Dear Jacques,

Your language skills continue to dazzle.  The three sample tablets you sent were masterful summaries, of vast subjects all.  I can appreciate the work involved.  Thirty panels?  You must have been chained to your desk.

Poor Lady Anne, suffering the grim descent into Alzheimer's.  And poor Torquil, suffering along with her, and probably still.

……from Daryl Henry 28 Jan 2012

The "Defining" and "Slavery" panels interest me the most. You have shown almost superhuman restraint in keeping your editorial self separate from your archival self.

Michael Adler

Très chers Jacques André et Felicia

Nous sommes de retour mais pas tout à fait, car nous avons laissé un morceau de coeur gravé dans le granit de Felicity !

Nos deux premières visites nous avaient préparés à profiter pleinement des moments que nous avons passés avec vous, tant le premier soir au Landing que le samedi 31 mars où nous avons eu le bonheur de participer à cette émouvante cérémonie, certes officielle mais très simple et chaleureuse.

Dire que je suis un fan de ce que vous faites est trop simpliste : je suis un admirateur inconditionnel de cette œuvre que vous accomplissez dans la droite ligne de l'Encyclopédie de Diderot et d'Alembert.

J'adore l'humour de Diderot "Le coutelier de Langres" et vous n'en manquez point. Quant à d'Alembert, c'était un vrai scientifique, pas de ceux qui cherchent mais de ceux qui trouvent ! Comme eux vous savez vous entourer de spécialistes du plus haut niveau dans tous les domaines, vous savez faire et transmettre.

Comme les encyclopédistes vous travaillez pour l'avenir, mais, si la Pyramide de l'entrée de Felicity indique clairement votre volonté de laisser un témoignage pour les temps futurs, vous avez, dans votre œuvre, une dimension humaniste et spirituelle très forte.

Le 18e siècle était celui de l'émerveillement des découvertes. Vous avez entrepris, non seulement un travail énorme du "dire", mais votre œuvre porte, en filigrane, une réflexion sur la globalité du monde.

***"Le temps du monde fini commence !"***

disait mon maître Paul Valéry. **Vous êtes les encyclopédistes du monde fini d'aujourd'hui !**

Merci de nous avoir accueillis d'une façon aussi simple et généreuse, inoubliable.

Nous vous disons *"A bientôt à Paris ! "* : vous avez votre ophtalmologiste et votre opticien qui seront heureux de vous retrouver.

Croyez, chers Jacques André et Felicia en notre très fidèle et affectueuse amitié.

Pierre et Brigitte

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My dear Jacques,  
  
Embarrassingly late in responding, I nonetheless hasten to respond to your  
gift and letter.  
  
First, your magnificent new book with those elegant color photographs  
arrived on my 83rd birthday, May 8, 2012. I thank you for your lovely  
inscription. I shall treasure the book during my remaining years (and,  
thereafter, so shall my six children and twelve grandchildren!) You have  
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done!  
  
As to the inflation issue, my solution my not surprise you: show both the  
nominal data and the real--inflation-adjusted--data, perhaps one above the  
other. I believe that showing both is most useful historically, as well as  
a not-so-subtle-reminder that our politicians are all to willing to tax us  
for the budgetary sins of the past.  
  
This note comes with congratulations, and the hope that one day I'll be  
able to visit Felicity and shake hands with you.  
  
"Press On, Regardless!" and best, always,  
  
Jack

Dear Jacques Istel,

Congratulations on the outstanding achievements that have earned you a position in **Who's Who in America 2013** (67th Edition)! This new edition, which includes your complete biography, has recently been published and is now available for immediate shipment

2012 Email from John C. Bogle – Founder of Vanguard

( queried re a possible panel “Our National Debt” for the “History of the United States of America”).

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Much thanks to you for all that you are doing to make the world a more interesting and engaging place.

Best regards,

Heidi Nye 26 Nov 2012

Hi Jacques  
Ithink of you and Felicia from time to time. I worked for your Parachutes Incorporated back in the seventies, I was a material cutter and seamstress. One of my all-time favorite jobs. Jon Guinard was my immediate boss, it was a positive grand time of my life:-) I learned to parachute and have many positive happy memories of my youth at the Orange airport and The Inn on Walnut Hill. I did have the pleasure to visit with you and your lovely wife during the Parachute Convention and Dedication a few years back. I served you at the Orange Post Office and we had pictures taken together, I never felt so honored before in my life. Also, I was very honored and priviledged to be given the job of \* Hand-Cancelling each and every postcard that was handed out and or sold that day. Bill Mehr was very generous to assign me that pleasure. I grew up on East River Street(the Airport Rd.) As we so lovingly referred it as, and the Orange Airport was a huge part of my childhood and younger adult years. I saw your post on Diane's daughter and thought I would take the time to say hello. Yours Truly, Annie Songer Colturi 23 Nov 2012 on FB