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I thank you for
your honest expressions
of opinion & I am
sure it will help
me to write with
greater humility -

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*I thank you for your kind
exp. of opinion + our love
with great humility F.*

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Hyde Park,
New York.

Dear Madam:

Why I happened to glance at your column tonight I cannot explain for I never read such inane, stupid but egotistical and brazen hogwash. I suppose the subhead "A Great Loss" caught my eye and so I read the column.

Who are you to say that "death in itself is very unimportant", by what measuring rod are you capable of saying that? Also, who are you to say "but when it is unnecessary and takes someone who has been useful to the nation, one cannot help but resent it". Of course, I realize that you are a Roosevelt, and even God and Jesus Christ must take second place to the Roosevelt breed.

If you know so much about human shortcomings, why don't you get busy and overcome in yourself and work to overcome in your family the glaring shortcomings that anyone with intelligence ^{and character} presents. There are still some Roosevelt idolators, but I dare say you will find very few, if any, among really intelligent people, and I will say they won't be found among those who know anything about or have any regard for character, honor, principle — for the "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" — ~~the~~ those who observe this scripture won't be Roosevelt idolators, though the Roosevelts are blatant in their self-praise and brazenly egotistical at all times without even the slightest indication of even knowing there is such a word as "humility".

Your remarks about death in this column recall to mind your conscienceless and scouless remarks about your visit to a hospital where there were many horribly maimed during the last war, and the very neat trimming down you got from Helen Essary of the Washington Times Herald for stating that after your trip through the hospital you had a very good appetite. You will remember the incident, I am sure.

If you would stop trying to be solomonic and try to be mum for a while and throw your pen and typewriter away it would be a wonderful relief for the country. Why can't some people recognize the fact they are bores? Brazen egotism is the ~~only~~ reason and, of course, avariciousness and insatiable desire for lucre.

Yours truly,

Mr. John W. Red