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Prof. de Grazia,

We are not amused.

Your 8 October letter has shown us once more, that you are an energetic man and a strong organizer, but we do not like the "hard selling" approach at all.

Further it is clear, that the organization you help to start up again at an even more pretentious scale, after "Primeval Sculpture" flunked, still suffers from the apparent lack of expertise, yet wants to "grow big", "big business".

We did mention at an earlier occasion, that the bringing of the sculptures into the international art-dealers world brings in dangers; looting of sites to make money, treasure hunt etc..

Authors/researchers/collectors like Walther Matthes, Alexander Marshack, Ron Williams are quite out of place with the presentations like shown in "Primeval Sculpture"; the "mysterious" and "obscure" ones. Williams was presented there as author of contributions he did not write, with selections of photos he did not make, nor approved upon. Things he wrote and photos he send in to publish, were not published there. He was rather shocked by your last "proposal" to him, and so were we.

It is a pity, that we are divided by fundamental principles, but under the present circumstances, we best get along separately. For us this does not mean isolation anymore, since we already had international contacts amongst independent researchers, and especially in Southampton's WAC '86 we also made "converts" within the scholars working within the narrow frames of universities.

We have our own independent APAN-magazine, and the independent series "Archaeologische Berichten", with now 17 issues since 1977; average over 200 pp per volume, color prints; to be ordered at: Kempstraat 34, Duizel, 55 25 BC, Stichting Archaeologische Berichten.

From there, and from the "Animal Farm" paper one may quote with proper reference our findings and views about lithic sculptures, working techniques, cultural developments in the Paleolithic etc.. Mr. Wouters is busy right now to write a contribution for an international volume about the Paleolithic, where he was invited for.

Through our channels we will continue to make critical comments about developments like not only the contra-behavior of many from the (highly) subsidized establishment (the unscientific behavior), but also about the over-enthusiastic presentation of accidents of nature, and other bad attitudes elsewhere.

Perhaps we will succeed in our efforts, to get the sculptures being recognized in careful excavations already done; where there is no doubt about associations with cultural material in a primary deposit; it then will not take long for Unesco and/or local laws prohibiting import, export, sale and looting of sites to apply for the Older Paleo spiritual (religious) relicts as well,

J. E. Musch-in behalf of the group of independent APAN researchers

Anloo, June 28/29; 1986.

Dear Dr. de Grazia,

"7. Unlabeled Earth"

Encouraged by a colleague from England, some of Your work in Gaietto's magazine "Primeaval Sculpture", reading of the works of Velikovski, I ordered the full series of Your books, and I have swallowed large parts of them already.

In "~~Chaos and Creation~~" and "Homo Schizo I"; I find many references to works and/or people, that influenced my thinking in the past ca. 10 years. For instance prof. D. Goosen I met several times; he taught me to be sceptic about existing theories (sold to us as "proven facts"), his ideas about a more "dynamic" geology, the nature of certain deposits, that are believed to be of wind-blown origin, however lack the criss-cross banding and characteristic rippled surface. (The coversand "sheets" and -ridges).

I have been in archaeology now for more than 25 years; 10 of them as a part-timer at an University Institute, which taught me, how Academia sometimes can foster silly theory as if it were precious facts, and can even become hostile in artificially maintaining a dominant and suppressive role against individuals that come up with different facts and/or interpretation of those.

A counter-movement arose in this country, mobilizing dedicated amateurs, semi-profs, with (secret) support of some profs; I have been elected secretary of this movement. For one thing, we have explored the Older Stone Age around the North Sea Basin, and did many discoveries, upsetting the idea as Africa being the sole origin of Mankind. Lately, the research is deepened and widened, through the (re-)discovery, that every Stone Age tradition left us imperishable stone sculptures of animals and humans. Deliberately chipped representations of contemporary beings.

In "Homo Schizo" nr. I You refer to Gaietto, and also to prof. Walther Matthes. However to our findings, much of what Gaietto brings in his publications lacks the prerequisite of intentional workmanship. To an unknown amount, the ancients will have applied accidental forms provided by nature itself, as -who knows- much appreciated items, but this is unprovable unless they are found for instance in a cave, placed on an "altar". However, Gaietto presents plenty found astray, or as neolithic alignments of undressed rocks, yet claims them to be worked by ancient craftsmen. His magazine to us presents a mumbo-jumbo of both fine examples of artificial, ancient chipped sculptures, and nature-forms that got subject of phantasies run wild by the collectors. With prof. Matthes, the prerequisites of ancient modulations are being met. His "IPEK" examples are however now proven to be older than "Neandertal" times. In conventional time-reconing they prove to go back till ca. 800.000-600.000 yrs ago. That is before Acheulean times in Europe. The sculptures do go back, just like Philippe Hélène and Itermann demonstrated till before the Pleistocene; over 2 mj. yrs. in conventional time-reconing.

