

## CORRESPONDENCE

DEAR SIR,

Professor Oliver A. Johnson claims on p. 260 of *Philosophy* for June, 1960, to prove that the proposition 'No synthetic propositions are *a priori*' is itself *a priori*!

If, as he says, 'we never observe *any* proposition' and 'propositions are intrinsically unobservable'; then his argument, if it applies at all, applies to *all* propositions and not only to the proposition with which he is concerned.

Thus it appears to me that if, as he says, 'a necessary condition of an *a posteriori* proposition is that it be theoretically capable of empirical disconfirmation', he must conclude that no proposition can be *a posteriori*, and so that all propositions are *a priori*.

Does Professor Johnson really wish to maintain this conclusion?

Yours faithfully,

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