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Dear Reader:

*at long last*  
I wish it were possible for me to deal personally with the correspondence provoked by "Science and Man". However, this is impossible in view of my regular duties at Stanford University. Please let this acknowledgment be my assurance that I have read your comment with interest. You may indeed find that I have reacted to it in some future column. \*

In any case, my thanks for your trouble in writing.

Sincerely,

*Joshua Lederberg*  
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\*Do let me note that I would favor a Pax Americana if I thought it were attainable at a price worth the result. ~~XX~~ It is not attainable, <sup>and</sup> it is important we see this clearly, and that the rest of the world perceive that we do; confusion about our (and their) aims and motives will destroy the world.

*Joshua Lederberg*

P.S. Technically, you are right: parity is not the most stable equilibrium; a single world government is. But at the moment, that seems like a fanciful dream; and it would have its own hazards.

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