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A NEWSLETTER TO PROVIDE CHRISTIANS WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CREATION/EVOLUTION ISSUE AND PROGRESS ON THE CREATION MUSEUM

A MUSEUM WITH PURPOSE

Some people may have the idea that a museum is rather a stuffy place with a lot of signs very few people actually read. After visiting museums myself in the past I have sometimes questioned what benefit I may have accrued from my visit. *Creation Museum of the Ozarks* (CMOTO) is envisioned by myself and our team as a facility that will attract visitors and maintain their interest.

When this vision is realized, CMOTO will have a definite and special purpose that we believe will be pleasing to the heart of God. What is this purpose? It is to obey the command of our Lord to be a witness for the proclaiming of the Gospel. What I am saying is that the main purpose of CMOTO is to make sure that visitors will be impacted with the truths of the Word of God, and by doing so to realize their desperate need of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul wrote these words, "I have become all things to all men, that I might be all means save some" (1 Corinthians. 9:22). The principle contained in these words is that God can use a variety of means to convey His truths. He uses different people, different

methods, and different circumstances, but the message must always be the uncompromised truths of the Gospel.

We believe the ministry of creationism is a tool the Holy Spirit is using to attract people and lead them to the truth. Evolution teaches there is no Creator, and everything evolved by lucky chance over millions of years. The Bible teaches the opposite. No attempt should be made to compromise by trying to merge these contradictory models. Simply put, it comes down to this: If there is no Creator there is no Gospel; if there is a Creator there is a Gospel, and there is eternal destiny to consider.

So *Creation Museum of the Ozarks* will be more than a museum, it will be a ministry for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY OF FAITH FOR THE ESTABLISHING OF CREATION MUSEUM OF THE OZARKS

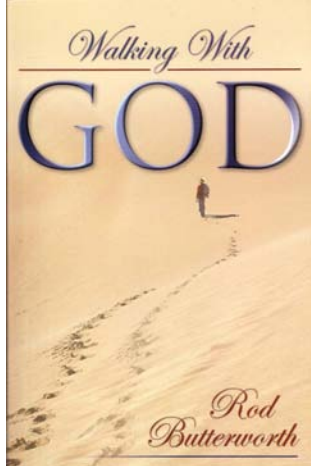
God bless you,
Rod Butterworth
President

Contact Dr. Butterworth to hold a meeting or series of meetings at your church or group.
866-771-TRUE (8783)



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING

If you are a Christian with a hunger and thirst to walk in the truth of God's Word and desire a closer walk with Him, *Walking With God* will be a blessing to you. You can help this creation museum ministry with a donation at the \$25.00 or more level, and the book will be shipped to you. Pay through the web site or the address on page 2.





Barry Dullum serves as Vice-President for Creation Museum of the Ozarks

HOW THE TRUTH BROUGHT ABOUT CHANGE IN MY LIFE

by Barry Dullum

To this day I can remember drifting away from my faith as a teenager. In school we were presented with ideas based on evolution. No more mighty works by an all-powerful Creator God. Life as we know it today was just a slow and steady progression of the most adaptable organisms, over millions, even billions of years. It explains everything, the curriculum hinted, because over so much time, almost anything is possible. It also removes from the mind the implausible idea that in six days the world was made, or the unlikely story that the world was once flooded by an angry God. The 'theory of evolution' was the answer to many questions. Even more, evolution theory became the justification for living apart from the heritage of faith that was part of my early years.

I found myself enthralled by the writings of Carl Sagan (and others like him), with his seemingly plausible explanations of history as found in the Bible, directly challenging everything I had once believed. I came to believe that Darwin and his observations were finally going to rid the world of the influence of religion and its attendant evils. My view of life changed. This is not a sad story; life has been good. We have been active in church throughout this time, our family is vibrant, our children are thriving, our goals are being met or are within reach. But this idea that somehow the Bible wasn't true and the ideas of evolution were empirically provable left me troubled and frankly with out hope.

About ten years ago, our son was a student at a private Bible College and was taking a course on religion. He came home one day and told me about Creation Science. His instructor and guest speakers had influenced his way of thinking. My impression was that he'd been told a nice story, a new explanation for a tired old tale, but that he was mistaken. No, no, he insisted, the ideas of so-called evolution were the problem. God's Word is really true. There was a flood and there has been a great hoax played out upon all of Western Civilization by the Humanists! The Humanists? What on earth is a Humanist? This was the beginning of

doubt in the ideas of evolution that were so persistent in my mind.

Coincidentally, at about the same time, my wife and I became involved in a Christian ministry called Alpha and for the first time in my life I encountered the Holy Spirit. It changed my life when I truly experienced God's love; I have not been the same since. I surrendered myself to the mercy of God and developed a real friendship with Jesus. Oh, life went on, pretty much the same, but, the truth is, there was a lot that was different on the inside. There was an inner change underway—under God's guidance.

A few years later, as we began to visit a new fellowship, we encountered a class on Creation Science led by Dr. Rod Butterworth. His class appealed to me so much because he presented ideas and materials with empirical proofs that directly disputed and disproved the claims of evolution. It was no longer a struggle for me to intertwine science and the Bible. It was like a homecoming for me – I was able to abandon the doubts that had plagued me and really put my faith back into God's word to see the Bible as truth.

