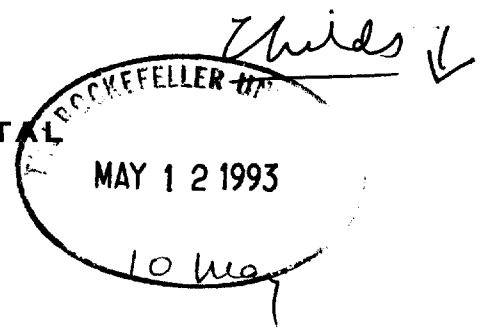


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Dear Josh;

I wonder if you'd be so kind as to read something I've written for the 7th ed. of "The Metabolic Basis of Inherited Disease". I call it "A Logic of Disease". It's an effort to make biological sense of disease by seeing it in an evolutionary context. This is, of course, a very Cartesian idea, so it's not new, but it's nowhere to be seen in medical education.

I'm asking you to read it because I wrote it as a skeleton for a book - not a small skeleton, it's 117 pages double-spaced but susceptible of expansion to 2 or 3 times its length. I think your biologist's perspective would be invaluable in pointing to where I've taken a wrong direction or omitted something.

Charles Scriver and David Valle read it as editors of Metab. Basis, and Rlich Beary and Alex Leaf read it too. The latter is much interested in prevention these days and an evolutionary view of disease provides a very compelling rationale for prevention.

I'm aware I'm asking a lot, but would be extremely grateful if you were to be willing. Thanks for considering it anyway.

Yrs
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