



Rizal's Plea for Confidence and Magnanimity

Tell everyone to have more confidence in me and that they should not always take me for a child whom they should lead in everything as to what he should like and what he should dislike. If my family has no confidence in me and treats me always as a child, how will others treat me and what confidence will they have in my good judgment? I am in the hands of God and up to the present I have no reason to say that He has abandoned me. Let us always do our duty, which is the right thing, and let us leave the rest to Him. Let us not be hasty in our judgment but let us think well of our fellowmen . . . By this mail I am sending a letter to the General asking him permission to go to Spain because I am beginning to feel a failing of my health. I think I cannot stand any longer the life I lead here: much work, little food, and not a few ill-feelings. —*From the letter of Rizal to his Sister Trinidad, Dapitan, May 9, 1895.*