



CREATION MATTERS

A NEWSLETTER PROVIDING CHRISTIANS UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CREATION/EVOLUTION ISSUE AND THE MUSEUM AT CREATION MINISTRIES OF THE OZARKS

NO. 38

WE MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT!

“Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets” (Luke 6:26).

Well, we expected it. When a local group of atheistic minded individuals found out about our creation museum ministry they soon took the opportunity to visit and write about us on their internet blog. Here is a small portion of their demeaning report:

“Creationists make ##### up. I’m not exaggerating; every single piece of evidence on display was either a blatant misinterpretation, or an outright hoax, or wishful thinking.”

While the writer had to admit that they were received very politely and courteously by their hosts (who were two of our team members), they obviously wanted to ridicule this ministry and convince themselves that we had nothing to offer. However, with tongue in cheek, I cannot figure out what sections of our museum they thought were a “blatant misrepresentation...an outright hoax, or wishful thinking.”

It couldn’t have been our exhibit relating to the Dead Sea Scrolls because this is real archeological science that proves the reliability of the Old Testament manuscripts and the amazing accuracy of the copyists who wrote them a few hundred years before Christ. It surely couldn’t have been our display of animal groups supporting the Bible’s record that they were created “according to their kinds” (Genesis 1) with reproductive limits, because this is still foundational to empirically tested biological science today. Neither could it have been our scientifically excavated displays of fossils like those found all over the world by paleontologists and others, which without a doubt indicate a huge watery catastrophe in the past—such as the biblical Noah’s Flood. And how could they have doubted the verified flood accounts remembered in the history of people groups from all over the world? (If there weren’t any records like this of a global flood, groups believing in evolution would be the first to say that there should be).

How sad that human minds can be so locked into something they have been taught to the extent that they will not let the evident facts get in the way of what they want to believe is true. Well, Christians have an explanation for this situation. We are engaged

in a spiritual warfare for the minds and souls of men, women, boys and girls. The Apostle Paul wrote, **“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12).**

We are actually thrilled that this group of atheists visited us and heard something from the Word of God (more atheists are planning a visit). After all, I doubt they would ever darken the doors of a church! What an opportunity! The Bible says: **“So then, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).** It reminds me somewhat of the Apostle Paul’s experience on Mars Hill in Athens as recorded in Acts 17. We must always be careful to be **“...speaking the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15)**, and pray that the Lord will give such persons a window of opportunity by His grace for them to receive His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

See page two for a different kind of response from visitors to CMOTO. By the end of June we should have had the privilege of receiving over 600 visitors. Thank you for everyone who is praying and supporting this vital ministry. God bless, RB.

THIS MAY BE THE VERY ENCOURAGEMENT YOUR PASTOR NEEDS

What is a pastor to do when individuals in the congregation have different beliefs about origins and the age of the earth? *The Pastors’ Dilemma* contains powerful biblical and scientific answers your pastor may find helpful.

The Pastors’ Dilemma

YOUNG EARTH

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OLD EARTH

Rod Butterworth

**VISIT THE CREATION MUSEUM AT:
112 E. Pine Street, Strafford, MO 65757**

SUMMER HOURS:

**Wednesdays through Saturdays
10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.**

Contact Dr. Rod Butterworth to hold creation meetings at your church or group. 866-771-TRUE (8783)

A BELATED GRAND OPENING



Although we have been open to the public for about five months we finally had an official grand opening on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The local mayor of Strafford and other officials were present for a short ceremony at the entrance to CMOTO's museum.

The picture on the left shows the moment of ribbon cutting and from left to right: Curtis Baker, CMOTO's Secretary Treasurer; Rod Butterworth, President; and Barry Dullum, Vice President. We estimate that approximately 125 people visited us on this day in the small community of Strafford where we are currently located. Everyone expressed appreciation for our existence and what they experience in the museum.

TRANSFORMED THINKING: Near the end of the day an engaged couple came in to visit, and not wanting to hurry them we told them they could stay as long as they wanted. I (RB) gave them a tour and showed them a video in our presentation room. I did not know that the man was evolutionary in his thinking. They left expressing thanks for allowing them to stay longer than the stated closing time. The next day I received a phone call from the lady who informed me that her fiancée told her after the visit that he could no longer believe in evolution!



ABOVE: Some of the many guests who visited us on our grand opening day.

A TESTIMONY: *Thank you for the wonderful tour you gave us at your museum! We appreciate the time and effort you and your assistants put forth to make us feel welcome. We enjoyed every minute of our visit, and we definitely benefitted from your knowledge and the information that you imparted to us about our world—God's amazing creation. Your exhibits are interesting and very attractively displayed. It's obvious you've put a lot of hard work into your museum; may God continue to bless your ministry.*
Thank you, RL - 3rd & 4th grade teacher

CURRENT NEEDS: CMOTO still needs an LCD projector to install permanently in our main presentation room. This will help us avoid transporting back and forth the projectors we use for outside ministry. If you feel led to help with the cost of this please send a donation to the address below. We also need more folding padded chairs. Thank you, and God bless you.

FIND MORE INFORMATION AT:

www.creationmuseumOTO.org
Or call: 866-771-TRUE (8783)
Donations can be made online or sent to:
Creation Ministries of the Ozarks (checks can be made to "CMOTO")
c/o Secretary Treasurer
316 N. Dogwood
Strafford, MO 65757

"CREATION MATTERS"

You can hear the two-minute spots live on:
KWFC 89.1 FM at 10.57 a.m. in the southwest MO area CST Monday thru Friday each week coming from Springfield, MO. Or, hear previous recordings at our online radio archive anytime at: www.creationmuseumOTO.org

A WORD CONCERNING FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Financial accountability is extremely important to us. To this end *Creation Ministries 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.