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Dear Mr. Musch: Thank you for your letter of August 17, which reached me through the efficient Saigon mailman just as I was leaving for Oxford University to listen to what the linguists had to say on the origins of language and to offer the quantavolutionary theory, namely, that the origins of language were hologenetic with all major aspects of humanization; that is, they started up immediately without the absurd ladder that the anthropologists and archaeologists are forever arguing over. I am writing up the talk now for publication in a book of the Language Origins Society. I only wish that I might have gone down to Southampton and helped you and Ron Williams with your presentation. What is true of language is true of sculpture. I believe that once the principle of hologenesis is accepted, the principle of chronological shortening must shortly follow. Could humans, with all their major faculties operative, ^{have} ~~said~~ about for three millions, ^{some} are even beginning to say "five" to allow for cultural growth) thinking over the next steps? Our Saigon meeting went very well and as soon as you and your fellows of APAN can be informed about it I would hope that you would agree with the several resolutions there taken. (They chose me President, by the way, of this Society for the Conservation of Primeval Art, and I hope to turn over this dignity to a more worthy person at the next opportunity.) The Society is centered at Geneva with ^{Pierre} ~~friend~~ as Secretary; his field of digging is located at Grignan, near Montelimar, where another good digger and scientific writer, Jean Lovie, teaches and lives. Pietro Gaietto was present with Lucia Filengeri, ^{Alfred Thomsen} and several others. We decided to incorporate the Society (in Switzerland as a non-profit foundation..... At Saigon we discussed a detailed protocol for the analysis and appraisal of a presumed object of paleolithic sculpture, and determined upon a system for adjudging the degree of probability that a piece under appraisal is authentic; a five-member commission is provided to this end. It seemed to us that, although some people would have fun simply collecting pieces and guessing their history, we should at this time begin the process that would be in any case inevitable of providing an authoritative judgement, carefully guarded and without the conventional prejudices against primeval art. To this end, I drew upon my experience in psychological testing and sociological surveys and systems of

We have begun preparation of a book on Prim. Sculpture.
I shall introduce the general subject. Most articles will consist of
field reports (each writer to his own "digs") then comparative articles,
etc. I hope that you can contribute (e.g. Revised "Ancient Farm" or your
digs, etc.) of collective or panel voting. These items will be sent
to you and if you will send me a list of your APAN sub-
group I will circulate the items to them as well.... We
also decided to put out a Bulletin, converting Pietro's
magazine for the purpose (he lost quite a lot of money
in his pioneer effort; the ads that he carried were free,
as an experiment to see whether he could get revenue from
any such source). We are contemplating a museum exhibition
in Zurich or Provence, with ultimately a museum and institute
at Grignan (possibly)... We are also planning a membership
drive. I am sorry that all this has to be so brief now,
but perhaps before too long we can get together and discuss
the whole business, if you will excuse my employing the
word "business." Meanwhile tell me how you and Ron were
received in Southampton (and please send him a copy of
this letter if you wish).

You raise some interesting substantive points about
Quantavolution in general. Please reconsider, at your
leisure, the theory of the ice ages. Note then how I dispose
of problems of sources of water and masses of ice. The
ice would have come and gone swiftly. The plenum of the
soat system is the most likely source of great masses
of water and ice, AND ONLY Q theory can satisfy one after
another the problems of ice age theory. We must however
deal with the "ancient" ice cores being dug up in the
polar regions.

You mention Doeko Goosen? He was not too well when
I visited him at his home some time ago and I have not
heard from him recently. Could you tell me, when you write
me, what he has been doing and how he has been?

One more suggestion: somehow we must come to grips
with the radiometric chronology. It would be well to
devote a critical book to this subject. I
would ask you to bear potential contributors in mind.
Dendrochronology must be included also; also ice core
tests; etc. in fact all of the tests mentioned in Chaos
and Creation, where I had little space for the general
attack and few materials to help me do a fully critical
assessment. Of course, if you feel we must accept long-
time chronology, then I am barking up the wrong tree!

You might find some suggestions in regard to your
theory of the seers who might be able to look back into
great stretches of history. I see your point; it is a
way of holding onto long-term chronology while respecting
primeval legends. But you'll have to state it at length
before I can adjudge its value.

Now I shall bid you au revoir for the time being,
with best wishes,

Sincerely yours.

Alexander Ferguson

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