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Dear Sylvia,

Hope you don't think I'm going too heavy on Ross Ralston, who just sent me his book. I was quite disturbed by the book, for several reasons. First, it is packed with errors, both major and minor, which just adds to all the needless misinformation already circulating. Furthermore, there was really no purpose to write it. It is nothing more than a massive borrowing from the work of others, totally unacknowledged (and prefaced by a complaint that nobody has "sufficiently" done what he claims to do). Also, for personal reasons, I was particularly irritated by his unauthorized use of material copied directly out of at least 2 of Harold's books. You know the financial sacrifices Harold has made to publish his books, and the little rewards he has received. Several years ago I happened to be at Harold's when Ralston visited for a day, when he was very graciously wined, dined, and chauffeured by the Weisbergs. So, whatever feelings he may bear toward Harold, it strikes me as rather obscene that he should do what he has with material right out of Harold's books. All in all, I am very disappointed, for I'd heard better about Ross. Even his Belin material is inadequately researched and flawed. Sorry to have to ~~rig~~ write this, but thought you'd be interested. *Howard*