The portraits in themself show the self-awareness You write about, plus depict both the Sapiens type of persons right from the beginning, next to more "ape-like" beings.

I personally suspected from the field-evidence, that some-indeed plenty-features in the soil indicate rather catastrophal events; often with addition of material with no local parent origin; heavy winds, burnings, landslides and -folding. Plus that the African K/A ages will be absurdly old; that in fact many a time-span, according to the accumulated waste at living-sites in a well-surveyed area rather can be measured in centuries than in 10s or 100.000ds of years.

There are however a few critical remarks I would like to make. From Your books, to me it is as if several events are pooled together, as if one researcher in the future did see the remains of World War III, WWII, WWI and a local Mideaval battle as one event; one party creating devastations with missiles carrying nuclear bombs, the other party with a defence based on simple arrows, iron harnesses and mustard gas.

Of course, the last ca. 14.000 yrs. of Holocene are sofar the best explored; even have preserved fresh inherited and/or recited memory, but I think the times before that are long indeed, even if one easily could reduce some "millions" of years till a few 100.000 ds of actual years. Indeed the atomic and chemical clocks will have been tampered, indeed recent lava flows have produced absurdly "high ages". Indeed C14 often gives aberrant results because of anomalies in the past.

But a shortening of time does not alter the order of events; just speeds them up, and intensifies the magnitude of some global events.

In the Netherlands, we are in a favourable position, that there are successions of strata preserved and accessible, that cover the whole of the "Pleistocene". The North Sea area is a basin, where stratum after stratum accumulated, whereas other areas are denuded.

It is from there, now, that we try to reconstruct the past events in the "making of Mankind", and get now greatly helped by the findings of sculptures. Enabling a view into distant worlds going far beyond the lining-up of utensils like "handaxes" in typological/technological or temporal rows.

In Your reconstructions, apparently You go back as far as written or oral tradition allows; the Venus/Mars, the Venus, the Saturn and Uranus "events", the birth of the Moon; Velikovsky briefly outlines, but You deepened and widened. DIAMOND

To us now, there can reconstructions be made, in which in the Upper Palaeolithic, a female deity serves as a central one. Essentially lozenge-formed in outline; sometimes holding a horn. In even older days, she is more triangular in outline; a squatting lady, often old in age; sometimes carrying a child on her back. Perhaps she could also be a symbolic representation of a cosmic object; with a fixed satellite or such. Often, on her belly is portrayed the image of a young lady. So far we can trace her back till ~~the~~ right after the -700,000 yrs. major magnetic reversal (to conventional time-reconing). I cannot blame You for skipping the hints from the archaeological record that can stretch beyond what the oral or written record provides, because so far it was not published and available to You when You wrote Your elaborate reconstructions.

Right now, some of us here try to follow the tracks back to even further; the times that Elaine Morgan and the author of "Was Man more aquatic in the Past?" reconstructed; the proto-homo's leading a life at the shores of a shallow sea; wading and swimming collected their food; naked skin but for hair on the head; upright position; supposedly going back till Miocene or Pliocene times. If so, the emergence of chimps and gorilla, and later Erectus and Neandertaler, yet had to come. ((YOUR CLOUD/DREAM TIME??))

Some anatomist a century ago, deduced logically from the comparison of anatomical traits in monkeys, apes and men, that since monkeys and men share traits that apes do not, and that apes and men have some traits in common, that monkeys do not have ((anymore)), the line of descent would have gone from a proto-being of man-like nature, from where species after species budded off to become more and more specialised.

Plus that our kind preserved the original forms best; being least specialised anatomically; not much of a tail, rather simple dentition, weak nails, feet not specialised to grab firm hold of branches. Like a surviving "Eohippus" with still five fingers and toes; whereas the evolving (or mutant) horses in the end had one finger and toe with one enormous nail. This then runs contrary to Your reconstructions it seems, where both bodily and mentally You suppose Sapiens to arise-as far as I understand it now-in the ca. 14,000 yrs ago Pleistocene/Holocene "Quantavolution".

There is a lot of confusion about the appearance of Sapiens amongst archaeologists and anatomists. Some still cling to the old ideas of either Sapiens emerging from Neandertaler (at some 30,000 yrs. ago), or Sapiens coming "from the East" about that time and replacing/wiping out Neandertaler. And others who trace back a Sapiens-line till bones allow, and theory permits. You quote Leroy-Gourhan in writing, that Sapiens has been so from the beginning, but Leroy-Gourhan's idea's are in favor of the "late entry", and not of the Leakey "1470" skull findings much earlier I would think. It then is not to blame on You, that the confusion, because of contradictory statements c.q. findings occur amongst archaeologists.

