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Dear Walter:

I've read through most of the article and skimmed through the rest. It is, of course, a strange article, and I am not sure what to make of it. It is full of learned naivete.

I am not even sure whether the above considerations should lead to the conclusion that we ought not publish it, or just the opposite.

If you do publish, however, it will need considerable editorial work -- not in English, but in tone. A theme of this sort must be treated in the most provisional manner possible, not in the rather dogmatic and self-assured way the author does. "Logical" steps and syllogistic reasoning are out of context in a plea of this kind, especially when the writer resorts to an eclectic choice of commentaries in order to prove his point.

Be well.

Cordially yours,

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