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Postscript

As a final comment, I do not wish to reply to the replies to my replies – I doubt any reader would be interested – but rather renew my thanks to the editors for their kind invitation; express my gratitude to the colleagues who spent time studying and commenting on my work; and issue an invitation to the readers who are at an early stage of their philosophical career.

As an ex-analytic philosopher, I'd rather be understood, even if then criticised for being wrong, than misunderstood, no matter whether appreciated for being right on something I never held. Of course, like everybody else, I hope to be understood and right for the right reasons. However, as the debate in this volume shows, it is never easy to be clear, cogent, and correct. So, as usual, more work remains to be done. Yet this is trivial and will always apply to any human endeavour. The difference, in this case, is that I hope others will join the effort. This is the invitation. We need philosophers to engage with the issues generated by the digital revolution, understand much better the current challenges facing the information society, and design solutions that can be translated into actual, positive changes to improve politics, support humanity, and save the planet. If this debate will have convinced the reader that the topics we are discussing should be at the very core of our philosophical concerns today, I shall consider it a success.

