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來自「挪亞方舟國際事工」之反對者的見證 Testimony from NAMI's Opponents

願各位平安：

儘管「挪亞方舟國際事工」未有發表新一輪的公開聲明，但就有關他們的發現，在那些反對者的陣營中已出現了劇變。正當「挪亞方舟國際事工」保持緘默的當兒，反對派陣營的行動比前更為明顯，其中參與的有美國規模最大的創造論機構 Answers in Genesis (AIG) 總裁 Ken Ham，亦高調地反對方舟發現，而大部分在網上搜尋方舟資訊的群組也脫下了假裝中立的矯飾。至今為止，那些創造論的領袖們，例如 John Morris, Carl Wieland, Ken Ham，對該發現所持的懷疑態度一直是審慎與溫和的。有幾位亦曾經與「挪亞方舟國際事工」探索隊員會晤，並對他們的真誠作出肯定。雖然這些基督徒領袖對「挪亞方舟國際事工」的發現尚有疑問，但他們並沒有加入那群只單憑一些不明來歷消息就做出欺詐指控的網民。在挑戰他們所持懷疑態度的同時，本人對以上各位領袖們並無絲毫不敬之意。

站在強烈反對立場的，是華人教會社群，當中一些更連同 Randall Price 一起指控「挪亞方舟國際事工」宣揚一個造假的發現，目的是要從單純、無疑心的信徒手中騙取金錢。唯一能「確認」的指控來源是來自被他人偽造宣誓書的 Davut 和 Ergan 兩兄弟，Randall Price 曾張貼他倆的宣誓書在他的網址上，但當兩兄弟出示二人的土耳其身份證，並證實該宣誓書為偽造後，Randall Price 已即時撤回網上的張貼。我們也可以從而了解何以這些支持創造論的機構要與 Randall Price 及有關指控保持距離。

精明的觀察者理解，那些不斷增加的反對聲音，是為「挪亞方舟國際事工」所發現的真偽，提供了更大的肯定而非否定。一些創造論的領袖們或許擔心，有關挪亞方舟、挪亞洪水、甚至創造論的議題，一旦成為公開討論將會出現失控的情況。他們也留意到「挪亞方舟國際事工」已開始備受注視，尤其是那些一向對方舟深感興趣的人們。當人發覺 AIG 耗資一億七千二百萬美元建造的 Ark Encounter 工程，有別於出現在亞拉臘山上的方舟原型，還有誰會對那工程再感興趣呢？Ark Encounter 這項建築工程已在肯塔基州北部進行中，估計目前仍有足夠時間為整個建築物作出修改。

作為信徒而言，這些創造論的領袖能夠跨出他們一向所重視的範疇，而成為另一個更重要範疇的先驅，為此他們應該感到高興。他們應該記得那些自然神論者，其中包括聲名狼藉的伏爾泰(Voltaire)，都是支持創造論，也熱衷於智慧設計論說。伏爾泰本身是一位相信年輕地球的創造論者。當然，這並不是說伏爾泰因為相信年輕地球論，所以他在信仰上因而墮落。我也熱切期待 AIG 在肯塔基州北部建成博物館，並透過這所博物館，在聖經的光照下，按著聖經的真理教導創造論，而不是以創造論的神學與科學理念來教導和解釋聖經。

就華人教會之中出現較大反對聲音的情況，我相信是有因由的。通常有反對聲音的地方都是「挪亞方舟國際事工」的紀錄片電影所到之處。這些群體被這部電影深受影響，任憑誰人，只要看見從亞拉臘山上那些洞窟中傳來的影像都會深受感動，我們很清楚那些影像不可能是偽造的。當人領悟到方舟是真實的

時候，他的心靈和意念就會被影響。我們當中有些人會認為自己需要看見一些偉大神蹟的實證，才會成為信徒。對基督徒及基督徒領袖而言，這項發現改變了個人對生命，以及人生應該做甚麼和如何自處的期望。從來所有的宗教復興，都會受到那些安於現狀者的反對，而攻擊的矛頭往往都是直指那將要帶來復興的源頭。

