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Hello Bill and Dr. Werner,

I am reaching out to provide one more opportunity for a chat about hominin evolution with Dr. Werner, publicly or privately, given he has made some rather large accusations of the field (including of some of my colleagues).

Bill, I appreciate you telling me you tried to set up a conversation and I am sorry to hear Dr. Werner was not interested.

I am not, however, surprised. I have been very vocal online that I think Dr. Werner has misrepresented himself and the scientists he quotes across all five issues of The Grand Experiment series.

I support this notion in two ways:

1) With my own expertise. I don't doubt he is a wonderful medical doctor, but he is utterly and blatantly incorrect on the majority of the topics he touches on in the Grand Experiment series: from basic evolutionary theory to fossil specifics.

2) I have reached out to many of the interviewed/quoted scientists, who have told me some rather shocking stories of their interactions with Dr. Werner that I believe corrodes his integrity as a journalist and someone interested in science or truth. Because I plan to have reached out to all of them by the time I make a video on his series, which I own and have read three times now, I would like to give him an opportunity to speak not just about his accusations of fraud, but about how he obtained his permissions and interviews.

Dr. Werner, of all the creationists I have covered and talked to over the years, some of them opponents and some of them friends, I have yet to come across a body of work so consistently wrong as The Grand Experiment, with perhaps the exception of Kent Hovind. I want to be clear: I am not trying to trick you into talking to someone who distrusts you and your work, I am telling you precisely how I feel for the sake of transparency.

As hostile as this sounds, I do want to be wrong here. I would prefer that you have, up your sleeve, a reason for the state of this series and for your claims in interviews online. I want to give you a chance to explain yourself, if you'd like. This can be either as a private or public conversation, or, I can simply correspond with you over email. I can promise a kind and cordial (albeit frank, as you can see here) conversation regardless of how I feel about your work.

I have included Bill here since he so kindly tried to set something up, and I mentioned I would try myself (but with as full a disclosure I can muster). Bill, I am sorry if this is how you find out what I think of Dr. Werner's work more broadly!

Let me know if you are interested Dr. Werner, and if not, I will send you a link to my coverage of your series when it is done (likely not for many months)

Erika