

Delft, Holland 23 december, 1922
Rotterdamscheweg 119.

*Please return
to A. N. Whitehead*

Dear Professor Whitehead,

I have pleasure in sending you under separate cover a copy of a paper, issued in the leading dutch magazine in defence of the theory of relativity. I cannot expect that you understand dutch and will read it; still I wanted to send you the copy as a token of admiration for the ideas developed in your "Concept of Nature" and "Enquiry". I gladly confess to have learnt very much from these books. The principle of kinematical symmetry leading to the discovery of the existence of a certain critical velocity seems to me to be of the highest value. There remain some points where I should like to have an opportunity to ask you some explanation, but as a whole I can only ask you leave to express my gratitude for your work.

In my opinion your books are not sufficiently known and read in Holland. Would it not be good to get the Camb. Un. Pr. to send your latest book on the Principle of Relativity, issued a month ago, to the dutch scientific journal "PHYSICA" for reviewing purposes? As I am one of the editors of this journal, the book might be sent directly to me.

With kind regards I am

yours faithfully

A. D. Fokker.