interested in the Ten Plagues God inflicted upon Egypt. I am now in the process of collecting information to write a paper on this subject. I am trying to develop probabilistic models with regard to plagues and natural disasters to show that the Ten Plagues were a direct result of God's wrath on Egypt, and that they cannot be explained in any other way. In order to build a strong argument, there are several questions I need to answer.... I would appreciate it very much if you could help me obtain sources or suggest a bibliography to resolve my questions.

The following list contains topics about which I am seeking information:

- 1) When did the plagues occur, and what was the ruling Egyptian dynasty?
- 2) What was the time period from the first plague until the exodus?
- 3) What was the magnitude of the plagues contrasted with the normal, but lesser degree, occurrences similar to the plagues?
- 4) How much of Egypt was actually affected, and what was the land size of Egypt at that time?
- 5) Are any secular reasons given to explain this phenomena?
- 6) Where is a concise and accurate discussion of the historicity of the Bible?

I would like to obtain as much proof as possible from secular materials so that my arguments cannot be labeled as prejudiced by non-Christians; however, if no such materials exist, then I would like the most conclusive data from Christian sources available. If the latter is the case, then I will need to appeal to the historicity of the Bible to solidify my discussion....

Dear ....

The subject you have mentioned is an interesting one, but unfortunately it is one on which information outside the Bible is practically non-existent.

There is much argument about the date of the Exodus. Some Bible students vociferously declare that it occurred in the 15th century B.C. Others place it two centuries later. At present the