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Dear Thomas Merton:

It was generous of you to write *The Times* as you did about their review of *The Myth of the Machine*. On principle I don't look at reviews until six months after publication: but I couldn't help sensing a stir of indignation about this one. Morris Ernst — a lawyer whom I haven't met for 25 years — even offered to denounce the review in an advertisement to be paid for by himself & his friends.

But that might have made it  
seem that I was as thin-skinned  
— i.e. as vulnerable — as the  
Meluhaites. It was a single passing  
reference to Meluhai that provoked  
this quite irrelevant tirade!! In  
the next volume I shall give them  
some reason to be indignant &  
insulting!

I trust your own work goes  
well: I've often been on the  
point of writing you. With  
warm thanks again

Ever yours  
Lewis Mumford