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Here, too, his devotion to his students stands clearly revealed and also how anxious he was to spread Musar. Whenever he heard that all was well and the study of Musar eagerly pursued, his joy knew no bounds: "I have seen your (Hebrew — the polite form "their") respected letter and my heart rejoiced when I learned of your pursuit of righteousness, the desire to come near to G-d. My soul clothed itself in joy without the involvement of any personal interest on my part. How my mind is stimulated — would that our hearts remain so for us to rejoice in our fear of the L-rd without the temptation of material desire — not trembling at any tumult and not being affrighted, keeping hold of the tree of life, which is the study of Musar, which revitalizes the intellect and prevents it from being drowned by the forces of lurking desire."

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