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On Wed, Feb 17, 2010 at 3:43 PM, Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]> wrote:

was working on 1.5 hours sleep yesterday, so I may not have been coherent.. our conversation last night felt like a dream this morning, though I know it happened. The greatest gift that I can get is to be given the time and space to enjoy ideas and what means so much to me is that I know that is the thought behind what you offered, and that alone means a tremendous amount to me... and I am not blowing smoke up your ass by saying that being able to share that joy with you has been something that I have always enjoyed. Thanks Jeffrey. And I truly believe you are right, I would provide you the same in a heartbeat if I could and if it was ever necessary. I will also ponder creative ways to enact this once I get over the shock of it.

Enough schmultz perhaps.. On other matters.. regarding Origins Board.. I will check on things at this end.. I assume you have the Florida Science Foundation still, and having you there as representing the foundation cannot, as far as I can see, possibly be questioned (of course even if it was we could answer back saying, 'what is your problem with the goals of the florida science foundation?').. so I would genuinely like you on the board because I think you will be a provocative and creative exponent of doing interesting and novel transdisciplinary things and not the status quo.. If you ultimately decided that it was better to be behind the scenes, we could ensure that you were a part of the meeting itself by indeed having the board meeting in St. Thomas with you as our host.. (that is possible of course whether or not you are on the board, and may be easier to justify if you are anyway) and it occurred to me last night that depending upon the timing of it, Nancy and I could stay on and we could finally get you in the water to do some diving.. :)

Regarding science, I will be contacting Martin.. I would really like to put something together for sometime next winter after January.. Interestingly, Sid Altman, who won the Nobel Prize for showing RNA was a catalyst, allowing the possibility of an RNA world before a DNA world, contacted me the other day and said he heard about origins and wants to come out.. so we talked about Jan-Feb next year sometime, maybe at the same time as Frank W. is visiting, and having a workshop on the origin of life.. I could in fact make origin of life a theme of next winter-spring, and have several shorter workshops on interesting aspects of this.. We are also talking about doing a larger related public origins event sometime in the spring, and we could cap off a term of various workshops with something interesting on evolution, and also maybe get some people like Jim Watson out here for color.. :)

I am going to prepare some proposals for Barnaby as well.. If we are going to do serious workshops where we bring people out for an extended period to try and make real progress in a field, I figure it will cost about 750K- 1M/term long workshop.. I am looking with people here at starting a charter school to really teach science, and potentially building a building that co-joins it with an Origins meeting center.. The University here is very entrepreneurial and I am intrigued by ways we might fund real science without using the money just to support the university.. because of the ASU foundation we can funnel money in private ways to do whatever we want, so being creative in this regard is both possible and advisable.. and as I say, that even includes supporting work elsewhere if Martin is hampered by Harvard rules regard external support. I actually think you would enjoy meeting at talking to Michael Crow here (the president of asu) as he is really a remarkable man, and an interesting intellect.. so it might be nice for you to consider coming to phoenix sometime just to hang out a bit, see the area, including real estate if you want, and meet with Michael.. if we timed it and Martin and Frank W could come out for a few days we could talk ideas as well..

some thoughts..

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