



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

## THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH

Romans 1:21 says: “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” There are those who are opposed to the Bible and the evidence for a Creator on their own intellectual grounds. These are people that I have often described as victims of their own intellect. Getting an education in life is necessary, but there is always the danger of pride of intellect.

It is only natural that people resent being told that they are wrong about what they have believed to be true. Even young children exhibit attitudes of resistance when corrected by their parents, and usually do so loudly. But if people really want to know the truth about things there should be an openness to always let the evidence lead them to the truth—even if truth turns out to be contrary to what they have been taught.

This is why a creation museum/ministry is urgently needed in the Branson, Missouri area. Of the seven-to-eight million visitors to Branson each year up to three million are families with young children. What a powerful ministry this could be through a facility that would impact people with the truths of the Word of God for over forty hours a week! People would come from far and wide. What a great mission field opportunity!

When operating, Creation Museum of the Ozarks will challenge the visitors in a tasteful way to consider the evidence for the literal history of the Bible. Adam and Eve were real people; the imperfect world we live in is a result of God’s curse because of man’s disobedience; God judged the world with a global flood; Jesus Christ was literally born of a virgin in Bethlehem, literally died as the sacrifice for our sins on a cross, and literally rose from the dead never to die again.

This will be a powerful way to present the Gospel to those who pass through the museum. The wise will let the evidence lead them to the truth, while the foolish will proudly resist because it offends their intellects—and for a variety of other reasons.

We thank God that while we are waiting for the miracles needed to get CMOTO underway, this vision is already a ministry through the avenues that God has opened up. These include meetings held in various churches and schools, and the media ministry through radio, the internet and publications.

Please continue to pray earnestly for God to move us on to the next stage. God bless you all. RB

Contact Dr. Butterworth to hold a meeting or series of meetings at your church or group.  
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**A FORMULAR TO REMEMBER**

**NO CREATOR = NO CREATION  
NO CREATION = NO FALL  
NO FALL = NO CROSS  
NO CROSS = NO REDEMPTION  
NO REDEMPTION = NO HOPE  
THEREFORE,  
NO CREATOR = NO GOSPEL!**



# DESIGN, ORDER AND PURPOSE

by Rod Butterworth

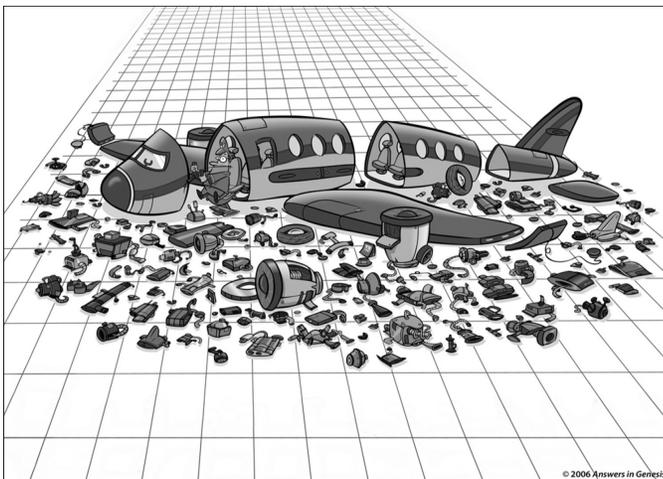
Someone has pointed out that although perhaps not a very encouraging thought, an airplane is constructed from a great number of non-flying parts. One could assemble all the individual parts needed as illustrated here, but unless someone knows how to put them all together, a mechanical machine for flying through the skies will never materialize.

What is needed? Design, order and purpose are needed. Now in order to have a preplanned design there has to be some thought behind it. Thought is immaterial, therefore, thinking processes come from a non-material mind with intelligence. In other words, matter by itself does not think. One has to have a thinking intelligent mind in order to plan a course of action such as the knowledge of the order for putting all the parts of an airplane together.

Looking at this from the opposite viewpoint by starting with an airplane already assembled and ready for flight, one can examine it and discover the many parts that were needed to put it together as a whole. We can say that the forethought and production of every part involved design, order and purpose. If we don't admit this self-evident conclusion we have surely departed from reason and common sense.

In Michael Behe's *Darwin's Black Box* he uses the simple illustration of a mousetrap. His purpose is to show that each of the small number of individual parts of a mousetrap are vital to the fulfillment of its purpose. He calls this the principle of "irreducible complexity." If one part is removed, and it doesn't matter which one, the mousetrap will be useless. Again, what is needed? Design, order and purpose are needed, and these qualities come only from an intelligent source—certainly not from mindless matter.

Yet, there are some who refuse to admit the obvious, and continue to look for some mysterious force that has worked in secret to somehow evolve the "appearance of intelligent design" in all the things around us in this world and the universe.



Those who cling to evolution and the idea of millions of years generally claim that it is the workings of "natural selection" that has evolved the appearance of design and order. Yet, what is natural selection? The so-called mechanism to explain it remains a complete mystery.

On one hand we hear that natural selection and the continuing of the evolutionary process is happening all around us, only so slowly that we cannot detect it. On the other hand we hear that the reason the fossil record doesn't reveal transitional forms (missing

links) showing the work of natural selection is because it happened so quickly there was no time for evidence to be left in the rocks! Something is wrong with this reasoning!

Well, when we look for explanations other than the obvious we usually end up looking foolish. Where there is the plain appearance of design and order in the world around us, we should let the evidence lead us to the truth. In fact, this is what all scientists are supposed to do—let the evidence lead them to the truth. But because some have already decided that there cannot be an intelligent mind behind the admitted appearance of design and order, they continue to chase rabbit trails that refuse to give satisfactory answers.

What exciting and challenging days these are for Christians! The information that continues to increase showing absolutely incredible design and order around us is making it harder and harder for evolutionists and atheists to explain away. For example, in the fields of biology or astronomy to mention two, the discoveries that indicate a wonderful supernaturally intelligent Creator Mind are accumulating at a rapid rate.

For the Christian whose foundation is the Bible as God's special revelation to His creation, it is no surprise that real science confirms the existence of our awesome Creator.

"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well" (Psalm 139:14).

## FIND MORE INFORMATION AT:

[www.creationmuseumOTO.org](http://www.creationmuseumOTO.org)

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Donations can be made online or sent to:

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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 Mr. Dan Wiser, Certified Public Accountant in Springfield, Missouri.

## "CREATION MATTERS"

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[www.KLFCradio.com](http://www.KLFCradio.com) 88.1 FM at 3.30 p.m. in the Branson, MO area, or KWFC 89.1 FM at 10.57 a.m. in southwest MO area CST Monday thru Friday each week. Or hear previous recordings on our online site anytime at: [www.creationmuseumOTO.org](http://www.creationmuseumOTO.org)