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Dr. Alan Rich
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Dear Dr. Rich:

I am very grateful for your coming over so that we could meet in my brief visit to Lakeland. I am more than amused by George Mann's book after scanning it, especially finding myself labelled a "Keysian sycophant". You are right that his is an original mind. If he could only have found a way to appreciate honest intellectual differences in the evaluation of evidence rather than attributing base motives and tarring people with his broad brushed labels of deception and fraud he would not have become the pariah that he knows he has become.

One doesn't have to accept dogma to survive in academic medicine. But one cannot survive so persistently angry and suspicious. I respect George's inquiring mind and sense of adventure but a good friend once told me that to be nasty one must be very, very special, and most of us are only a little special.

Cordially,

Henry (nf)

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