



# Creation Matters

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

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## A PLAN OF ACTION

What can we as American Christians do in this year of 2016, when our country has deteriorated to the extent that it has spiritually, morally, economically, and politically? What action can we take as we observe ungodly men and women in all areas of our culture exerting influence and control in order to satisfy their desire to suppress much that is good, holy and biblical?

Well, this is not the first time godly people in America have been distressed and discouraged by what was happening in their nation. Here is a portion of Abraham Lincoln's prayer at a crucial time in America's history:

**It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truths announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord . . . We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God . . . We have become too self-sufficient—too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency [mercy] and forgiveness** (Abraham Lincoln, *A Proclamation for a Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer*, *The Liberator*, April 24, 1863, p. 3).

So what would be a plan of action for those of us involved in a creation museum ministry? Following the example of Lincoln's proclamation I believe we should all pray more earnestly than ever for this ministry to be truly led and guided by God. We should humble ourselves and even be willing to be the *living sacrifices* the Apostle Paul wrote about in Romans 12: 1,2.

We have seen God answer our prayers in wonderful ways since He gave us the vision for this ministry. When it seemed humanly impossible to find a location for a museum in the Branson, Missouri area, the Lord supplied the need in miraculous ways. Since being in Branson we have seen over 5,200 people of all ages visit us in the first nineteen months. It has been especially exciting for us to see hundreds of young people come through the museum and hear over and over again our tour guides repeat the phrases, "You can believe the

Bible. It is the best history book of the universe. You can see that real science agrees with Bible truths. You can have a relationship with God if you believe in Jesus and what He has done for you."

Pray with us that those who visit us without a saving knowledge of Jesus will experience a relationship with Him before they leave, or later as a result of their coming to visit us.

We expect a larger number of visitors this coming summer season than in 2015. Pray that our tour guides remain healthy—we have nine wonderful volunteers at the moment plus some others who are helpers in practical ways. Giving two or three tours in one day can be quite taxing physically—usually 45 minutes to an hour long.

We hope many of you who have already visited the museum will come again this year and bring others with you. For groups of 15 or more we would appreciate advance notice. There will be some new exhibits added as the year progresses.

Thanks first to God, and then to all of you who pray and give to this ministry. RB

### MONTHLY CREATION CLASS ON

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 6.30 P.M.**

**AT THE BRANSON MUSEUM LOCATION**

**Dr. Dale Scheusner will continue his series of talks combined with media presentations.**

### VISIT OUR

**"CREATION EXPERIENCE MUSEUM"**

**4180 US Hwy. 65 North MO 65771**

(Just 7 miles north of Branson)

Wednesdays — Saturdays 10.00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**See page 4 for information on schedules for 2016.**

# HAVE WE LOST THE SACREDNESS OF LIFE?

Abortion! Does the philosophy of humanistic evolution have anything to do with the destruction of human life in the womb? Yes, there is a very definite connection. Since at the bottom line evolution teaches that humans are primates that evolved from lower forms of creatures such as chimpanzees, humans are therefore nothing more than highly developed animals. So does the Bible teach on the sacredness of life? Yes, it does—the sacredness of humans and all living creatures. We read:

**Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness”** (Genesis 1:26).

Right away at the beginning of creation we see God making a distinction between man and all other creatures. Of course, God created us for the purpose of having a wonderful relationship with us. We are the only part of His creation that can have a meaningful relationship with Him because of the very truth that He created us in His image. With this as foundational truth, it makes sense that disregarding the sacredness of human life to the extent of destroying it, whether inside or outside the womb cannot be something acceptable to God.

The first time the Bible records the taking of innocent life through the shedding of blood, was when God made clothing from animal skins to cover Adam and Eve’s nakedness (Genesis 3:21). This must have been a heart-rending act for God to do, but it was necessary to lay the foundation for the ultimate sacrifice that was to come, Jesus on the cross. Blood, is, of course, vital to all life. Leviticus 17:11 says, **“For the life of the flesh is in the blood.”**

The next reference to the taking of innocent life and the significance of human blood occurred when Cain killed his brother Abel. God said to Cain, **“What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground”** (Genesis 4:10).

It is now estimated that by 2016 about 70 million babies have been aborted in America. Why are millions of abortions continuing to take place in America when over 70% of the population still claim to believe in God and the Bible? There are two basic reasons for this: sin and selfishness. Is it just among the ungodly unsaved who are engaging in this evil practice? No. Sadly it has been reported in cities and states where there are Bible colleges that young ladies from these

institutions are no strangers to abortion clinics. Yes, Satan is still using his cunning to influence young people with the lie of sexual freedom and expression, and that there will be little or no consequences for their actions.

