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My dear Dr. Cairns:

I must plead
guilty to the charge of using
an offensive expression in
reply to your possible reply.
I much regret it, & ask your
pardon. It was a case of the
pen of a tired and hurried
man running away & making
himself say things whose posterior
he did not perceive. One of "Things
one would rather have left
ungaid."

I do not think I said that there

was an understanding between us that my articles were to be published in consecutive numbers. What I said was that I had been led so to understand, by your making no comment and firing no warning to the contrary when I talked in that way.

As to ~~your~~ my articles not being in harmony with the position of the Morist, you much surprise me. I read the prospectus carefully, and judged the definition there given of Morist would easily take me in. I am particularly surprised that it is Mr Hegeler who takes the narrow view of the purpose

of the journal. I had the idea that he was particularly concerned with the conciliation of Science & Religion. From that point of view, he should welcome my views; unless he only desires the conciliation if it takes place in a pre-conceived way.

Why may I think the narrow platform is a pretty good reason why my writings should not appear in the Morist, and makes me wonder why they are welcome to you. On the whole, I am rather puzzled what to say.

I shall not dissociate in the least from the prin-

copies of my first Paper; but
these principles when
developed will take on
an aspect which will perhaps
surprise some persons, and
which I should have supposed
would have rendered them
more agreeable to you. But
I am now rather inclined
to think you stickle for
a special form of moralism
which I have never seen
clearly stated.

Yours very faithfully
Atkins