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Dear Mr. Herrmann and staff

I've read the recent memos from you, Robert Givert, and Bob Macdonald. Since time is available to enable me to send a note with exposed material from John Hapkinson, I'll send this evaluation:

We must clearly understand what we have proved, what remains to be proved, and the limits of our proof. Thus, the question of Tertiary man must not be confused with the question of the borderline between the pre-Adamic world and creation week. When we have examined carefully the evidence for/against man and human artifacts in the Tertiary, we must still remember that the other question remains to be proved. We have only defined the possible upper limits. I am already generally persuaded that the evidence for Tertiary man is weighty, positive and entirely reconcilable with what we know of Bible archaeology and anthropological ideology. But I am not persuaded that therefore reptilian life that did exist in a world before man survived into creation week and perished then. We must ask ourselves very carefully what are the various possibilities, and the weight of evidence from the Bible and from geology. It is one thing to say the world in which reptiles lived was before Adam. It is another matter to declare that all the broad category of angiospermæ is nonexistent prior to creation week and that the overlap of angiospermæ and dinosaurs proves that dinosaurs lived into creation week.

I see in a number of the memos that it is very easy to assume the truth of / or reject the idea of a statement before the whole account is in.

Robert Macdonald has on occasion given some very cogent grist for the mill that we should not overlook. Have we proved that the term angiospermae is exclusively applicable to the present world of man? Are there angiosperm-like plants that are fully distinguishable from today's angiospermae?

We can very easily, and in real depth, prove that the dinosaur world existed before man. But we must be sure not to publish in a broad general way details of the borderline based on geology until we have carefully examined what geology tells us. We can speak out firmly on what the Bible says vs. modern creationist theory in opposition to Genesis 1:2. I need very little extra-Biblical proof to believe in dinosaurs before Adam. I need much greater evidence in order to claim to have proved from geological evidence ^{that} dinosaurs overlapped into, but ^{were} not later than creation week. We need more Biblical evidence, not philosophical assumptions, that only certain forms of life characterize today's world and distinguish it from the pre-Adamic. We ^{do} must examine animal migration evidence, and really examine the character of early angiospermae. So much for my present evaluation of the recent memos.

Love
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Note that, apart from geology, we would not be able to conclude that angiospermae were known only since creation week.