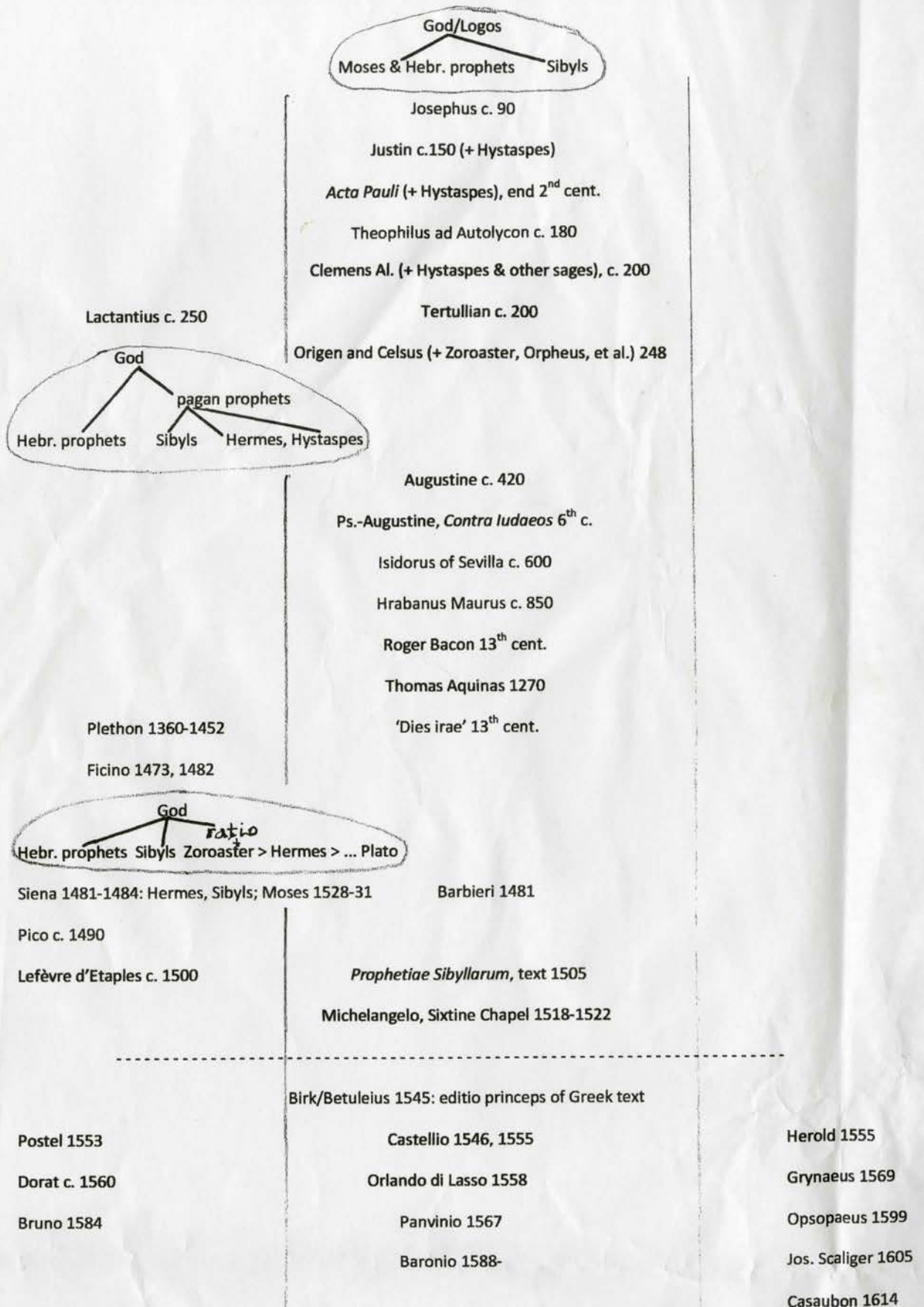
Happy Birthday my dear friend,

May God bless you,

love,



# Assessing the Sibyls and the *Sibylline Oracles*: three traditions in the 15th through 17th centuries





10 v 15, Jersey City

Dear Tony and, if I may, Louise,

Thank you for welcoming me, and so many others, into your home on Saturday. The generosity shown, though I know habitual, is nonetheless exceptional and very much appreciated. I have little doubt that the entire conference experience was itself exceptional for ~~some~~ many attending. It was emotive, and I fear, exhausting as well. Above all it was hugely valuable.

Lately, things have been awkward for me. I feel as if I belong nowhere and am filled with doubt. I especially want to thank you for letting this cuckoo in the nest participate as I did in this exceptional gathering. I received a huge boost from the many caring, engaging conversations I had.

Things will get better and I hope to have my own kind, witty words to add to the liber amicorum at that time. Current melancholy, I fear, would give a lesser contribution than I would like. Not least because I am aware of how much care has been lavished on such a questionable object.

Thank you for a lovely party and the fortifying opportunities it gave. I feel this kind of quiet facilitation too often gets ignored, but it is a great thing and most thoughtful.

With deep gratitude,

Sara

9 May 2015

Thanks for doing all you do — the vocation  
you live out in each conversation, whether  
in person, online, in tech changes, or even in  
a footnote.

