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Dear Doctor Toynebee:

By some happy chance I tuned in to your interview on the air on Thursday morning. What a glorious instrument is the human voice! There is no denying that, when the speaker and the message are worthy, -- then truly something does "come alive" which cannot happen in the printed page. It surely did happen in your case.

I wondered about all the thousands who must have heard exactly what I heard -- spoken directly to them! If they have obeyed a common impulse to thank you -- then you must be deluged with letters. Even so, none can come more from the heart than mine.

You have earned such respect among us that our faith in you is unique among present living men. It is as if a great surgeon, at the time of a life's crisis, assured you quietly that "you will live."

You must have been inspired to say exactly what you did -- even though it sounded so unrehearsed. The mother's influence in the future of the world -- also the power of love -- these things are apt to be lost sight of in the holocaust. It needs a historian of of your caliber to give power to them.

Please accept this small volume of mine in gratitude. I was sad to have missed your wife's interview. I hope you will have more living talks as well as your written word -- to help us on our way. My blessings on you.

Faithfully,

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