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My dear Harvard.

Thanks for your letter; you must think me very rude for not answering it. However, I have a reason, or excuse. A day or two before your letter reached me, I received one from Warburg himself suggesting that I shd. submit my thesis to Kegan & Paul for "consideration", or words to that effect. I was very much tempted say yes then and there. Such wonderful chances don't occur every day! However on reflection I decided that it was better not to do anything rash like that, without consulting anyone. So I wrote to Ross (who examined me for the B.Sc.) to ask his advice. He is a very cautious person, being a two Scot., and has taken some two weeks to answer. However, he has answered. I got a letter from him this morning. So far as I can decipher it, by a process of ideal construction chiefly, he seems to ~~advise~~ advise me to accept Warburg's proposal: but, he says, I must demand a year's grace, or 6 months anyhow, for revision. Certainly it is very much needed! And, as he also points out to me, one doesn't want to publish something in one's youth, and then spend the whole of the rest of one's life retracting it. Hence that



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may be. I have written to Warburg telling him that I will send him
my opus as soon as a new and more respectable copy has been
made. But I can't think that Mr. Ogden, if that is his name,
will approve of it very much. And even if he does accept it, which
seems doubtful in the extreme, I shall not be a very poor figure among
all those champions of Cambridge & Oxford & Code. Wilson will have
a very worthy representative! My only ground of hope is, that
on re-reading my work the other day I succeeded in convincing
myself (rather to my surprise) that - more or less and on the whole -
I believed what I had written. Such is the power of self-suggestion.

But even self-suggestion can't disguise the obvious fact that the most
radical revision is necessary in various places. Nor can I forget
Code. Wilson's opinion. "He thought it impertinent for young men to
write books on philosophy" - so Pritchard says in his article. This is
certainly very depressing.

So that - to answer your question - is what I think about it, and
that is how the matter stands. Thank you very much for your advice
both to myself, and to Warburg. The world is full of wonders, as
David observes. It is altogether incredible that anything of one's own
shd. come within miles of being published.

Meanwhile, what about the Self? I am over that my colleagues.
The editor of the Monist, wd. publish that, if you sent it.

Yours. H. H. Price.



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