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To participants in the LTW:

The chapter I mean to make the central topic of the workshop—*Sackcloth and Ashes*—comes midway through a book—*Losing It*—I just completed which will appear in a year at Yale UP. The chapter figures as the third in a section devoted to complaining. I have taken the liberty, better to give you an idea of the main themes of the book, of including the table of contents, and the first two fairly brief chapters, thus giving you more to skip, though you actually might find them of interest, especially if your minds are already showing evidence of decline, as I assure you, if you are over thirty, they must be.

Yours,

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