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CREATION MUSEUM

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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

ARE YOU BOLD ENOUGH TO CALL YOURSELF A CREATIONIST?

ARE you a creationist? You may have noticed that the designation of a person or group as *creationist* is often referred to in the media and educational circles with a noticeable hint of disdain in tone of voice. It's almost as though some feel that they have to be apologetic for the misguided and uninformed people who believe there is a God who created all things in six literal days about six thousand years ago.

Well, this is exactly what a creationist believes, because he or she believes the Bible to be the true record of the history of this world and the universe. It is primarily a matter of faith, and as the article on page two indicates it is just the same for those who do not be-

lieve there is a Creator who created—i.e. it is a matter of faith for them also.

It should be no surprise to the followers of Jesus Christ that the unsaved world is in a state of confusion about the subject of origins. The powers of darkness are very real and are diligently attacking one of their worst enemies—the foundation of truth found in the Book of Genesis.

This is why it is crucial that an area like Branson, Missouri, which is visited by over 7 million people a year, needs a creation museum/ministry that testifies to the truthfulness of the Bible and its history. We are praying for great miracles for land and finances to build *Creation Museum of the Ozarks* for the glory of God. We believe that such a facility will impact thousands of lives on a daily basis.

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“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 online at: www.creationmuseumOTO.org

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

God bless you,
Rod Butterworth
President

Is There Academic Freedom in America?

By Rod Butterworth

Commentator Cal Thomas opines in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, August 29, 2002, that the word *God* may be mentioned and protected under the First Amendment's free speech clause when it modifies a cuss word. However, he writes, "The same First Amendment, according to their (the ACLU's) twisted logic, allegedly prohibits speaking well of God."

Thomas goes on to say, "There are only two models for the origin of humans: evolution and creation. If creation occurred, it did so just once and there will be no 'second acts.' If evolution occurs, it does so too slowly to be observed. Both theories are accepted on faith by those who believe in them. Neither theory can be tested scientifically because neither model can be observed or repeated."

Truly we are seeing freedoms being eroded in America that have been in place for about 200 years since this nation was founded on Christian and biblical principles. The Bible used to be a textbook in public schools, colleges and universities. But like England, the mention of creation, God or Jesus in a positive way in public is being increasingly shunned as not appropriate—it might offend someone. At the same time the teaching of evolution is promoted as being absolutely essential to understanding the sciences.

Where does the problem begin? I submit that it really begins when the ideas of men start to take precedence over the truth of the Bible. The Apostle John wrote, "For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is

of the world" (1 John 2:16). It is of course a good thing for people to be educated so that they can read, write, and communicate well. However, there is a danger in education, and in the verse just quoted above by John he would identify it under the heading of "the pride of life."

Like most people Cal Thomas makes reference above to the *theory* of evolution. I prefer to describe it as the *idea* of evolution because that is all it is, an idea from the mind of man. This is where the pride of life can enter in and be the downfall of man. As humans we don't want to admit we have been wrong about something, so with a prideful attitude we tend to look for anything that will support our position.

So today in America with regard to the subject of origins we have academic indoctrination rather than academic freedom. In other words, students and teachers are prevented from free inquiry and open discussion on the important subject of origins—if you doubt this watch the movie *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*. As Thomas wrote above, creation and evolution must both be "accepted on faith."

The good news for Christians is that when evidence for the model for evolution is compared with evidence for creation and a Creator, the supporting evidence for creation is truly overwhelming. Only those who refuse to honestly look at the world around them and the historical accuracy and authenticity of the Bible continue to blindly believe in something they want to believe—life without God. But Christians know that real understanding is life with God.

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A WORD CONCERNING FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Financial accountability is extremely important to us as it is to you. Therefore, *Creation Museum of the Ozarks* has been officially registered with the Secretary of State's Office in Missouri, as a Not For Profit Organization, and is currently in process of application for the 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. We have engaged the services of two reputable Certified Public Accountants from the office of James E. Cologna, CPA, in Springfield, Missouri.