

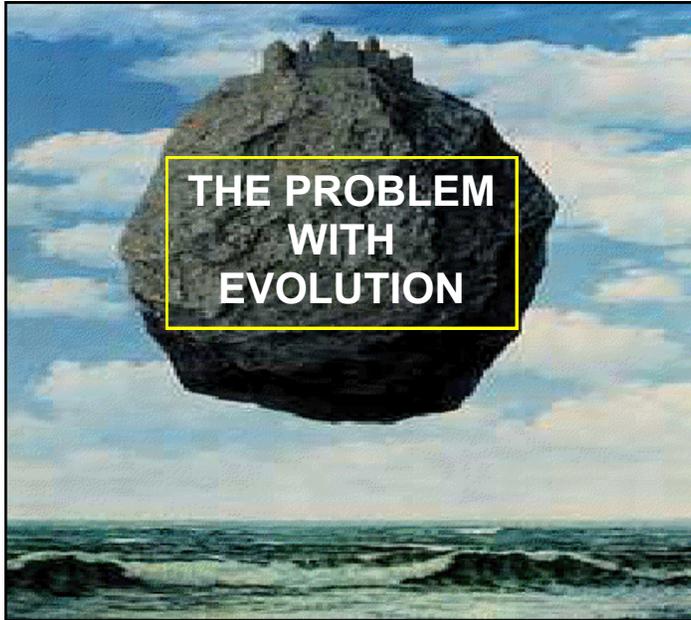


# CREATION MATTERS

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

NO. 43

## LAYING A STRONG FOUNDATION



Artist Rene Magritte

The Belgian artist Magritte painted a gravity defying impossible picture above showing a castle built on a rock that itself has no foundation. The idea of evolution from slime to scholar is also impossible according to some biologists who accept the empirical science as it is without adding a speculative philosophical non-science view.

There is no known scientific *cause* on planet earth that could suspend a huge rock in midair, but if it did happen there would have to be a *cause*. By parallel, there is no proven or known biological mechanism that could produce a huge increase of new genetic information that all living organisms would need for slime-to-scholar evolution. None! The *cause* for evolution is missing. The real *cause* for all life is a Creator God.



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

It is our privilege to continue to present biblical truth on creation and origins at several Christian schools in the southwest Missouri area. It is so important that these young people are given the opportunity to hear truth based on the Bible and true science, that will help prepare them to be able to counteract the false and deceptive teachings of evolution so prevalent in our society today. Thanks for praying. RB



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YOUNG EARTH

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OLD EARTH

Rod Butterworth

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**112 E. Pine Street, Strafford, MO 65757  
(Just a few blocks off Interstate 44)**

**FALL AND WINTER HOURS:**

**Fridays and Saturdays  
10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.  
OR BY SPECIAL APPOINTMENT**

# Matching \$500 Challenge

Have you considered becoming a CMOTO supporter but just haven't made that commitment? Well, now is the time to make your monthly gift go even further! One of CMOTO's faithful supporters is offering a Matching Challenge of up to \$500! Just by becoming a new monthly supporter or if you are a current supporter, any increase in monthly donations will go towards this matching challenge. For example, a \$25 monthly gift will become a \$50 monthly increase for CMOTO. Please pray for this growing ministry, and for guidance as to how you might help us reach even more with the Gospel message through this Matching Challenge. See return slip for details.

## OUR NEED FOR EXPANSION

We like to give personal tours at CMOTO. Fifty people at once is comfortable in our present facility. A week ago we had a group of over 50 visitors at one time!

Yes, we are looking forward by faith to when God allows us to open a creation museum in Branson, Missouri. There we believe we will have the privilege of exposing thousands of the over 7 million annual visitors to a biblical creation museum.

Please pray about helping us reach this \$500 challenge generously offered by one of our supporters. We thank the Lord for more than 1000 visitors since January this year to our museum in this little community of Strafford, Missouri.

We have expanded our creation resources. Our bookstore area has lots to choose from for all ages. Great Christmas gift ideas that will help build faith in our Creator.



BOOKS/DVDs/CHILDREN'S CREATION ACTIVITIES

## FIND MORE INFORMATION AT:

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 Or call: 866-771-TRUE (8783)  
 Donations can be made online or sent to:  
 Creation Ministries of the Ozarks (Make checks payable to "CMOTO")  
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 316 N. Dogwood  
 Strafford, MO 65757

## "CREATION MATTERS"

You can hear the two-minute spots live on:  
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## 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.

# *What has been Happening in America?*

*by Rod Butterworth*

When I immigrated to America from England as a young man in the 1960s I remember it as quite a different country in some ways compared to what it is today. For one thing there were gas wars at twenty-something cents per gallon, and I recall an elderly gas station operator commiserating for future generations with the words, “Yes, and I wouldn’t be surprised if gas gets to be fifty cents a gallon one day!”

Another difference from those days compared to today is what the local media reports on their daily news—yes, even in a supposedly Bible influenced conservative community like Springfield, Missouri. I just don’t remember hearing almost every word out of the reporters’ mouths telling of a murder here, a stabbing there, a drug bust, a bank robbery, a convenience store holdup, a suicide, a kidnapped child, a rape, or someone sent to prison for embezzlement of company funds. Then I realize that the Bible actually predicts such things. Second Timothy 3:1-4 says:

**“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.”**

Obviously, since we see all of these things taking place in America today and getting worse, we need to understand with God’s help what some of the root causes are, and if there is anything we can do to counteract this alarming trend. For those who have exercised discernment, this is where the false ungodly humanistic evolutionary idea comes into play as a major culprit. Where there is an effect there has to be a cause. So why should we be surprised that after generations of Americans have come through the public education system and have been literally indoctrinated with this ungodly yet religious philosophy, that they become anti-God, anti-Bible, and have little if any moral foundation with no hope for the future?