那些看過「挪亞方舟國際事工」提供的證據後而作出造假指控的人，背後有著一個對立的議程，又或者根本欠缺正常的理解能力(大概不會是後者)。因為這跡體積龐大且被冰封著，更受到數以千噸計的石和冰所保護，是不會輕易消失的。再看其外貌似一艘航海的船隻，像是用來運送動物的，令科學家很難不總結說它與古代的普世洪水記載有關係。對於相信聖經的人來說，這應該是重大的消息。為何那些一直堅持挪亞方舟和洪水不是神話的知名人士會對這項發現有如此強烈的反對？

有一個很好的理由，就是「挪亞方舟國際事工」以外的其他探索方舟的團體，開始對他們自己的工作感到索然無味，部份人正在花費大量時間和資源來嘗試抹黑「挪亞方舟國際事工」的發現。他們說，虛假的聲稱會讓基督徒被利用，也會成為一般人質疑方舟的禍源。正如他們所言，早在「挪亞方舟國際事工」公佈其發現之前，也曾出現過一些不相上下的聲稱，亦全都遭受不同程度的質疑，只不過從未出現過創造論者和方舟探索人士聯手反對的局面。

明顯地，創造論者、其他探索方舟的團體、以及華人基督教社群對「挪亞方舟國際事工」的發現提出反對言論，背後的原因並非出於質疑，而是因為人們相信他們的發現。若創造論者、其他探索方舟的團體和華人基督教領袖真的存有質疑，他們應該不用理會該項發佈，又或者向「挪亞方舟國際事工」尋求更多資訊，而不是單憑少量片面的資訊作出判定。「挪亞方舟國際事工」確實已經對那些合理而友善的提問作出回應。在每一個由本人策劃安排的論壇中，他們在發表完畢後亦會接受並解答公眾所提出的疑問。

這群創造論者似乎未有意向要對該發現做反覆查證(譯按：交叉查證)，因為反覆查證，在創造論者和其他探索方舟的團體中，並不常見。有一個很好的理由：我懷疑 Ken Ham 會否希望被問及在他未能提供任何挪亞洪水的考古實證之前，為甚麼要別人相信他就有關挪亞方舟證據的認識與了解，是值得被信賴的呢？考慮到在洪水發生前，整個世界都被淹沒了，不是應該有很多證據嗎？按聖經對洪水的有關記載，當中並沒有提及恐龍、煤、石油和天然氣，但卻有提到一個充滿敗壞和殘暴的世界。當人願意承認他對挪亞世界時代並無有關的考古知識，與此同時，他又怎能質疑挪亞方舟的證據呢？請注意，我提出這個論據，並非因為我不尊重 Ken Ham，相反地，是因為我尊重他。相比於那些我在下面所論到的，不負責任的方舟探索人士，相對之下，那些創造論的領袖們已經是非常認真的。

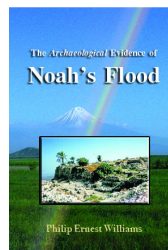
那些無須隱瞞的人是歡迎反覆查證的，因為經過越多可信的真偽測試，事物與事件的真實性越表露無遺。一些本來就不是事實的主張，的而且確的會在反覆查證下被曝露出來。真實的情況是 Randall Price 逃避出席一個為公眾提供公開查驗機會的共同論壇，而不是「挪亞方舟國際事工」。人若害怕真相被揭發，就會想辦法令其追隨者接觸不到證據。這事件並不單單關乎創造論機構和其他方舟探索人士，亦涉及一些有見於新證據的出現但尚未改變主意的人，包括一些在普世洪水論未被普遍接納的時候，仍支持普世洪水並以此為旗號的事工領袖。由於人們對方舟的興趣與日俱增，並且這課題對我們現今世界具有舉足輕重的重要性，我猜測每家教會、每項事工、及至每個信徒，最終都要被迫選擇立場，情況就有如現時那些已接觸過該發現的華人基督徒與那些美國事工機構一樣。

歡迎蒞臨這測驗之火，這火是永遠無法被摧毀的，那無法被摧毀的，就是公義與真相。

謹祝安好！

腓力·威廉斯 (Philip Williams)

腓力·威廉斯乃新書《挪亞洪水的考古證據》(The Archaeological Evidence of Noah's Flood) 的作者。此書可以在大部份的網上書店訂購，但最快的方法還是從作者的網站訂購 <http://christianleadersandscholars.org/wp/>



