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Dear Dr Barnes,

It has been suggested to me that as a mathematical teacher of mine at Cambridge, and interested in the birth rate from a eugenic as well as a religious standpoint, (if they are not, as I hope they may become, the same thing,) you might care to see the book which I am posting herewith.

I cannot of course attempt to summarise the argument, the kernel of which I venture to hope you will find interesting, for it will be much more conveniently examined as set-out in the Chapters on Man than it could <sup>be</sup> ~~do~~ if I attempted to discuss it here. You will, I think, be ready to agree with me that the very critical problem with which mankind is unavoidably faced will not be resolved by either party to the purely moral conflict — either by those who deny or disregard the moral claims of reproduction, or by a fanatical rejection of the claims of reason as though they were necessarily prompted by selfish worldliness. How an understanding of the peculiar and intricate biological situation set up in Man resolves at least one intrinsic difficulty of the moral situation

will, I believe, be one of the points which may interest you; though, of course, I have approached the problem solely from the scientific standpoint.

I should be most happy if you will accept the copy I am sending, even if you hesitate to give the time needed to consider it.

Yours sincerely,