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Dear Mr. Persson

Thank you for your letter of 29 June regarding the redating of P⁴⁶ to the latter part of the first century. If Kim's dating is correct it would show that in a Pauline MS of the first century the Tetragram was not used as I suggested. This weakens my theory, at least in regard to the Pauline letters. Whether or not first century manuscripts of the gospels and other writings would follow the pattern of P⁴⁶ would still be a matter of conjecture. We can only hope that first century MSS of these writings turn up as well. A close look at P⁷⁵ and P⁶⁶ shows that they are not far behind in date to P⁴⁶.

Sincerely,

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P.S. The Jehovah Witnessés have made too much out of my articles. I do not support their theories.