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The third statement was that "Most of the examples looked like nothing in particular, having no easily discernable features." Every human print we uncovered had quite clear features. There was no mistaking them--even by the most prejudiced mind--for being anything but human prints.

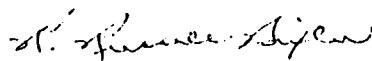
Mr. Edwards' fourth point was that the stride length was inconsistent. This is true. His normal stride appeared to be approximately 45 inches. However, the man who made the prints seemed confused and indecisive, as if he were uncertain of where he was going, perhaps feeling trapped. He obviously made a number of turns after every few strides.

His fifth point was, "The 'footprints' changed size and shape with every step." This is simply not true. The size of the footprints never varied, and the shape only varied slightly, depending upon whether or not the man was turning direction.

Dr. Carl Baugh's name was mentioned in Mr. Edwards' article, so the reader would assume that you had investigated the area in which he has been digging. I received the distinct feeling that you did not even investigate this area. Dr. Baugh has reopened the dig, and I am certain that he would thoroughly enjoy having you return to participate. His very openness to skeptics is highly significant. Please consider returning to Glen Rose for several days this Spring.

Mr. Edwards' also noted that you have produced a video tape, "Footprints in the Mind." If he has captured the intent of your video tape, then you are doing a great disservice to the cause of science. No scientist should ever fear truth. Such a video tape could only have the effect of suppressing truth for a period of time. When Pope Urban VIII in the 17th century asked for a position paper from the science faculty of the University of Bologna concerning Galileo's novel theory of heliocentricity, their paper was laced with Ptolemaic distortions, causing the church at Rome to turn against Galileo bitterly, suppressing the progress of science for nearly a century. Please don't let this happen again.

Sincerely,



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