

11 April 2011

Dear Aunt Charlotte & Uncle Chuck,

I just dropped William off at Danny's a few minutes ago, and I'm getting ready for bed, but I wanted to take some time this evening to write to say thank you for helping to make these sorts of things possible for me - I've had the most wonderful weekend here with Will - I believe he had a great time, too! Your extraordinary Christmas gift, and all of the love you sent to Nancy, Isla, Will, Danny, and I are so appreciated that it's impossible to say thank-you enough!

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Will's first communion was beautiful - and I was so proud! In fact, despite my strong belief in teaching the fundamental importance of evolutionary theory, I've found many new reasons to restore my faith in religion, too!

Our time together are far too few and far between, so I thought I'd share a copy of Will's first communion present with you. I am writing this letter on the back-side of what is, essentially, a 13-page summary of my recent Master's thesis (~~was~~ part of my present to Will, enclosed herewith), →

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and a blue-print of my PhD dissertation, which I hope to complete by next fall.

This short paper is high-lighted and contextualized in this hard copy of my Master's thesis. Aunt Charlotte: You asked

me why I was studying economics and

finance, this is why! After much time

and consideration I concluded long-term

human survival depends upon rapid

and revolutionary advances in both

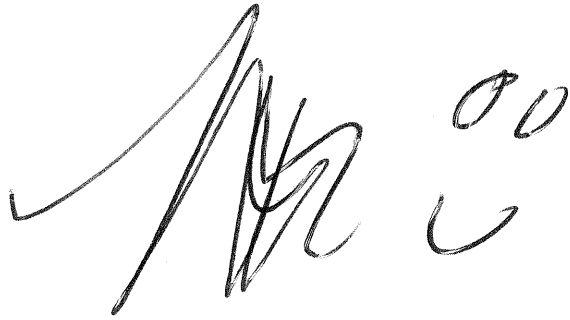
fields — but this is a long

conversation that I hope we may →

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be able to have Sooh!

Your loving nephew,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark". To the right of the signature are two small circles stacked vertically, resembling the "oo" in "sooh".