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Professor R. A. Fisher, F.R.S.,
The Galton Laboratory,
Rothamsted Experimental Station,
HARPENDEN,
Herts.

My dear Fisher,

A Dr. Herdan wrote to me in the spring asking me to look at a MS. of his connected with the applications of mathematics to biology and, I understand, some of its philosophical implications.

I told him that he ought to submit it to you as I was not competent to deal with it, and he said he was going to.

Meanwhile, he has applied for a grant from a bequest made by the late Dr. Strong to encourage studies on the border line of science and philosophy, of which I am one of the Trustees. G. E. Moore of Trinity, Cambridge, is another Trustee and has been rather impressed by Herdan. He thinks, however, that we ought to get your opinion. Could you let me know what you feel?

If Herdan's work is promising, we could make him a grant to continue it and get it ready for publication. I understand that the work which he has submitted to you is not the only work he is engaged on, but there is also some more philosophical stuff.

Ever yours,

Julian S. Huxley