Testimony from NAMI's opponents

Greetings,

Though NAMI has made no recent public announcements, there has occurred a seismic change in opposition to their discovery. These moves by opponents are all the more revealing in that they occur at a time when NAMI is silent. Ken Ham, President of America's largest Creationist organization *Answers in Genesis (AIG)*, has weighed in against NAMI's discovery, while a major source of online information for the Ark searching community has dropped all pretense of neutrality. Thus far, the skepticism of Creationist leaders, John Morris, Carl Wieland, and Ken Ham has been hesitant and gentle. Some have met members of NAMI and acknowledge their sincerity. Though skeptics of NAMI's discovery, they have not joined those in the Ark searching community who have made charges of fraud based on anonymous sources. In challenging their skepticism, I mean these leaders no disrespect.

Opposition is greatest within the Chinese Christian community where some have joined Randall Price in accusing NAMI of promoting a fraudulent discovery for the purpose of taking money from simple and unsuspecting Christians. The only "identified" source of these charges has been the forged "affidavit" from the brothers Davut and Ergun that Price posted on his website, which he withdrew as soon as the brothers showed the signatures on their Turkish identification cards to demonstrate the document's forgery. It is understandable that the Creationist organizations keep their distance from Price and his charges.

Astute observers understand that the growing opposition to NAMI's discovery is testimony for rather than against the authenticity of their discovery. Creationist leaders may be concerned about losing control over the public discussion of Noah's Ark, Noah's Flood, and perhaps even about Creation. They can see that NAMI is gaining the attention of those interested in Noah's Ark. Who will be interested in AIG's \$172 million Ark Encounter whose construction has already begun in northern Kentucky when they discover that it is not built like what has been discovered on Mt. Ararat. But there may still be time for modifications.

As believers, these Creationists leaders should rejoice in being forerunners of something far more important than what they have been doing. They should remember that Deists including the notorious Voltaire were Creationists and keen on intelligent design. Voltaire was himself a young-earth Creationist. Of course that doesn't mean that his view on the age of the earth corrupted his faith. I would love to see AIG build a museum in northern Kentucky that teaches Creation in the light of the Bible instead of teaching Christians how to interpret the Bible in the light of Creationist theology and science. There is a good reason for greater opposition from within the Chinese Christian community. Here is where NAMI's documentary is being shown. The film has impacted that community because what one sees in these caves on Mt. Ararat is deeply moving and clearly impossible to fabricate. Comprehending that the Ark is real affects one's heart and mind. Many of us merely suppose that we are believers until we see evidence of some great miracle. It changes personal lives and expectations as to what Christians and their leaders should be doing. All revivals create opposition from those enjoying the status quo. Attacks are aimed at what is seen as the source of the revival.

Those who see NAMI's evidence and make charges that it is fabricated do so with an opposition agenda or else lack ordinary intelligence (probably not the latter). Because these remains are massive, frozen, and protected by thousands of tons of rock and ice, they are not going away. Because they look like a maritime vessel and appear to have been a vessel for carrying animals, it is going to be difficult for scientists not to conclude that has been discovered has some connection with the ancient and worldwide traditions of a great Flood. For believers in the Bible that ought to be great news. Why such

intense opposition from those who have most famously contended that Noah's Ark and Flood are not myth?

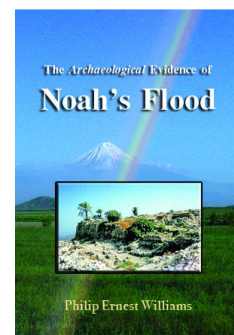
For good reason, the Ark searching community is losing interest in their own searches. Some of them are spending most of their time and resources trying to defame NAMI's discovery. They say it is because fraudulent claims exploit Christians and become the source of skepticism about the Ark. Indeed they do, but there have been a number of competing claims before NAMI's discovery. All were greeted with various degrees of skepticism, but none resulted in the Creationist and Ark searching communities uniting in opposition.

