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Dear Hale:

Thanks for the items of news regarding the telescope. It is a continual joy to learn of the improvements in the optical system which are being produced as a result of the study.

I am very much interested in your remark about the work of Zwicky. Regardless of the philosophically enticing modifications of the concepts of space and time given by the Einstein theory, I am haunted by the continual feeling that there is a far greater simplicity of interpretation possible. I wish it were not so convenient to use the terms "space" and "time". You can find them in the dictionary all right but they do not mean much anywhere else, except as a rough way ^{of} describing behavior on our planet. The concepts are ridiculous when applied to atomic structure, as I have felt for many years, and perhaps it may turn out that they are as bad when applied to the universe as a whole.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

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