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Esteemed Mr. Einstein,

You resist in vain an answer to your kind letter. But I must tell you how very pleased I was about the change in your opinion, or a beginning of one. I always knew, of course, that you "admired" me only out of courtesy but believed very few of all my assertions. Although I often asked myself what it is that is admirable about it if it isn't true, i.e., if it doesn't have a high truth content? By the way, don't you think that I would have been treated much better if my teachings had incorporated a larger percentage of error and madness?

You are that much younger than me; by the time you reach my age, I may hope that you will have become my adherent. As I am not going to learn of it then, I anticipate that satisfaction now. (You sense what I have in mind: I am enjoying a presentiment of such happiness, etc.)

In cordial devotion and unchanging admiration,

Yours,

Sig. Freud.

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