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June 20, 2006 Letter from ICR to Pastor Kevin Lea in Response to Pastor Kevin's Letter of June 14, 2006

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To: Kevin Lea
Fm: Mark Rasche
CC: John Morris, Eddy Miller, Rob Yardley
Re: Recommendations relating to Walt Brown's hydroplate theory

Greetings Kevin,

As promised, I presented your recommendations regarding Walt Brown's hydroplate theory to ICR's Board of Directors, Council and President. After serious deliberation and prayerful consideration, it was decided that it is in our best interest to carry out your recommendations because ICR's leadership feels that the risks for harm are minimal and the potential for good is high. This decision was primarily based on the following two reasons:

1. I was informed that several members of our faculty are quite familiar with Walt Brown's hydroplate theory and strongly disagree with it.
2. Given the long history of disputes between ICR and Walt Brown and the mediation agreement with Walt Brown, Henry Morris, and Steve Austin on June 21, 1994, our leadership team has determined that it would be counter-productive to begin revisiting Walt Brown's theories since we are already familiar with them and the potential for agreement is minimal.

In simple terms, ICR leadership appreciates and agrees with most of Walt Brown's ideas about creation and his contributions to the Creation Movement, but has decided that it is in our ministry's best interest simply to disagree on the few remaining secondary issues, avoiding unnecessary disputes which could lead to division and discord.

Kevin, I enjoyed our lunch meeting in San Diego and hope that we will have the occasion to have another one. While there will obviously be disagreements and differences among the brethren this side of heaven, we will all share the hope of glory when "the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4) and we will worship God in perfect unity forever!

Yours in Christ,

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