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Mon, Sep 5, 2016 at 9:47 AM

Dear David Roemer:

In your letter dated August 10th, 2016 sent by postal mail to me, you requested an interview with me in the hope to find support in your mission, probably since I am the President of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. I had studied the natural sciences and had been Professor of Molecular Microbiology at the University of Basel. Since 20 years I am retired for reasons of age. When I was still actively undertaking experimental research with bacteria and their viruses, I explored, among others, the molecular mechanisms of spontaneous genetic variations. This research provided to me insights into the laws of Nature for biological evolution. We have increasing reason that these laws are valid for all living beings on our planet. Biological evolution and evolution of habitats are very slowly advancing processes and are at the basis of the high degree of biodiversity in the living world. I consider this process as permanent Creation.

In contrast, I cannot offer you my help in the search for God's existence and the Holy Shroud. I wonder if your basic education was in Theology or in the sciences or still in another field. A short Curriculum Vitae would have been very helpful.

With kind regards,

Werner Arber

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Dear Werner Abner,

I have a Ph.D. in physics from New York University (1971) and a B.S. in physics from Fordham U. (1964). My metaphysics teacher was Norris Clarke, S. J. Based on a comment by Fr. Clarke, which I remember vividly, I developed an insight into why people mistakenly think unanswered scientific questions constitute evidence that God exists. I did my best to explain this in https://www.academia.edu/23340072/WHY_PEOPLE_BELIEVE_GOD_CAUSED_THE_BIG_BANG

The editors of the *Thomist* and the *Review of Metaphysics* refused to publish it. However, one of the editors said the piece was publishable. The theology faculties at St. John's, Fordham, Seton Hall, Georgetown, St. Joseph's Seminary, and the Dominican House of Studies all declined my offer to explain my insight to them.

Failing to interest grown-up Catholics in the rational arguments for God's existence, I reached out to the campus ministry at Columbia University. I have reason to think that my emails, the content of the article, and the behavior of the campus minister scandalized at least two of Catholic undergraduates.

I am asking you to re-consider your decision not to support my mission. If you do not, I will file a complaint against you and the other members of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences with the Holy Father.

Very truly yours,

David Roemer

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