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Lysander Spooner Esq.

My d Sir,

My health had been poor since my return from Bosotn. Only today (I am writing letters) have I taken up your "Diest's Reply." I have read but the 16<sup>th</sup> oage. I am interested[?] byt what I have read. But in important respects I depart from you. I think you greatly underrate[?] the new testament. To my mind no book containing \_\_ pages so \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_.

The time you must \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. I do not believe \_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_ term & \_\_\_\_\_ utter them. But I \_\_\_\_\_ in the light of what he alone could say.

Why 4<sup>th</sup> so page 40.[?] I was much interested in all you say of the power of imagination in \_\_\_\_\_.

Feeling more \_\_\_\_\_ today I care \_\_\_\_\_ over "Prophecies & Repudiation" - \_\_\_\_\_ I believe in the popular view of neither the one nor the other.

I \_\_\_\_\_ you the pamphlet with my thanks.

Your Friend

Gerrit Smith