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Mr. Charles Strangman
Victoria B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Two letters from you and a copy of your pamphlet "The Origin of the Solar System" have been forwarded by my secretary, and reached me here on my vacation.

Having examined what you have written I can only endorse fully the unfavourable verdict from Sir Oliver Lodge which you quote in your second letter. You ask for specific criticisms, I will set them down.

First. In your letter of July 22nd. you state that the retrograde motions of certain satellites are inconsistent with your theory. The reality of these retrograde motions is a simple fact of observation, (Compare for example the work of Edellberger and Newton on the satellite of Neptune) If your theory demands direct motion for this satellite it must, on your own admission be erroneous.

Second. In your pamphlet on page 8 and in other places you habitually measure energy in horse-power. Now horse-power is not energy, but the rate of transfer of energy- an altogether different thing. You might as well say that the distance from Victoria to Montreal was 3000 miles per hour and that from Montreal to Toronto 300 miles per hour.

When so fundamental a misunderstanding of the very meaning of the terms used in physical science is found throughout your work it is unnecessary to discuss details.

Very truly yours

(Signed) Henry Norris Russell