It is clear that skepticism is not in fact the source of NAMI's opposition within the Creationist, Ark searching, and Chinese Christian communities. It is rather because people are believing. Were the leaders of the Creationist, Ark searching, and Chinese Christian communities honestly skeptical, they would either ignore the issue or seek more information from NAMI than the scant information upon which they base their judgments. NAMI does answer relevant and sincere questions. In every forum that I have sponsored, they allow and answer public questions following their presentation. The notion of cross examination may not have occurred to these Creationist leaders, because it is not something that you often see in the Creationist and Ark searching communities. There is a good reason. I doubt that Ken Ham wants to be asked why he should be trusted for understanding the evidence of Noah's Ark when he is unable to offer any *archaeological* evidence for Noah's Flood. Considering that the entire antediluvian world drowned in that event, should there not be a lot of evidence? The biblical account of that doesn't mention dinosaurs, coal, oil, and gas, but does mention a world of wicked and violent people. How can one judge the evidence of Noah's Ark when he admits to having no archaeological knowledge of the world of Noah? Please note that I make this comment not because I lack respect for Ham, but rather because I do. Unlike the irresponsible Ark searchers that I discuss below, the Creationist leaders are admirably serious.

Those who have nothing to hide welcome cross examination because the more that something authentic is tested, the better it looks. Cross examination does expose the claims of those who have been defending something other than truth. It is Randall Price rather than NAMI who is hiding from a joint forum and public scrutiny. If one is afraid of being exposed by the truth, they will attempt to keep their followers from being exposed to the evidence. This does not just pertain to the Creationist organizations and the Ark searching communities, some of whom (including the heads of some of these ministries that have been carrying the flag of a worldwide Flood when it has been so unpopular to do so) may yet change their mind in the light of new evidence. Due to growing interest and the momentous importance this subject has for our present world, I suspect that every church, ministry, and believer will eventually be forced take a stand as is now occurring among the Chinese Christians and those American ministries that have already been exposed to this discovery. Welcome to the testing fire that can never destroy that which is righteous and true.

Best regards,
Philip Williams

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挪亞方舟國際事工的支持者

包括支持古老地球學說與年輕地球學說的創造論者

腓力·威廉斯

美國規模最大的創造論機構 Answers in Genesis (AIG) 總裁 Ken Ham 論到 Dr. Snelling 的報告文章：「當中關於細節的仔細解釋，獲得了那些接受聖經所記載的洪水事件為真實歷史和認同普世性洪水的人的讚賞。可悲的是，一些倡導古老地球學說的基督徒對報告文章作出了批判，並因此拒絕了耶穌的見證，包括挪亞、方舟、洪水是真實及按字義解釋的歷史事件。」

本人曾經批評過 Dr. Snelling 的報告，但和 Ken Ham 與 Dr. Snelling 一樣，我是接受聖經所記載的洪水事件，是按字義解釋，是歷史事實，且是普世性的。我剛剛完成我有生以來的第一本著作，書中顯示考古學上的實證，支持直接地明白聖經。基於我研究地球是在聖經的亮光下，而不是透過創造論者的神學，我認為地球實際上比人類更為遠古。Ham 應該指出有哪一些經文是耶穌曾經論述有關地球的年齡。所幸的是，我想我曾經聽過他在別的地方說過：「一個的好基督徒，可以對地球年齡有著不同的見解。」但我更同意他補充說：「儘管如此，這課題仍是重要的。」

Ham 也應該知道，像他一樣支持年輕地球學說的創造論者之中，在許多是大力支持 NAMI 之發現的，並且對於 NAMI 所遭受從創造論者而來的對待，感到震驚。我並不是指 Ken Ham 和 AIG 而說，不管我們是多麼地不同意他們，因為他們對 NAMI 的發現是認真的。我期待可以看見一眾基督徒，無論是古老地球學說，抑或支持年輕地球論，可以效法創世科學的創始人 George Frederick Price 與 William Jennings Bryan 在他二人著名的學術研究範疇審判中，一起並肩合作。

NAMI's supporters *by Philip Williams* Include both old and young-earth Creationists

Ken Ham writes that Dr Snelling's "careful explanation of the details involved have drawn praise from those who accept the biblical account of the Flood as a literal, historic, and globe-encircling event. Sadly, criticism has come from those Christians who are committed to an old earth-and who therefore reject the testimony of Jesus who spoke of Noah, the Ark, and the Flood as real and a literal historic event"



The Scopes Trial

I have criticized Dr. Snelling's report, but like Ken Ham and Dr. Snelling, I accept the biblical account of the Flood as a literal, historic, and globe circling event. I have just written the first book ever to show that the archaeological facts support a straightforward understanding of the Bible. Due to studying the earth in the light of the Bible rather than Creationist theology, I see the earth as in fact much older than man. Ham should point out those Scriptures that have Jesus addressing the issue of the age of the earth. Happily, I think that I have heard him elsewhere saying that one can be a good Christian and disagree about the age of the earth. But I agree with him that the matter is nonetheless important.

