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Dear Agassi

Your letter came during my absence abroad, from which I have just returned. I did not object to your interpretation of my views (though I disagree with it) but to what seemed to me an attribution of a view which I certainly have not expressed. I appreciate your desire to correct any such error of attribution and I think you could make sure of that by quoting a few words from an emphatic text, e.g. the "Preface" to "Personal Knowledge". The 8 1/2 lines forming the last paragraph on page XIII comprise my main claims. The third sentence "Comprehension is neither an arbitrary act nor a passive experience, but a responsible act claiming universal validity" states the essence of my position in 17 words.

Should you decide to quote these words, your readers would be well informed about the <sup>matter</sup> ~~the~~ ~~matter~~ you are criticizing. The Logic of Liberty is the only one of four <sup>philosophic</sup> books which does not deal with the question you are examining; the main books are of course Personal Knowledge, The Study of Man and The Tacit Dimension, but Science, Faith and Society does contain the question and the beginnings of <sup>my</sup> ~~any~~ answer to it. All four books are available in paper back.

I am planning to spend a month from April 25 to May 24 at the University of Chicago, after which I am due to spend a week end at the MIT, so there may be a chance to meet you, which I would be very happy to do. yours sincerely  
Michael Polanyi