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Dear Doctor Lederberg:

I am sure there is not a scientist in the Washington area who takes the Washington Post and does not make sure that he reads everything you write. This time I want to "complain," however, that your column (2/28) is terribly unclear. You are not writing for giants-in-science only, but for the average intelligent reader. As a former professor of physiology (at G.W. Med. Sch.) I think of this column being read to a first year class in med school as part of -- say -- a lecture in

some course and question  
any full comprehension--  
reasonably full-- of your para-  
graphs. Your language is  
over the heads of your readers!  
This article needs expansion  
into a chapter of a book. Re-  
read the ¶ in column three,  
beginning with "We cannot, of course,"--  
and I'm sure you will agree  
with me: there is an enormous  
amount of concepts crowded into  
or attached as side-chains to  
the line of words making up  
this paragraph, that ought to be  
expressed for the reader--

With admiration,

Sincerely,

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