

June 15, 2006 Letter from Kevin Lea to Mark Rasche of ICR



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Dear Mark,

Greetings in the name of our precious Savior and soon coming King, Jesus.

I want to start by saying how encouraged I was during our lunch meeting on June 6, 2006, where we discussed creation ministry issues and Dr. Brown's hydroplate theory.

At the conclusion of our meeting, you requested that I write a summary of our discussion and the suggested course of action that we discussed. This e-mail is my response to your request.

Key discussion points:

1. We discussed the idea that truth must be our primary objective. Only the truth honors God. Our children who are going off to public schools and colleges need to be equipped with the truth. We don't want them concluding that their pastors, parents, or Christian organizations misled them.
2. Second, if not made clear during our discussion, I want to do so now. I am not seeking to exalt any person or organization. If my statements about the hydroplate theory (HPT) have been in error, then that needs to come out, the sooner the better so that I do not deceive people.

I trust you and the leaders of ICR feel the same about the flood theories you have promoted: the canopy theory (CT) and catastrophic plate tectonics (CPT). As we discussed, the CT explanation for the longevity of pre-flood man was inaccurate and led millions of Christians astray. Other aspects of the CT also failed to give a defensible explanation for the flood (I consider CPT to be even less defensible). I fear many may have lost their faith in Biblical inerrancy because of these errors on the part of CT proponents.

Many millions of people, including pastors, still think the canopy theory explains the flood. Problems with the CT were well known within ICR for decades, and yet few spoke out, possibly because of loyalties to people/organizations rather than THE TRUTH. Mark, I hope my main passion came out during our meeting, which is that those in the Creation movement must become seekers and lovers of truth if we are to continue to make headway against the lies of Satan.

If the current staff of ICR agrees that CT was a mistake, then I believe ICR (and/or AiG) needs to take the lead in cleaning up the resulting confusion. A few sentences in *Acts & Facts* or a paper (that few will ever read) at a conference will not get the job done. If known to be false, CT needs a well-publicized funeral.

3. Increasingly, evolutionist teachers are stepping into their classrooms with fear because of the advances made by intelligent design (ID) people. Not because ID people have sold more books than others but because they have proved scientifically, and in a way that the laymen can understand, that what we know about life at the microbiological level cannot be a product of chance and time. Tragically, they are deceived in other areas (old earth, no global flood), which will only add to the confusion about Biblical inerrancy.

