

12 August 2015

Dear Jochen,

As you drove me to the subway you commented that I talk to my sister Margaret "as if she were a normal person..." I'm not sure you are right. I try to make her feel my respect for her - even in her reduced state. That is important to me. You have intimated that the subjects of my conversation with her may hurt her by confusing her unnecessarily. I hope that you are wrong about that.

You often forewarn me when talking to me saying "I hope I don't offend you;" and now it's my turn to hope I don't offend you when I say that you are patronizing when you talk to Margaret. You don't regard any of us as your intellectual peers: you never have. In the past it made me uncomfortable to realize that, but now I've got used to it. There may be some people you regard as equals but I don't know them.

You and I have a long shared (partly shared) experience and I don't want to make it harder for us to help one another. You are good to welcome me when I come and when I call. I believe that you are doing the best you can. And I want you to help you if I can.

We have a real difference of opinion about how we should talk to Margaret. My way is right for me. I am not in a position to tell you what you should do. But I did not want to paper over the disagreement we have. I felt I was dishonest.

I don't purpose to offend, but if I do I am at least telling the truth.

With my sustained affection
Celix.

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August 15, 2015

Dear Alex,

Thank you very much for your letter and for its candid criticism which I take to heart and from which I shall surely benefit.

Permit me to repeat my invitations, to telephone as often and whenever you wish, and to come to Belmont whenever you wish and stay as many hours, days, weeks or months as seems best you.

Love, Jochen