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Dear Huxley,

Many thanks for letting me have the proofs. I am returning them herewith with a bit of criticism of the mathematics on page 2, and three more trifling notes which I made in the course of reading.

I do think the whole thing is a most valuable body of work and the only application I feel much doubt about, is the phylo-genetic one for. I cannot help thinking that the relative growth rates and partition coefficients must be pretty labile under selective influences, else they would not so well account for the sexual dimorphism with which you start. The point that we may well over-estimate the genetic complexity of the changes needed to produce conspicuous evolutionary changes of external form I agree with entirely. Quite inconspicuous little adaptations may really represent much more difficult achievements of natural selection.

I hope to send you soon in case it should interest you some stuff I have written on the arguments which have been developed against the Natural Selection theory from time to time, and in which I refer to your work on this point.

Yours sincerely,