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Dear Sirs,

few days ago, an Italian newspaper quoted some lines from  
your Future of man



Milan, January 16th 1974

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Dear Mr. Lederberg,

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To explain the research I am engaged in, I shall have to make a long story short, with the risk of not being clear enough. Nevertheless, I shall try.

Four years ago, I began to observe and to analyze one of the most ancient among the scientific written documents, called the Zodiac. Little by little, I discovered that the same Zodiac was not a primitive instrument devised by the old astronomers, neither a gadget to 'see' the future, but a numerical and geometrical code based on two-ways mathematics. To reconstruct the complete pattern of the code, (which was lost during centuries of ignorance and wrong manipulation) I had to follow some appalling logical processes, certainly unknown to traditional astrologers.

The Zodiacal code, as it happens with all codes, conceals a message, and I am now deciphering this message, which step by step is leading me towards some fascinating and upsetting discoveries. I am afraid that I am bringing to light a terrifying instrument of knowledge, but an instrument all the same, and of great importance.

I cannot take the burden of this discovery all by myself. I am not a scientist, and I have no means to follow practically and usefully the routes that the Zodiacal message clearly indicates. I tried to contact scientists, without success, at least until now. Not only nobody wants to consider or discuss something even remotely related with astrology, but also, as I realizes during a long serie of disappointmen I have to fight against a strong censorship built up through centuries of anthropocentric thought. In spite of Galileo's revolution, man still hopes to be the center of the universe, and behaves accordingly, even in the scientific field. Very often, I felt that the reactions of the few scientists or philosophers I could spoke with,



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were not dictated by reason, but by pure, naked fear.

I know quite well that the Zodiacal message is fascinating and horrible at the same time. First of all, The Zodiac itself seems to be of unknown but not-earthly origin. As far as I can see now, it tells more or less that we are not unique in the universe; that mankind is probably compelled to reproduce itself in a long series of cycles and in a long chain of distinct but not different solar systems; that each cycle is doomed by the rising of entropy, and conditioned by a 'message' which is structured among the astronomical elements as the biological message is structured among the elements of the bacterial cell; and that, unbelievable as it may look at first sight, the structure of the bacterial cell is not the result of a long chain of chances, but of an inescapable mathematical process.

To explain the last point, I am following now an uncommon mathematical path. This research is far from completed, but even now may be perhaps appealing for a highly speculative mind. I wonder whether you could be interested in seeing a few pages of this work, as well as some papers concerning the decoding of the Zodiac.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration

Yours sincerely

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