The stranglehold of humanistic evolutionary philosophy in our educational institutions has become extremely powerful and intimidating to anyone who would question its supposed legitimacy. The documentary *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed* produced by Ben Stein gives am-

ple evidence and examples of this. David Moore mentions a similar thought when he writes:

**Few college kids are willing to challenge highly educated experts like college professors. Most students are either too intimidated, or they just parrot back what the professor wants to hear rather than rock the boat of the person giving the grades. Unfortunately, that leads to bad science since mindless theories are repeated over and over with greater and greater confidence.<sup>1</sup>**

Moore continues with the belief that this dominance of evolutionary influence has resulted in many Americans blindly accepting evolution as fact. Yet, the truth remains that rather than being fact, evolution is an idea built only on assumptions built on more assumptions that lack empirical scientific support. Evolution is taught as an *effect* with no foundational supporting *cause*. I believe that all scientists would support the logical scientific evidence that a *cause* must precede an *effect*. Evolution lacks the *cause*.

In my opinion, Dr. Henry Morris made a prophetic statement regarding reasons for the moral and spiritual decline of America in his book *The Long War Against God* published 22 years ago in 1989. He wrote:

**The failure of Bible-believing Christian churches and schools to aggressively defend and promote true biblical creationism is a major cause of the takeover by evolutionary humanism of our entire society—its schools, news media, courts, and all other aspects thereof. Especially tragic is the all-but-total defection of our main-line Christian denominations to evolutionism, as well as the widespread compromise with evolution now prevalent in evangelicalism and fundamentalism.<sup>2</sup>**

Soon after I came to this country in the 1960s the remaining bastions of support in public education for critical thinking regarding origins were systematically choked into silence. Evolution became the only politically correct game in town, and with unabashed authority was proclaimed as absolute fact. Today, anyone who doesn’t completely accept this *fact* and believe it without question must be lacking in intelligence—actually, far less polite expressions than this are common used to this day for those

who express reasonable doubts about evolution.

### How Can Christians Proceed From Here?

According to Dr. Morris' quote above there is a vital need to **"...aggressively defend and promote true biblical creationism."** I agree, and would add that this should be a part of what all Christians do along with defending and promoting the accuracy and truthfulness of the whole Bible as God's special revelation for His creation. First Peter 3:15 tells us that we should be **"...ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."**

Unfortunately, the current situation we are experiencing among American Christians today is not conducive to supporting this foundational and extremely vital cause. I'm sure that Satan and his demonic assistants delight in influencing the Church to proclaim a self-contradictory message, thus confusing and causing indifference and certainly considerable disdain among many hearers. In addition, many pastors, even from traditionally conservative churches, are choosing to avoid the origins subject altogether which leaves their congregations floundering with no support or clear direction for counteracting the unrelenting bombardment of evolutionary philosophy in their daily lives.

An obvious example of the Church needing to speak with a clear voice on a matter of importance is the glaring contradiction between those who espouse a belief in an old earth, as opposed to those who support belief in a young earth. The Apostle Paul wrote:

**"For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (1 Corinthians 14:8).**

The Bible tells us that we should always speak **"...the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15)**. So the next question would have to be: How do we arrive at the *truth* in the matter of origins so that we can **"...speak the same thing"? (1 Corinthians 1:10)**. There is actually a simple answer to this which is: **If** we give the Bible total authority in our lives and let it speak to us in the plain language in which it was written under the inspiration of God's Spirit, then we, as the body of Christ would be able to give a clear unambiguous message to the world around us. Of course, this is a huge **"IF"** and a challenge that we should all be willing to face up to individually.

After all, the Bible is not that difficult to understand concerning the doctrine of creation. Did the Church not have a correct understanding

of this matter for about 1800 years since Christ's resurrection? Or is it only within the last 200 years that we have finally come to understand origins and the Book of Genesis with the help of those with academic degrees in modern science?

This last question is quite ironic because the truth is that *modern science*, that is, science that can be confirmed by observation and repeated testing—which is the foundation of the modern scientific method—actually gives amazing support and confirmation to biblical creation truths. For example, there is abundant scientific evidence from astronomy to support a young earth and universe; archaeology has confirmed over and over the historical accuracy of the Bible's places, names and events. Also, there is the biological impossibility of Darwinian evolution through chance and time; the biblical history of a global flood; the impossibility of matter, energy and chemicals by themselves to spark the first life from non life, and the impossibility of coded, purposeful and specified information discovered in DNA to originate from anything except an intelligent mind—that would be a Creator.

We can say with utmost confidence that the scientific evidence is overwhelmingly on the side of the Bible. This divinely inspired book is unquestionably the most accurate history book known to man for explaining our existence, and for answering the basic questions of life.

Therefore, the great need of the day is to boldly proclaim the validity and trustworthiness of the Bible. Our task as biblical creationists is to encourage people to take an honest, serious and objective look at the Bible to find this out for themselves. We must counteract the false idea so prevalent in the minds of many that the Bible is just an old-fashioned religious book that has no relevance for the twenty-first-century man or woman.

Those of us involved in the CMOTO ministry and museum look upon it as a great honor that God has given us this opportunity to obey the Great Commission in this way. This includes all of you who continue to faithfully support this outreach with your prayers and financial giving.

There is no greater satisfaction and fulfillment in life than being a willing servant of the Lord in the work of the ministry.

**"Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy" (Nehemiah 12:43).**

1. David T. Moore, *Five Lies of the Century* (Wheaton, Illinois: Tyndale House Publishers, 1995), p. 102.
2. Henry M. Morris, *The Long War Against God* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1989), p. 105.