Another comment I would like to make; or rather a question to be posed. Could not it be, that the evidence from the Cumberland cave, the Zhoukoudian (Peking Man) cave and more, are in fact stratified living-floors of interrupted refuge into rockshelters, rather than outdoor layers swept into fissures during cataclysms?. The Tautavel-cave in S. France I know from first hand sight, plus that my brother assisted in excavating there several seasons. Contrary to the director's opinions (or he is just disguising them), I saw the accumulation in a certain layer as near-catastrophic. But in the sense, that a cultural tradition, we traced much further up north from open air camps, with fauna and all sought refuge towards the south. With some trapped north of the Pyrenees Mountain Chain. The fauna suddenly is "polar" (lemming, musk ox etc.), but the pollen in the area still showing Mediterranean flowering plants surviving, and a subtropical turtle still being around. There are butchered remains of Erectus far more "primitive" than some portraits of the time in the cave.

Now this can be seen as one extreme: A swept layer containing all sorts of things from just before the catastrophe, or as a catastrophe like the tilting of the earth, when survivors fled southwards. Or as a relatively slow change in climate, in which the northern species migrated in a way so slow, that they did not detect it themselves, because it took 10,000s of years.

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NEANDERTALERS
ERECTUS
MONKEYS
PROTO HOMO

The thing I ask myself here, is that perhaps the neo-catastrophists see the fill of some caves as evidence of greenly broken bones, broken stones, mud and muck, which is actually "homo schizo's" way of accumulating the left-overs of many kills and meals, fouled-up and broken tools, production waste of stone-sculpture, with underneath and above layers of torrents in cataclysms that forced them to seek shelter, and that ended a "new world epoch". In which they again "replenished" the earth and the cycle repeating itself. So that the more sterile layers under the habitation layers and those to cover it long after abandonment are the evidence for cataclysms (so does the anomalous habitation in caves themselves), and not the habitation-layers. I think then, that the sources You and Velikovski quote, are from observers, that fail to recognise the human workmanship on the cutting, gnawing and cracking of bones, and the "broken stones".

To make things more complicated, there are fissures filled with bones that are quite natural accumulations, and even one good example of stone handaxes and a human tooth (in a cave in N-Wales), where the (uniformitarian) excavators admit that it is layers of muck from the bottom of a then dry Irish Sea, pushed by "the Ice" into the southern Mountains; part of which got preserved in the cave. But the rockshelter-successions in the Dordogne area, containing Acheulean, Mousterian, Magdalenian etc. habitation layers, from personal inspection only look "chaotic" and then can be misinterpreted as being the result of mass-transport of soil, ashes, bones and remains from outdoor (open air) camps. When excavated carefully, one can see orderly campsites. But of course in times, when "climate shifts" forced tribal bands to migrate southward and to seek refuge in less hostile locations. One can then discuss, if not the conventional times (C14 measurements) give it too much time. But to pile the contemporaneous decorated deep caves and Egyptian paintings onto one heap; to squeeze at least two if not more "events" into one late, I think goes too far. Even if several "events", separated wide in times, look rather alike.

This to me resembles the labor of certain ~~xxx~~ Creationists take, to press all field-evidence into a few thousands of years, because some figured the Holy Scriptures to give exact figures about the "Creation-days".

But in general, I have learnt to become receptive to interpretations, that do not deny that some changes will have been of short duration; hence of tremendous magnitude. The more, Lyell and followers become exposed as narrow-minded and non-scientific, the better.

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The APAN-society was invited to bring findings to the coming World Congress for Archaeology in Southampton, and our contribution will be -so to speak- moderately quantavolutional. Enclosed a precirculated paper for an anthropological session, in which the time-tables as You may see in one glimpse, are "moderately catastrophic" in the sense, that the conventional 4 milj. yrs. scheme is followed, but also the paleomagnetic events and "ice ages" are pictured. One may see, that the Central Africa dates put the "Acheulean" much older than in Europe, which may be true. The European dates being off the same magnitude, or that K/A is more distorted than other elements. But a shortening of time just speeds up the succession of events relative to the life-times of individuals, but it hardly changes the order of things, in that separate "ice ages" squeeze into just a small handful of recent "events". In the time-tables in fact the best documented, best memorized (and suppressed) "events" of ca. 5000 yrs ago, ca. 1650 yrs ago and ca. 8th century ago are microscopic, and become even more so, if the time-scale is shortened by x-magnitude.

It would be nice, if You would be around in Southampton, so that we could continue in oral discussion. So far I have not seen the announcement of contributions there that in any way resemble "quantavolution-oriented". Which can hardly be expected from such a Congress, where usually the old dogma's are recited over and over; the lullabys get sung in monotonous ways by self-blindfolded modern shamans.

