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Dear Josh,

Many thanks for your memo. It was indeed equally gratifying to see you for a few days in Sweden. I hope we won't have to wait another ten or fifteen years to be able to think and discuss together for a few hours or days. In fact I will be staying for a month or so at the Salk Institute next February. What about paying us a visit or my paying you one at Stanford?

Thanks also for your reminders, especially the one concerning the Magic Mountain. I looked it up again and found a wonderful definition by Settembrini of the ethics of knowledge.

I did see Medawar's speech. It is very charming and most unconvincing. I am against wishful thinking.

I thought I had pointed out in my talk that NINETEENTH Century positivism indeed had the character of a faith. It still was a "belief-system". That cannot do anymore, but I fully realize both the difficulties, the abstractness, and the insufficiencies of my proposal.

Yours ever,

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