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Sunday July 13 -58 at 645 am C.D.T.

Dear Joshua:

Re: Lederberg, J., in Nature

Nothing delights me more than your name in

See June 21 issue 181, p 1706-1707 Genetic Aspect of Nature
Somatic Cell Variation collation of Oak Ridge
April 2-5 '58 conference by P.C. Keller.

Squire ~~writes~~ Bacterial Protofacts 181, 1713-1715
by Brenner, Dark, Gerhardt et al and Weibull

I note that references 12 (6) and 25 are to Lederberg J.

It would appear that you are a popular man -
I should say the campus belle.

Stanford is a satisfactory location. My last offer
- say back in ¹⁹³¹ 1933 to join the Carnegie Institution
Laboratory with H.G. Spöhr - came from there. One

French, C. Stacey from Harvard took the job a few years later when H.A. Spock vacated the directorship. At the time I also had the U of Minnesota under consideration - with R.A. GORTNER. My wife made the decision NOT TO MOVE. I was made Birmingham Professor of Biochemistry - the rest in our building were labelled Agricultural Chemists.

One should always listen to the intuition of ones mate - or restated let the woman in your system have a big hand in all decisions

See for instance Evangelium Matthäi 27, verse 19 in which it is recorded that the wife of Pontius Pilate the Roman governor of Judea from A.D. 26 to A.D. 36 was advised by his wife not to ~~execute~~ ^{sentence} Jesus Christ.

My bible reads:

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Verse 19. Und da er auf dem Richtstuhl saß, schickte seine Weib zu ihm und liesz ihm sagen. "Habe du nichts zu schaffen mit diesen Gerechten: ich habe heute viel erlitten im Traum von seiner wegen"
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As you know Pilate's part in responsibility for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and the legal aspects of the trial have been much debated. The record reveals that much pressure was brought to bear upon Pontius Pilate by the Jewish priests.

Had Pontius Pilate followed the instruction of his wife (allegedly based on a dream) things might have been quite different in this world.

So my advice is — listen to Esther M. Lederberg —
to her dreams.

Cardinally yours

K.P.H.

P.S. I have already passed judgment on 2 (two) rabbits this A.M. I shot them with my 12-10.

They are strung up on the clothes line to show our son Tom what the old man can do at 57 by getting up early.
