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CREATION MUSEUM OF THE OZARKS

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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

CREATION MUSEUM OF THE OZARKS NOW A TAX-EXEMPT MINISTRY

We have just received official approval from the IRS (9-8-08) that Creation Museum of the Ozarks is now a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt ministry. It has taken several months for this to be accomplished, but we are very thankful to the Lord that this hurdle is now behind us.

Those who took a step of faith with us and gave to this vision before we achieved our tax exemption, will now be able to receive the benefit at tax time. Also, all donations given in 2007 as well as 2008 are retroactive to claim as charitable deductions.

This is an important step forward for the vision of Creation Museum of the Ozarks. We are thankful that we live in a country that at

the present time (we don't know for how much longer) recognizes and gives a little help to institutions that minister to the spiritual needs of people.

Obviously for this vision to become a reality in the Branson area of Missouri with its millions of visitors each year, we are asking God for big miracles of provision. Specifically, we are asking for appropriate land (about 30 acres), building, and the right people with God-given talent and expertise to build this vision that will bring honor to God and His Word.

We have already begun to see God surround us with special people. For example, we are privileged to have with us a Christian CPA and an architect, as well as a fine advisory board. However, we do feel rather like Gideon of old, and know that we must be totally dependent upon our Lord for His help to see Creation Museum of the Ozarks become a reality and an effective ministry.

PLEASE CHECK OUT

"CREATION MATTERS"

"Creation Matters" is our new radio outreach for spreading the word about the vision for a creation museum/ministry in the Branson, Missouri area. You can hear the two-minute spots live on: www.KLFCradio.com at 3.30 p.m. CST Monday thru Friday each week. Or hear previous recordings anytime online at: www.creationmuseumOTO.org

WILL YOU JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY OF FAITH WITH YOUR PRAYERS, AND AS LED OF GOD, WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

God bless you,
Rod Butterworth
President

Can Creation & Evolution be in Harmony?

By Rod Butterworth

There are many Christians today who have been influenced to believe they can accept and combine both biblical creation and the idea of evolution, and that these beliefs can be in harmony with each other. Is this true, and what effect would such a position have on biblical authority and the Church in general?

Before answering this it is necessary to define the word *evolution*. Briefly, Charles Darwin's idea of evolution was that all life evolved slowly over millions of years from lower and simpler forms of life to higher and more complex forms, and that this happened by chance mutations. He believed that this process took place without any supernatural acts or input from a Creator.

Right away it should be obvious that these two positions are so contrary to one another that we can only assume that those who accept such compromise have not thought the issue through carefully. The Christian should see this issue as a battle of opposing worldviews and philosophies between a supernatural creation of all things by God, and a haphazard naturalistic materialistic appearance of matter, energy and life forms on the earth.

Yet, today there are professing Christians including many in positions of spiritual leadership, who have compromised by trying to marry these two antithetical positions into their belief system. Two basic models of compromise with evolutionary belief and ideas are known respectively as *theistic evolution* and *progressive creationism*.

The problem with the concept of theistic evolution is that it goes along with the idea of mil-

lions of years, and says that God started with the initial creation and then let evolution take over to produce all the variety of life forms that exist today. The problem with progressive creationism is the idea that God created intermittently over millions of years.

Can either of these ideas be in harmony with the Bible? Definitely not if one accepts the Bible at face value as it is written. Therefore, accepting either of these views overrides and ignores what the Bible plainly says. What does the Bible say? It declares unequivocally that God created in six literal approximate 24-hour-days about 6,000 years ago! Honest study of the Scriptures using time-honored historical grammatical exegesis cannot come up with any other alternative than this.

When Christians compromise with these ideas they have (perhaps unwittingly) become witnesses for casting and spreading doubt upon the clear pronouncements of the Bible. In my mind, any teaching that takes away from the plain truths of God's Word is a serious matter.

In fact, I believe the Church has unnecessarily been discrediting itself for the last one hundred years in the eyes of unbelievers by compromising with evolutionary teachings. After all, if doubt is cast on the plain reading and understanding of the one book of the Bible, Genesis, that contains the foundational truths of origins, why should we be surprised if the rest of the Bible is doubted. We should be very wary of the ideas of men, and instead maintain unwaveringly faith in what God has actually said.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR NEW WEB SITE AT:

www.creationmuseumOTO.org

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Donations can be made online or sent to:

Creation Museum of the Ozarks

c/o Secretary Treasurer

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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.