

August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Mario,

Many thanks for your letter of  
July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Of course I knew this passage from Il  
Saggiatore very well; but I associated it in  
my mind with the doctrine that science  
needs mathematical methods - that is,  
with Galileo's pro-Platonist and pro-Pythago-  
rean and anti-Aristotelian leanings. So I  
did not associate the book-metaphor with  
this passage. (Perhaps also because, being against  
language-platonology, I repressed Galileo's  
allusion to <sup>the</sup> language in which the book is  
written??) Anyway, I am very grateful  
for your reminder.

I am sending you a copy of my  
Stanford paper (though I hope to meet you



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there), also cyclostyled. I shall, again, be grateful for your comments and, especially, your criticism.

I have just had the proofs of the Academy-lecture, and I incorporated your criticism in them.

With kind regards,

Yours ever,

Karl.