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Conclusion

An enormous scientific breakthrough could be gained from exploring this region further. The remarkable harmony between narratives of past explorations, information gathered on this expedition, and the paleontological and Biblical knowledge of dinosaur habitats gives credence to the idea of a dinosaur still living today.

Things were learnt on this trip that should be useful for future expeditions. While the weather in November (after the rainy season) made for relatively comfortable days. the high water level made travel extremely difficult. Dry season travel would bring a new set of obstacles, but it would also narrow the target area to the deepest rivers and swamp pools. The government ministers of the interior, rivers, tourism and national security must all be contacted to obtain all the necessary permissions and documents. It would also be helpful to hire an aircraft to carry expedition personnel and equipment from the capital city of Yaounde directly to Moloundou in the southeast, avoiding the lengthy journey by road. The best odds of finding the creature will be on the river. Accordingly, the plan should be to methodically ply the large rivers with a high-riding boat, utilizing sonar and underwater video equipment for a period of six to eight weeks.

A full-scale expedition sponsored in part by the BBC is currently being planned and I anticipate conducting another reconnaissance trip in February of 2002. As new information is forthcoming, it will be posted to the *Genesis Park* Web site. I truly hope that God's purpose in pointing Job to the ancient behemoth and leviathan is realized afresh today: 'None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?' (Job 41:10). It would indeed be exciting to see dinosaurs restored to their proper place, declaring God's almighty creative power!

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Record of unchanged life forms

Darwin's gradualism has recently been more directly questioned. In 1972, Gould and Niles Eldredge mounted an attack on Darwin's notion that the evolution of species represents the accumulation of small variations.... They marshaled evidence from the fossil record showing that it is the rule rather than the exception that lifeforms remain unchanged for long periods of time, often millions of years. Gould and Eldredge called that state of affairs stasis. They say there are few signs in the fossil record of the gradual changes that would betoken, on Darwin's view, the successive adaptations of species to make them even better adjusted even to a stable environment.

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