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Dear Rabbi Lamm,

How are you? You will remember that I approached you after your address at Rabbi Forman's synagogue here in Toronto; as I mentioned then I am a 62' musmach of Y.U. and am presently engaged in the field of school psychology here in Toronto.

I told you that I was working on a book dealing with the new morality (touching upon various aspects of it). You indicated that if I sent a sample chapter and an outline ^(AND INTRODUCTION) you might show the manuscript to someone at Harper's. I thought, and I hope you'll agree, that I would be best first sending you two completed chapters for your opinion; that is, just a simple statement of whether you think it's a matter worth carrying further. I could immediately send you the outline (which is something I might like to work on further) which could then be shown to a publisher.

I am enclosing a lengthy analysis of the sex-movie phenomenon which I once sent to several magazines. Saturday Review indicated (i.e. a member of the editorial staff) that they read the article "with considerable interest," but that it just wasn't right for their magazine. Harper's indicated that it was a "very well done job" but was too academic for them. I realize that it is probably too lengthy and complex for most popular magazines.

The other chapter is on the subject of marriage; while photostating a copy for you I photostated another copy and may send it to some

magazine for consideration. I have basically dropped concern with magazines which would involve and different, and perhaps painstaking approach, and one of much more limited ambition.

As I noted, I would appreciate just a statement of your impression, and any advice or help you might offer me. I wonder if there is anyone else at Y.U. who might take some interest in this matter (since I am a graduate). I would imagine that if you expressed any interest in my efforts that any additional assistance would be pretty unnecessary. But then, you could answer that best.

Finally, I might just remark in the way of a personal self-comment, that I've come to a certain point, in what I think is a worthwhile endeavour, where further involvement hinges on some outside appraisal of the undertaking. My regular job, teaching several hours a week, and a wife and three children, do not allow for optimal writing conditions. Your advice would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


Abraham D. Cohen

P.S. I've just finished a letter which I will probably send to some publishers. Pages 2-4 have a general outline of the book which you might be interested in, and which, as you indicated, needs to be shown to a publisher. I've also enclosed photostats of the two magazine responses I mentioned, just to put it 'on the level.' Let me just mention that I have not contacted any publishers yet; that might be of interest to anyone you might want to show it to.