Abortion is the sin of selfishness and convenience which results from a lack of godly instruction, personal responsibility and no inner strength or discipline to withhold personal gratification. It is a plague upon this nation as well as most other nations. David Platt writes:

**“Abortion, like murder or suicide, asserts human beings as the ones who control life and death. But God the Creator alone has the right to determine when someone lives and dies, and abortion flies directly in the face of his authority”** (David Platt, *Counter Culture*. Tynedale House Publishers, Inc., Carol Stream, Illinois. 2015 61).

At CMOTO we teach the biblical sanctity of life. Biology supports the truth that human life begins at the moment of conception. Abortion is not a biblical option.



A PRECIOUS HUMAN LIFE

# GOD CREATED THE “HEAVENS”

Is the universe billions of years old? If God created the heavens (which refers to the universe as a whole) when did He do it? Actually, according to the Bible we can understand when God made the heavens (all the stars and galaxies). In Genesis 1:14,15 it says,

**Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens TO GIVE LIGHT ON THE EARTH”; AND IT WAS SO** (emphasis added).

Therefore, the Bible reveals that God created the heavens on DAY 4 of the creation week, and the light that He created on DAY 1 was already providing light on the earth (understood by the words, **“and it was so”**). While we don’t know the original location of the stars and galaxies, we know that they were closer to us and to each other than they are today because they have been **stretched out** just as recorded over a dozen times in the Old Testament. For example, Zechariah 12:1 says, “Thus says the Lord, who **stretches out the heavens**, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.” By carefully studying the biblical genealogies the Bible tells us that all of this happened approximately 6,000 years ago, not millions or billions of years ago.



The origin of globular star clusters such as NGC 6362 pictured at left has many characteristics that astronomers struggle to try and explain. Tens of thousands of stars are apparently held together by their own center of gravity. Another mystery is that the stars in these clusters all appear to have been formed at the same time. In other words, they seem to be of similar ages. This is not a comfortable thought for evolutionary naturalists, because it seems to be in favor of creationists who believe all stars in the universe were created on DAY 4 of the creation week. Under the Wikipedia NGC 6362 article it says:

“ . . . you also see a number of so-called blue stragglers . . . if they had truly formed that long ago [10 billion years], they should have already died.”

Alex Williams and John Hartnett write:

In cosmology we find that the more that astronomers look into space, the more they find—layer upon layer of complexity. The more that mathematicians examine their equations, the more mathematics they discover. The deeper that particle physicists delve into the structure of the atom, the more structure they find. In biology, the more that the living cell is studied, the more they are finding—layer upon layer of complexity. . . The more the human person is studied, the more complex we find the interactions to be between mind and body and between cells and organs within the body. No one is reaching a point where they can say, “We now know it all.” We believe this points to the unfathomable depths of the Creator (Williams, Alex., and John Hartnett. *Dismantling the Big Bang*. Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2005 105).

Psalms 147: 4 says: **He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.**

Psalms 19:1 says: **The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handwork.**

Ungodly men and women, that is, those who have already decided they do not want to believe in a Creator God, will continue to come up with their theories to try and explain the universe by natural causes. They don’t like questions such as: What is the origin of matter and the origin of life? God’s Word has the answers!

## WHAT IS TRUTH?

This is the question asked by Pilate two thousand years ago. In John 17:17 Jesus had already proclaimed in His prayer to the Father, **“Your Word is truth.”**

This is our purpose at CMOTO, to show the reliability and accuracy of the Bible because it is the truth. This is also why we count it such a privilege to share truth with families who visit with their children such as these pictured here.



## COME AND VISIT US

CREATION EXPERIENCE MUSEUM IN **BRANSON** IS OPEN WEDNESDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS 10.00 A.M. TO 5.00 P.M.

**ADMISSION FREE—DONATIONS APPRECIATED**

**PLEASE NOTE:** JANUARY & FEBRUARY OF 2016 WE WILL OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY UNTIL RESUMING REGULAR SCHEDULE OF WED. — SAT. ON MARCH 2, 2016.

### SOME CURRENT NEEDS FOR THIS MINISTRY:

I have decided not to mention anything about financial support in this “Current Needs” section. CMOTO came about as a ministry through prayer and a vision to reach thousands with the truths of God’s Word including the Gospel. I just want to challenge all who receive this newsletter to join us in earnest believing prayer, that God will lead us and direct us, and that we will remain humble before Him and expect Him to fulfill His plan for the potential expansion of this ministry. This is His ministry, and for what has already been accomplished and what is yet to come we give Him all the thanks, glory and praise. RB

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Financial accountability is extremely important to us. To this end *Creation Ministries of the Ozarks* has a 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.

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