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Dear Senior Editor,

We appreciate your quick answer. To be honest, it would have been very strange to have a positive answer to this work. We know the results are not good but we believe they open a different way to approach the challenging problem of genetic profiling, and we also believe that, given so many years of work devoted to this problem, perhaps it is time to publish a negative result. But the main reason we did not expect a positive answer was because of the approach in which I try to show that spirituality may guide, not just inspire, a scientific work. We had already decided to try only in Nature because we are aware that only a very ahead journal as Nature may take the strong risk of publishing a work sustaining that "science and religion seem to reconcile". We cannot try in any average journal or even a good journal because we understand they will not take that risk. Actually we believe it would be unfair for them to take that risk because nobody would take seriously a paper like this coming from any other journal. Given the current positivist trend to identify exact and experimental science as the only science, the journal would be accused of a lack of professionalism and its prestige would drop. We are now moving to plan B: we will just put the paper draft, the research notebook and the letters to/from the editor on the website of our research group, as a way to explain why we have decided not to try in any other journal. By putting the work results on a website, we hope that some people around who already know our work, including some co-authors, may reference it at least with a web locator, in the case they decide to lead a work to go in depth in some of the issues we have pointed out. Regarding me, it is time to move to a different subject.

As we think this is a very strong bet only suitable to your Journal, perhaps more as a letter than as an article, we would be very glad if you some day may reconsider your decision.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

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