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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

THE VISION FOR CREATION MUSEUM OF THE OZARKS IS A VISION OF FAITH

Recently I had a rather intense conversation with a man who claims not to believe in God, the resurrection of Christ, or the Bible as a valid document worthy of consideration. However, this same individual has quite readily accepted and believes in what I call the "idea" of evolution, and can explain at great length why he thinks evolution must be true. Needless to say we disagreed on most points that we discussed.

This intelligent individual described my faith in God and the Bible as a crutch to give me comfort because of my fear of death—which he believes is the end with no after life existence or awareness. So the bottom line is that he has faith in man's ideas of evolution for the explanation of life, and also has faith that there is no God and that when he dies it will be the end of his existence.

I told him that he had great faith, for what he believes has nothing in the way of viable supporting evidence to confirm what he believes. Then I went through several examples of actual historical and scientific evidences that confirm and support the record of the Bible's history, which he was quick to rationalize away with ideas that are purely man's assumptions. After several attempts to get his response to my question, "When did you first start to believe in evolution," he finally admitted that it was in school. And when I

asked him for a specific example to support evolution he mentioned Darwin's finches—which even evolutionary scientists now generally agree are just examples of environmental adaptation due to weather patterns—certainly nothing whatever to do with the false unsupported evolutionary idea of the spontaneous generation of molecular cells evolving into humans.

Well, this is an example of faith in an individual for something that appeals to multitudes of others—faith that there is no God to be accountable to, and faith in a fairy tale (evolution) that lets them off the hook. Someone has said that the current teaching and indoctrination in society of evolution will be looked upon in the future as one of the greatest of myths perpetuated upon the masses.

The reason I have written the above is to emphasize the need for faith, not just any faith, but faith in the truth. The Bible says that "...God has dealt to each one a measure of faith" (Romans 12:3). People can change when presented with the truth and when the Holy Spirit brings home that truth to the heart.

This is why we believe the vision for *Creation Museum of the Ozarks* is so important. It will be more than a museum, it will be an instrument and testimony to the truth of God's Word. It will help to set young people on the right road of truth and give them the ability to "...contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). Let us use the faith given to us by God to see *Creation Museum of the Ozarks* become a reality.

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

God bless you,
Rod Butterworth
President



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The Challenge of Secular Thinking

By Rod Butterworth

From a Christian perspective one way we could define secular thinking would be as that which springs from a world view rejecting any idea of a Creator, and one which does not accept Jesus Christ as God in the flesh. Therefore, a naturalistic, non-supernatural explanation of the existence of all life, this world, and the universe feels quite acceptable and comfortable to a person with this world view.

It really all begins and changes with whether one accepts a Creator or not. If there is a Creator who created the universe and everything in it for a specific purpose, then we as the product of His creation would surely have to seriously consider what our individual relationship and response to our Creator should be.

However, to secular minds this would seem totally irrelevant and not even a subject worth raising since according to their beliefs there is no God anyway. Any thought of recognizing Jesus Christ as being influential in their lives would be looked upon as totally irrational, and out of sync with secular society's modernistic philosophy of life.

With the above thoughts in mind we should recognize how well Satan has succeeded in deceiving multitudes by influencing them with such a secular mind set in the world we live in today. But Satan has always been busy at influencing minds with a secular or worldly mind set. In fact, any way that the powers of spiritual darkness can influence people by casting doubt on the truth of the Bible would be something they would take advantage of to the limit

of their ability. From the beginning of time Satan's desire to put questions in peoples' minds regarding the truthfulness of God's Word can be seen when he said to Eve, "Did God really say, 'You can't eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The challenge before us as Christians is to witness to those with a secular mind set, and to do so in such a way that they will have the eyes of their understanding opened to see that the Bible is definitely a book worthy of serious consideration and study. The Apostle Paul had to do this in order to overcome secular and confused thinking in pagan philosophers in Athens, Greece. In Acts 17 he began by laying the foundation for a God who created all things.

Some who heard Paul believed and became followers of Christ, but others did not. We have to remember as Christians that we must depend upon the help and strength of the Holy Spirit for our witnessing to become effective. But God expects us to do our part as well. We must faithfully prepare and study so that we can "...always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks us for a reason for the hope that is in us" (1 Peter 3:15).

If someone asks you why you believe in a literal Adam and Eve, can you give a reasonable answer? If you are asked why bad things happen in the world if there is a God of love, do you have an answer? If someone doubts the account of Noah's Flood can you explain it in a way that supports the Bible's history? If someone doubts that Jesus existed can you give them information to help enlighten them? Let's be ready!

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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.