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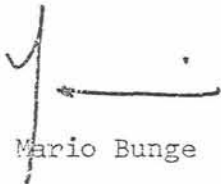
Professor W. V. Quine
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Dear Van

Fifteen years ago I heard you say, in London, that it would be worth while to explore materialism. I have done so in recent years and would like to ask you the following questions.

1. Do you still think that materialism should be studied more intensively?
2. If so, what kind of materialism: physicalist (reductionist), emergentist, or what?
3. Do you believe that materialism has made any important advances in our century?
4. Do you believe that there have been ideological obstacles in the path of materialism, in particular the opposition of religion and the support of Marxism?
5. Do you regard yourself as a materialist, and if so of what kind?

Cordially



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