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Dear Leo

I am amused and relieved to
~~see~~ perceive the ^{same} note of caution and
analysis which I have been feeling and
for which I have been trying to find ~~some~~ accurate way ~~of~~
~~phrasing~~ and expression. You ^{say} ~~think~~ that you
do not wish to sound negative - and
neither do I but, I want so very
much that we should continue rational
~~and~~, not ^{looking for} ~~expecting~~ ~~more about their~~
~~than is possible~~ qualities or tendencies
in one another that ~~simply~~ are not
there. I have told you before
this past weekend ~~that I have been~~
~~have been~~ ~~with you~~ ~~for~~
~~me~~
that being with you has meant
a great deal to me, has steadied me
and helped me to express and feel
more clearly ~~a~~ a lot of ~~thoughts~~
~~regarding~~ troubling vaguenesses. I am
glad you have left at ease and happy.
I hoped you did

But as to the "rationality" of
closer relationships: In a sense we
are so profoundly different in ^{certain} ways
that are important to each of us and
in other ways quite "sympathetic" that it
seems to me particularly necessary to
define and ~~define~~ to remember
which are the differences - which are the
sympathies. Even my narrow range
of experience, enlarged by observation,
tells me that ~~that~~ a physical expression
of affection too often distorts the "love
object" and projects onto it ^{other} qualities.
~~I do not want you to~~ This means

that ~~I do not want~~
desired, but non-existent, qualities - truths
Remind yourself that this creature is
a Transcendentalist - not a realist - that
She believes in ^{suffering} sin and ^{groping} immortality
~~and in short~~ and in a ^{William} Calvinistic Christianity
- not expressed very well in her behavior but
~~that~~ ~~she~~ latently strong enough to
disturb and haunt and ~~marking out~~ ^{pre} to predetermine
a course which must be followed sooner or later.
The vaguenesses and conflicts can't simply be
~~dissipated by~~

This sounds silly, and egotistic and self-
important - it ~~must~~ much more so ~~of~~ to you
But it is important that you remember ~~that~~
~~it is~~ it ~~can~~ and that you do not imagine
that I ~~will~~ be "reformed".

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I think you know all these
things ~~and it is~~ but I want to
make sure that you ~~understand~~ remember that my
respect and ~~affection~~ love for you
~~involves~~ ~~action~~ does not involve an
acceptance ~~of a good many~~ of your
~~weaknesses~~ ^{the basis of} your personality does not ^{as desirable for}
imply an acceptance of these basic assumptions for
my own like 7

There has been an awkward
exploratory operation