Ham should also know that there are young earth Creationists like himself who strongly support NAMI's discovery and are shocked by the treatment that NAMI has received from Creationists. I do not refer to Ken Ham and AIG who are treating NAMI's discovery with seriousness however much we may disagree with them. I look forward to old and young earth Christians working together as did George Frederick Price (the founder of Creationist science) and William Jennings Bryan at the famous Scopes Trial.

「奪寶奇兵」式的方舟探索人士

腓力·威廉斯

那些輕看考古文物，不負責任的探險者危害、傷害並阻礙了認真的聖經考古工作

花了近二十年研究有關挪亞洪水的考古證據，我曾經作出決定，對於出現在媒體上那些熱烘烘的方舟探索消息避之則吉。理由不僅是因為那些資訊缺乏確鑿證據，也因為那些有如「奪寶奇兵」之類的方舟探索展示並姑息著不道德的和非法的行為。那些資訊在爭論、八卦，與誤傳當中更見興旺。

「挪亞方舟國際事工」的公佈之所以備受我的注意，原因是他們與土耳其考古當局一同合作。他們所提供的確鑿證據，是異於那類「奪寶奇兵」的方舟探索。不幸的是，後者反倒利用了「挪亞方舟國際事工」的發現，散佈謠言，甚至試圖找出該方舟遺址。一想到這文物的價值一旦落入後者手上，這將會是考古學上有史以來最大的悲劇。

不過，我欣然告訴您，有少數在初期出現的誹謗者似乎已經停止了活動，並逐漸地從互聯網中刪除指控，其中一位是 **Dr. Don Patton**。他確實有考古知識，我期待著他把已有的知識用在一些令人稱道的事情上。

不幸的是，最新出現另一個名為 **Dr. Amy Beam** 的誹謗者（這些人似乎都是某某“博士”之類。），行徑非常不道德，相較之下，她的出現讓 **Randall Price** 和 **Don Patton** 頓時成爲一個童子軍。在暗處刺探他人、侵犯隱私、嘲弄的騷擾行動，都不是基督徒贊同或容許的。她的一切惡意行爲是明顯和滿有嚴重誹謗，若沒有一些方舟探索群體從中協助的話，不會有太多的人注意到她的言論。

當我得悉方舟探索網站 **NoahsArkSearch** 不單止刊登了 **Dr. Amy Beam** 的指控，更似乎是加入了她的陣營一起利用 **NAMI**，我是感到萬分詫異的。（**NoahsArkSearch** 的網主之前曾經向他保證他只會報導探索進展的最新情況）。當然，這都是那些從事過方舟探索的人士在無其他事可做的情況下退而求其次的另一選擇。近墨者黑，蠹衆而木折，隙大而牆壞。

Those "Indiana Jones" searchers of the Ark *Disrespectful, irresponsible adventurers endanger, harm, and discourage serious interest in biblical archaeology* by Philip Williams



Having spent almost 20 years researching the archaeological evidence of Noah's Flood, I had decided to avoid mentioning the searches for Noah's Ark that receive so much attention in the media. It was not just the lack of solid evidence, but that so many of these "Indiana Jones" style Ark searchers exhibit and condone unethical and illegal behavior. They thrive on controversy, gossip, and misrepresentation.

What drew my attention to NAMI's announcements was the fact that they were working with the Turkish archaeological authorities. The solid evidence they are producing is putting the Indian Jones types out of the Ark searching business. Unfortunately, some of the latter turned to exploiting NAMI's discovery by spreading rumors and even trying to identify NAMI's site. Considering the value of this artifact, that would be the greatest archaeological tragedy of all times.

I am however happy to report that a few of the earliest detractors seem to be ceasing these activities and slowly removing their charges from the Internet. The most recent to do so is **Dr. Don Patton**. He does have archaeological knowledge and I look forward to him putting it to some commendable use.

Unfortunately, there is a new detractor named **Dr. Amy Beam** (All of them seem to be "Dr." this or that.) who is so unethical that she makes **Price** and **Patton** seem like Boy Scouts. Spying, invading privacy, and taunting harassment are not activities that Christians can approve. Her behavior is so obviously defaming and malicious that she would get little attention where she not assisted by some in the Ark searching community.

