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Dear Berrie,

I am awfully sorry, but you do not seem to appreciate my point. I don't want any ideas propagated at present either under my name or anybody else's — that is to say, so far as they are at present on paper. The result will be an incomplete and misleading preparatory exposition which will inevitably queer the pitch for the final exposition when I want to put it out.

My ideas and methods grow in a different way to yours — indeed the period of incubation is long and the result attains its intelligible form in the final stage. I do not want you to have my notes which in chapters are liable to interpreters than to what I should consider as a heap of half-truths. I have worked at these ideas off and on for all my life, and should be left quite bereaved of one of my speculative fancies if I handed them over to someone else to elaborate. I do not feel justified or necessitated by my views of scientific advantage in so doing.

I am sorry that you do not feel able to get to work except by the aid of these notes — but I am sure that you must be mistaken in this, and that there must be the whole of the remaining field of thought for you to get to work on — though naturally, it would be easier for you to get into it through with some formal notes to work on. But my reasons are this: I will make the work work to your advantage, which I cannot do without the notes from which exercises are taken. But A. W. [illegible]