Which reminds me; so far I have not read the references to shamans and shamanism in Your book; Homo Schizo par excellence; but who overcomes and helps overcome others sickening traumatized experiences in tribal societies. Then again; the evidence pro catastrophism is so overwhelming, that one hardly can blame Velikovsky or You to have skipped a few.

Sincerely Yours (and back to Your books again)

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if wildly excavated

Very hearth-warming I found Your comments and quotes upon the "neolithic" and later; the domestication of animals, plants, firing of pottery, followed by "Bronze Age" and "Iron Age"; still propagated by the established institutes as the unfolding of "progress"; the "savage" becoming "civilized" step by step. Having worked several years on Mesolithic and the Upper Paleo and Meso/Neo transition under dr. R.R. Newell, I became aware of the facts, that the Upper Paleo world rather suddenly collapsed, the Meso slowly recovering into balance, and the Neo agriculture rather indeed concession after concession in trying to maintain harmony. After reading Velikovski then, it became much clearer, that the breeding of docile plants and animals and such, rather could be seen as attempts to secure food-base in a devastated world. The act of burning forests in order to plant crops a re-enacting of catastrophe and renewal. Burial-practices of later traditions and shifts in life-patterns shifts in directions of linings of fields easily explainable by the Venus and Venus/Mars events. In Upper-Paleo and Meso, the quick rise of sea-basin-level; perhaps even deepening of same at the same time (which would lower the sea or kept stable the surface of waters in spite of melting of the ice-caps), signs of unexpected watertransport at "dry" inland sites evidence for fires scoring abandoned campsites that could hardly be the occasional forest-fire; the deposition of "coversand-sheets", disruptions caused by trees knocked-over at much later dates, but seemingly well connected with the Venus and Venus/Mars events. Plus the formation of typical "podsol" in the sands, consisting of infiltrated "iron hard-pans" under terribly "leached" layer, that must have happened rather swift, in certain times, but never in times before or aft. Sometimes over burial mounds and vestiges, and later under younger burial mounds, or under sheets of "wind-blown" sands that do not look like being wind-blown. The iron, just like Goosen detected, not being present in the sand itself in sufficient numbers; accumulation of iron-ore in streams and marshes told to come "from the podsol" (not explaining where that got it from). My director becoming furious when I tried to explain to students that since the deep-sea cores demonstrated a fall-out of metallic cosmic dust of tons a year, logically, also in soils on land such could accumulate. (What did I say wrong?).

Now, studying the layers yielding Older Stone Age artefacts and camp-sites, I find some confirmation, some "quantavolutional" explanations seem reasonable, some seem wrong. Wrong seems Conelly's reconstruction, that "boulder clay", supposedly deposited by Ice Age land-ice sheets for most, are of cosmic origin. One here finds plenty of stone artefacts in them, and rocks of purely terrestrial origin, and rather Goosen's idea's of liquefaction of soil like recently in Guatemala could as well cause mud-streams containing all kinds of everything (few survivors resurrected out of the mud, looking like mud or clay statuettes). The majority of the artefacts transported in the medium, show no sign of transport at all; most probably the muck travelled in a liquid state, with the items protected by an insulating thin sheet of water; all particles "oiled" by water. Natural rocks, with scratches on them like in glaciers in Skandinavia; on underlying rock; still have these scratches and polishing preserved fresh, but transported over land over more than 1000 kms. from the parent rocks in Norway. There are puzzling layers of manganese matter on top of or in upper zones of gravel beds. Gravels themselves being an enigma, containing here plenty quartz, but quartz mountains or remains thereof lacking upstreams. Allright; to be found as intrusive sheets in cracks in rocks (granite and others). But why are there no quartz layers deep in the crust here?.

On artefacts, one can see metal adherings (augites) supposedly of "vulcano outbursts", and shiny patches of seemingly pure silica adhering, no geologist can explain so far. Is it rained down and seeped through soil and deposited on buried stones? Just like flint itself quartz and quartzite seeped through sediments and hardened in hollows; quickly filling in the images of sea-shells; forming fossils in abundance of animals hence extinct or completely transformed in upper layers.

Once more and more investigators go on in meticulously investigating the soil, plenty if Your present plenty opponents will inevitably arrive at more and more "quantavolutional" evidence and -explanations; willing or not. But the ones that have access to the red buttons to lift-off the "Big Bang" will perhaps never overcome their desire to push it. (How does one get presidents and military advisors on the shrink's canapé, and people to believe that the cured person will be a far better leader than the schizomaniac calling piece the result of sufficient bombs and missiles (triple the amount; 3 times more piece and such).?).

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