How surprised I was to learn that the major Ark searching site **NoahsArkSearch** (whose author formerly assured me that he was only reporting developments) is not only publishing her charges but seems to have joined with her in attempts to exploit **NAMI**. It is of course a concession that these former Ark searchers have nothing more to do. Bad company corrupts character.

AIG 的放射性碳年測「專家報告」

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挪亞方舟國際事工爲什麼沒有回應 Andrew Snelling 的報告

據美國規模最大的創造論機構 Answers in Genesis (AIG) 總裁 Ken Ham 報導，AIG 的地質學家 Dr. Andrew Snelling 告訴他，至今爲止，那些「支持方舟發現的捍衛人士」選擇不理會他的文章。這正好與我向挪亞方舟國際事工(簡稱 NAMI) 所建議的不謀而合。因爲找不著任何理由要求他們回答一份難以被任何放射性碳實驗室認可的「專家」分析報告。

Ken Ham 發表上述報導的時間，是在我刊登對上一次的通訊之前，在那份通訊中我特別提到 Snelling 的報告，其中我解釋了考古學家如何透過選擇性方式進行放射性碳年測——就是：適隨專便。根據 Snelling 的報告顯示，「挪亞方舟國際事工」採用了一般普通的測試模式。然而，有趣的是，Ken Ham 基於 NAMI 的放射性碳測報告而拒絕了 NAMI 的發現，但同時創造論者又早已宣稱，他們並不信任放射性碳年測。這個方舟遺址是可以透過考古分析而測定其所屬年代的，雖然這是創造論者無法做到的事情。

Snelling 的報告也透露出「挪亞方舟國際事工」對於手中所持有的調查結果是有著何等開放的態度，與及他們是何等急切地尋求其他人的參與。類似的開放態度與熱切尋求他人合作就鮮見於美國的方舟探索群體，美國人會小心翼翼地守護自己所尋索得來的知識與調查果。可悲的是，「挪亞方舟國際事工」的透明度並沒有得到尊重，而 Snelling 自己也承認在保密情況下，自己揭露了「挪亞方舟國際事工」向他提供的資料。Snelling 的報告還提到一個「謠言」(按照 Snelling 所用的字眼)。要知道謠言在任何科學報告中是沒有地位的，作爲成熟的基督徒更不應該把謠言遍傳。

Snelling 在地質學上的專業知識也有點奇怪。(不是指 Dr. Snelling 本人，而是他的理論)，他並不認爲挪亞方舟停在亞拉臘山上。他是否另有更佳的选择，可以符合聖經中描述方舟的停泊之地？

AIG's "Expert" on Radiocarbon Dating

by Philip Williams

Why NAMI hasn't answered Andrew Snelling's report

Ken Ham reports that AIG geologist Dr. Andrew Snelling tells him that thus far "perpetuators of NAMI's Ark claim" have chosen to ignore his article. This was precisely my recommendation to NAMI. I didn't see the point in them answering an "expert" whose analysis would hardly be endorsed by any radiocarbon laboratory.

Ham published this prior to my last newsletter in which I specifically referred to Snelling's report. There I explained the selective way in which archaeologists use radiocarbon dating - that is, as it suits them. Snelling's report shows that NAMI followed the ordinary pattern. Still, it is interesting that Ham rejects NAMI's discovery based on its radiocarbon dating when Creationists have long declared that they do not trust radiocarbon dating. This site can also be archaeologically dated though that is something that the Creationists are unable to do.

Snelling's report does reveal how open that NAMI has been with their findings and how eagerly they have sought the participation of others. One does not find this type of cooperation within the American Ark searching community, where Ark searchers jealously guard their knowledge and findings. Sadly, NAMI's transparency has not been respected as Snelling himself admits to revealing what they revealed to him in confidence. His report also refers to a *rumor*. (Snelling's own word) Rumors have no place in scientific reports, nor of course should mature Christians spread them.

Snelling geological expertise is also a bit odd. (Not Dr. Snelling, but his theories.) He doesn't think that Noah's Ark rested on Mt. Ararat. Does he have another candidate in the mountains of Ararat that can fit the biblical description for the Ark's resting place?

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