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Dear Vince:

In my refrigerator one can find not only the easily spreadable whipped butter; there are also some hard, tough items that do not lend themselves for easy spreading. But then, my models have always been the prophets rather than the saints. I have rather be unpalatable than untrue.

No, I disagree with you; I do not think that madness should ever be supported. It should be cured and thus eliminated, not supported. But then, of course, you know that the word "mad" has two meanings: a clinical one and a more "folksy" one. When someone is mad, in the clinical sense, then he requires a soft, whipped-butter-like ~~type~~ of "understanding"; but when someone is mad, in the other sense, he requires the kind of real, intellectual understanding, which may lead as much to reprimand as to compliment.

But then, it takes both saints and prophets to make a world.

I understand that you will soon have a copy of Epstein's book; and I will give you all the time required for the review—such as even a few hours.

With best regards to you and Livy,

Menahem

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