Happy 65th Birthday.  
Love,  
Maddy

Dear Tony —

Wow. I've always known you were amazing,  
ever since I ran into Russ in the fall of 2010 after  
he had attended "Inky Fingers" and I heard about  
you for the first time. I thought, not for the ~~last~~ time,  
'I should study with this guy.' But to see so  
much of what you've done and all of the eager,  
intelligent people you've sent out into the world gathered  
into one room was the most inspiring sight possible  
for me at this moment. It was deeply moving to  
hear about your own history (the tears started when  
you praised your teachers) and at the same time to  
realize that such a history is built on your day-to-  
day life. *Historia magistra vitae*: this same realization  
changes the way I look at each new day.



a break from emailing at 5 am!). You poured your soul into that speech and as a result we got a part of your heart too. What you told us about your family, your mentors, and us as your family was just so beautiful. I was so over in awe of your graciousness and knowing and deeply felt the love you shared. Thank you for being my friend and adviser and thank you for being a part of my life.

Big hug,  
Lara

MAY 13, 2015

Dearest Tony,

The conference and celebration were just wonderful. What a magical event, especially your speech at the end which was so moving and left everyone in tears. I feel so, so lucky and very humbled to be among your students. I hope you had a great time and were able to enjoy the outpouring of admiration and affection (and I say this knowing how modest you are). I also hope you've been able to catch your breath (and are taking 5

Cambridge, Ma., May 17, 2015

Dear Tony,

Thank you for the beautiful gift of Sionita's book, so tiny and yet so rich in information, a real portal to another culture. His attention to food, drink and dress makes me feel sharply the limitations of what I have managed to recover of these learned interests.

But, as you warned me long ago, we are only ever able to glimpse some facets of the ever-turning disco ball of history!

It was so touching to enjoy your visit the other night here in Cambridge.



I owe to you above all not only my intellectual and scholarly world but these happy material circumstances, which would never have come about without your active and ever-vigilant agency. It was a joy to share that perfect spring evening with you.

The Princeton celebrations proved beyond doubt that even as we scatter across the surface of the ether, we all carry more than a little of Princeton with us. What a happy thought that we will continue in this worldwide dance, gathering in new combinations and exchanging and refracting new ideas... To me it's the most beautiful life imaginable.

For all this, warmest thanks.

Your student and friend, Alex



Tony, I recall vividly the days in  
Chicago in the early 1970s when  
Eric Cochrane introduced me to  
his most brilliant, most amazing  
student -- and I met the  
extraordinary Tony Sraffon!  
I loved being your colleague  
at Princeton, enjoying and  
sharing your passion for deep  
learning and discovery -- and  
the reach of your scholarship.  
I've loved watching the  
generosity and imagination  
of your teaching. And I've  
loved being your occasional  
accomplice in making this world  
of ours a more egalitarian  
and just place. May the  
years ahead bring more joy  
and discovery -- In deep  
friendship, Natalie

Toronto, May 2015



Magno, Bono, Sapienti, et Iusto Antonio Graftoni,

Genituram tuam fingere conatus sum, sed peritiam illam non habeo. Deinde repperi in librum obscurum ottram divinam artem, qua reveletur tua vita praeterita et futura. Picturas tui examinavi, et deduxi imaginem uno horum esse ... Vale!

# H. CARDANI

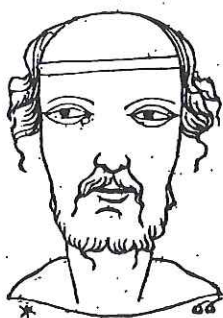
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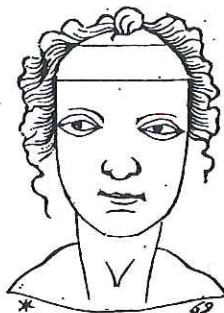
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Si Solerem lineam linea Martis sequeretur, ut in presenti figura, & recte ipsa essent, & profunda; virum denotat inimicos superaturum, & valde apud principes, dominosque assumendum esse.



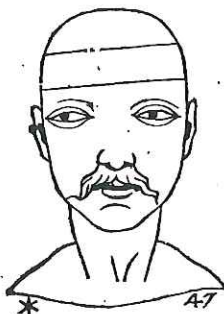
Quando linea Saturni Solis lineam comitabitur, & ambae uniformes erunt in rectitudine, longitudine & profunditate; cum in agris, tum in aedificiis maxime fortunatus erit.



Quando linea Solis fuerit cum linea Mercurij, & ipsa longa, recta, & profunda erunt; principum dominorumque Aeterni cultorem futurum denotant.



In Ecclesia exaltabitur, & erit fidei maximus defensor.



Subtilissimi ingenij erit, & valde doctus.



Maxime fortunatus erit ob terrarum cultus, deinde navigationes exercebit.

נכתב בלשון נכונה

Εάν ᾖ φιλομαθής, εση πολυμαθής.

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Scipsi haec in gratiam eius,  
in quo uti omnia eximia,  
augusta et plane divina veneros,  
ita summum et coram animi.  
Carissimam admisor.

Vera Keller  
Portland, OR