



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

A NECESSARY DEFENSE

At the point where an enemy is attacking, would it not be crucial to provide the best defense possible at that very point? In the game of American football the defenders concentrate on blocking the offense of the opposing team to the best of their ability. But what about spiritual attacks experienced by the Church? How has the Church reacted to the attacks against it? Are today's specific attacks against the Bible being addressed effectively by pastors and Bible teachers? In general I believe the answer is "No."

First Peter 3:15 tells us to "...always be ready to give a **defense** to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." And Jude tells us in verse 3 of his epistle to "...**contend** for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."

What has been one of the biggest attacks against the Church within the last 200 years that the Church has not dealt with successfully? I believe it is the false idea that there is no Creator and therefore the creation account in the Bible is meaningless. If the Book of Genesis is not real literal history, as humanistic evolutionary teaching would claim, then why would the rest of the

Bible be trustworthy. Either the Bible is a true revelation of the history of this world and the God who created it, or it is not.

It is because the Church has not dealt with this matter effectively, and has failed to provide answers to questions raised by skeptics, that young people raised in Church become confused and begin to doubt the Bible. The truth is, we have a defense that spiritually, theologically, historically, and scientifically provides overwhelming support for the truth and historical accuracy of the Bible.

This is what the vision for *Creation Museum of the Ozarks* is all about—a facility that will increase the faith of Christians in the Bible, and at the same time challenge the thinking of those who have been influenced by the illogical, scientifically unsupported, false teaching of Darwin's idea of evolution.

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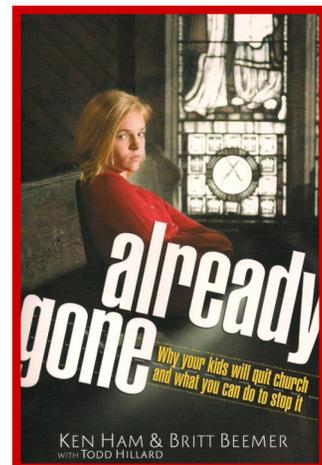
God bless you, Rod Butterworth

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WHEN DID THE “GROANING” BEGIN?

by Rod Butterworth

The question asked in the title of this article is very significant, because the answer to it shows the absolute impossibility of the position many Christians have taken that is generally known as theistic evolution. This is an attempt to impose the idea of millions of years of supposed earth's history into the Bible, and the belief that God used evolution as His method of creating.

Romans 8:22 reads:

“For we know that the whole creation **groans** [suffers] and labors with birth pangs together until now.”



“Old Faithful”
Yellowstone National Park

We could add a long list to Old Faithful of things that evidence the painful groaning of nature and humankind on this earth. Things like earthquakes, tornados, tsunamis, hurricanes, disease, animals and humans killing one another, and much more.

Is this the way it has always been? No. The Bible tells us that after God had created all things He considered His creation to be “very good” (Genesis 1:31). So when did the groaning begin? Most students of the Bible would point to Genesis 3 which records Adam and Eve's disobedience to God (sin and the Fall), and the resulting judgment of God upon both man and the natural world.

So if the *groaning* and suffering in this world began *after* the Fall according to the biblical record,

how could there be millions of years of death, disease and suffering (which is *groaning*) before this time? For example, evidence for cancer has been discovered in dinosaur bones which are claimed by evolutionists to be at least 65 million years old.

Therefore, according to the Bible there was no *groaning* or suffering before the Fall, and it is impossible to put the creation of man millions of years into the past. Adam and Eve were created only thousands of years ago (approximately 6,000), so the *groaning* has only been since that time.

If Christians really thought this through they should be able to see the fallacy of trying to incorporate the millions-of-years and the old-earth idea into the Bible. To do so would be to contradict God's Word and undermine its authenticity and historical accuracy.

Another contradiction caused by believing in millions of years before the creation of Adam and Eve, is the Bible's clear statement in Genesis 1:29,30, that originally humans and animals were all vegetarian. This means that animals were not killing each other to satisfy their appetite as they often do today. And when you really think about it, if evolution over millions of years were true, what kind of a creator would use such a horrible method of producing animal life that depended on bloodshed and the survival of the fittest?

The main problem with this compromise belief that has deceived so many Christians, especially those in more academic circles, is that it tells people not to believe the Bible as it is plainly written. This is bound to cause confusion and doubt. I believe God supervised the writing of His Word, and that we should trust and believe in all of it including Exodus 20:11. **“For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.”**

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