

Denver, April 27, 1961

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I have been waiting for nearly two weeks for something witty to occur to me to say about the Dolphins, but I'm afraid you have usurped all of my share of the free-floating wit from the atmosphere.

I hope that some of your predictions will come true and that others won't. However, I refuse to be the one to check up on the fulfillment of your prophecies, since the idea of dominol injections is abhorrently optimistic. For my taste, human society has gone downhill ever since the beginning of the Neolithic,

when it started permanent togetherness,  
and I have no guarantee that this  
bond will ever break.

However, we do thank you both for  
sending us the Dolphins. We know that  
you don't have time to write letters,  
so we regard the book as if it were one.

We hope you are well and that  
you continue to enjoy yourself.

Our very best wishes to both of you,  
and, as the saying goes — be good to  
yourselves and take care of each  
other, and vice versa —

With Regards

Denver, March 23, 1962

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Dear Dr. Szilard:

Just this moment I read your birth announcement (rebirth, that is) in Newsweek. For once, I can see sense and purpose in the usually blind course of events.

To congratulate you would be somewhat amiss, since actually we have to congratulate ourselves. Excuse the criticism, but it is quite pedantic to let such an insignificant matter as the state of the world mar your

joy. You as a physicist should well know that you cannot carry the weight of the world anyway. Or can you?

Enjoy yourselves - you and Dr Weiss - and make the most of the next 100 years!

With best wishes (which you don't need any more),  
Edith Rogers

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Miss Edith Rogers  
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Dear Edith:

The correct quote was as follows --

Newsweek called me over the telephone and said that they had learned of the news of my recovery and wanted to talk to me about it. I said, "Go ahead". They said, "You must be on top of the world". I said, "On the contrary. The world is on top of me and it's heavy."

This was all, but the press don't ever get a quote right, not even by mistake.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard