



December 31, 2017

Dear Pastor Henry Morris III,

I want to thank you ahead of time for considering this request for a face-to-face meeting between you, Chas Morse, Rob Yardley, Dr. Steve Austin, possibly others and me (Kevin Lea) sometime in February, 2018.

I am seeking your help in making a decision about what to do with our church's web posting of Dr. Austin's plagiarism, and how that plagiarism of decades ago continues to have an adverse affect on young earth creation and flood apologetics.

The goal of the meeting will be to enhance the integrity and effectiveness of the young earth creation science ministries, remove infighting (including the possibility of removing my posting), and thus improve our mutual efforts to equip God's people in these last days.

Several years ago we exchanged some letters (and your brother John and I had a lengthy conversation) about Dr. Austin's plagiarism of Dr. Brown's work and how his actions were adversely affecting creation science apologetics. Unfortunately, my efforts failed to achieve the desired response.

As a result, I posted in a very obscure section of our web site all of the documentation so that those who wanted to know the truth of the matter could find it rather than being deceived by the slanderous accusations that Dr. Austin and others were making about Dr. Brown (that he stole Dr. Austin's breached dam idea, that Dr. Brown threatened to sue ICR, etc.).

I had also intended to write a book as another way to get the truth out, but for all the reasons you and I would agree on, I did not prioritize doing so, mostly because I assumed that over time Dr. Austin and ICR would correct the wrongs that were done and thus the need for the book and web posting would be eliminated. This hope has also not yet been realized.

Recent events (that I can share with you at the meeting) have led me to write this letter in hopes that a face-to-face meeting might be able to accomplish more than a new round of letter exchanges or phone calls, more prominent postings at our web site, and writing the book I am loath to write.

I am willing to pay for Dr. Austin's round trip flight to Dallas so that he can be part of this meeting. However, this offer is contingent on him offering to be part of the solution in

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undoing the damage he has done. If he chooses to continue with his deceptions, then I will still pay for his flight provided he brings his *1988-1990 Grand Canyon Guidebooks*, his *Canyonlands Lake a Monument to Catastrophe* book, and the July 2008, Acts and Facts article, *Red Rock Pass - Spillway of the Bonneville Flood?* It will only take about thirty minutes to clearly show, using these documents authored by Dr. Austin, the numerous false statements he made to plagiarize, and then cover-up his plagiarism.

In our phone conversation in January of 2011, your brother John refused to carefully read the documentation that I sent him because he believed Dr. Austin's denial of wrong doing. John then told me that it was I who was being deceived by Dr. Brown. All who carefully read the documentation know that Dr. Brown is not the deceiver. I have had two face-to-face meetings with Dr. Austin and I can assure you that he knows what he has done, and he knows that I know.

During one of our face to face meetings at the Northwest Creation Conference on October 10, 2009, Dr. Austin refused my encouragement to "come clean" during his next talk. It is my hope that he will work with some brothers in this meeting to find ways to come clean now, for the sake of doing what is right in the sight of God and man, and to remove the blight that his actions have placed on the ministry of ICR and creation science.

I want to emphasize again that this issue is NOT about who gets credit for the naming of an extinct lake, its breach point, or elevation; or who gets credit for a breached dam theory. It has everything to do with Dr. Austin/ICR/AiG's actions hindering the ICR/AiG based student of flood apologetics from obtaining all of the additional 40 pages of information that Dr. Brown's Hydroplate Theory provides. This additional information is what provides powerful tools which scientifically explain the origin of the Grand Canyon. Whether you agree with Dr. Brown's conclusions or not, they are viable scientifically and, more importantly, his Hydroplate Theory is (without exception) in agreement with the Bible (unlike the work of Hugh Ross, The Discovery Institute, etc.)

I am not the only one who values Walt's insights. If you google "Origin of the Grand Canyon" you will see that most people see Dr. Brown's explanation (number 1 out of 2.4 million) as more credible than Dr. Snelling's 2014 AiG article (which ends with numerous disclaimers admitting that his explanation is lacking). As it stands today, someone who goes to AiG and ICR websites or museums for creation science info will never see, hear of, or read about Dr. Brown or the Hydroplate Theory, even as an option to consider. Do you really think he is that irrelevant to the creation/flood apologetic ministry?

I have many first and second hand accounts of how disgusted people are with ICR/AiG's censoring of Dr. Brown's work when they find the Hydroplate Theory for themselves and see its value. John Baumgardner, while with ICR, implied in several writings that only simple minded people who don't know any better would believe that Dr. Brown is on to something. I hope you have come to realize how misguided and slanderous these statements have been. People (with PhDs and below) are waking up to what is going on, and it hurts ICR when they do, something that you and I don't want to see continue or escalate.

In summary, I believe it is time to have a meeting so that we can lovingly and gracefully reason together for the sake of integrity and pursuit of truth within the creation movement.

If all goes as I hope and suspect, then I will be pulling down my postings of Dr. Austin's plagiarism (and the subsequent Austin/ICR cover-up) from our website.

If you agree to a meeting, then please let me know of a Monday morning that works for you some time in February so that Rob Yardley and I can purchase plane tickets to Dallas as soon as possible. I will also need your help in inviting Dr. Austin so that I can work with him to purchase his ticket.

Sincerely,

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P.S. – Rob Yardley has asked me to attach his letter to you dated October 24, 2011, as it relates to our hopeful meeting.