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Dear Major Darwin,

Many thanks for the little copy of the "Origin". I hope some time to compare it carefully with the 8th. Edition, though it is not easy always to appreciate whether the changes are intended only to improve the form of the sentence, or to modify its sense.

I forget whether I have ever broached to you quite an old intention of mine to dedicate my book to you, with some such remark as that I have discussed with you some of the problems during 15 years. I cannot help it that this will be read as an overstatement and as implying that you agree with more than you do. I imagine that such an implication in so far as it is misleading will apply chiefly to the human chapters.

I enclose the introductory chapter on Man, which is necessarily rather diffuse, but is aimed at preparing the reader for what follows. Also Chapter VII in case you care to look at it. I do not expect you to agree that I am necessarily right about Man, but only that I am approaching the subject in a rational spirit.

Yours sincerely,