The turning away from the ideas of evolution and secular humanism that I am experiencing is like that being experienced by many others around the world. The growing number of notables throughout academia and industry, literature and philosophy, law and jurisprudence taking issue with the ideas of evolution and humanism are increasing. This is surely an indication that Darwin's observations and all that have been made of them since contain serious error. I believe the growing decadence seen in our society can definitely be resisted and hopefully arrested by right-thinking persons who call into question the motivations of those who so stridently insist upon their unproven neo Darwinist viewpoints.

It is now easy for me to say with joy and confidence, 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'

Proclaiming Truth in the Natural State

by Curtis Baker

April was a busy month for the Creation Museum of the Ozarks ministry team. We found ourselves conducting creation meetings at two venues in Missouri and most recently, one in Harrison, Arkansas. Soon after our arrival at Shiloh Baptist Church we began to witness what was to be a very memorable night. From the gracious hospitality of the entire church body to the very energetic intro with the pastor, Heath Kirkpatrick, leading the children with "unique" creation songs and cheers.

According to Pastor Kirkpatrick, the *Creation Club* that he began on Wednesday nights has brought an increase in attendance for the mid-week services.



The Creation Museum of the Ozarks ministry team was eager to begin the two presentations that evening, one for the adults with Dr. Rod Butterworth, and a special children's presentation by myself and my wife Sherry. Both presentations included many fossil and archeology display items that support the Biblical model of creation.

As the evening came to a close we heard from some of those in attendance about how studying creation science has strengthened their faith and brought them to a deeper understanding of God's Word. Whether a new believer or a seasoned veteran, one's faith needs to be built upon a strong foundation. When Creation Museum of the Ozarks is built and operating, its message will clearly proclaim the truth of God's Word.



If you would like to attend a meeting in your area or would like information on how your church or group could host a creation meeting with our ministry team, log on to the web at www.creationmuseumoto.org and go to the Events page for a current list of meetings or to sign up as a host for a meeting.

You can call toll free at 1-866-771-TRUE (8783). Also, if you would like to start your own creation club, please contact Pastor Kirkpatrick for more information:

Shiloh Baptist Church, Harrison, AR.

Phone: 1-870-743-5977 or on the web at <http://shilohchurch.net>

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REASON FOR HOPE

by Ron Walser

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Recently I asked my thirty-something married couples class to list on paper the reasons commanded in 1 Peter 3:15, "*But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.*"

Before having them complete the exercise I explained that the Greek word for *defense* (or *reason* in some translations) is **apologia** and it's a somewhat legal term and depicts a sort of courtroom presentation where logical points are being given to a jury that is listening and weighing information. We see Paul using this type of **apologia** in chapter 1 of Galatians where he is telling his audience to remember his former life as a persecutor of Christians and now, since his road to Damascus experience, he is changed. This is a **cause** and **effect** argument. His audience could see the change in Paul—the **effect**, and fully realized there had to be a **cause** to bring this about.

Another example of an **apologia** that was thought through very well is recorded in the second chapter of Acts. Here Peter is using fulfilled prophecy to make his defense among his listeners.

As our class worked through the exercise of preparing and writing down a defense for the HOPE that we have in Christ Jesus, many started to add to their original **apologia** and in doing so had their own faith strengthened. 1 Peter 3:15 is a commandment and being obedient brings forth joy and wisdom. *the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; Psalms 19:8 (ESV)*

As for me personally, I have a huge list of "reasons" I've "prepared" over the years and delight in adding to them daily. What a joy it is to see God's **Fingerprints** everywhere we look, both the visible and the invisible.

If you like adding to your list of reasons, let me share two of my favorites.

In 1953 James Watson and Francis Crick discovered the key molecule of life, the DNA—a discovery that earned them the Nobel Prize. Crick, an atheist and an evolutionist, co-Nobel prizewinner with Watson, calculated the probability of a DNA molecule arising spontaneously over the course of the 4.6 billion years to be Zero. (any odds greater than 1 in 10⁵⁰ is considered to have a zero chance.)



Crick, an evolutionist to the core, came up with a scenario even more far-fetched than evolution. He called his new brainchild "directed panspermia." Now pan means "all" and spermia means "sperm." His new theory was that an advanced race of beings, living on some far-off planet, sent out space-ships with their sperm aboard and seeded various planets. Even a student in elementary school would ask the next obvious question, "How did these advanced beings come into existence?"

Like Crick, Sir Fred Hoyle and the mathematician, Chandra Wickramasinghe, calculated the possibility of an entire cell originating spontaneously in a 15 billion-year-old universe to be 1 in 10^{40,000}. Again, since anything greater than 1 in 10⁵⁰ is a virtual zero, there is no light at the end this tunnel either.

God has never asked you and I to have *blind* faith; He asks for our *reasoned* faith. The faith required to believe in the above odds defy description.

God Bless you and I pray that you will begin adding to your list of reasons today.

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A WORD CONCERNING FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Financial accountability is extremely important to us. To this end *Creation Museum of the Ozarks* has obtained 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the IRS. Donations can be claimed as charitable giving for tax purposes. We have engaged the services of a reputable Certified Public Accountant from the office of James E. Cologna, CPA, in Springfield, Missouri.

"CREATION MATTERS"

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