



A NEWSLETTER TO PROVIDE CHRISTIANS WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CREATION/EVOLUTION ISSUE AND PROGRESS ON THE CREATION MUSEUM

## WITH GOD'S HELP WE HAVE BEGUN THE JOURNEY!

**W**hy plan a creation museum in the Branson, Missouri area? It would seem that the majority of Americans have heard about Branson even if they have never visited this small southwest Missouri town.

What has happened to Branson in the last 50 years, even the last 20 years is remarkable. With over 90 separate attractions including dozens of theaters, Branson claims more activities than Disneyland, more country music than Nashville, more lakefront than Myrtle Beach, and is surrounded by the beautiful Ozark mountains.

According to the Branson Chamber of Commerce official visitors for the year 2007 numbered 7.9 million. Of this number 29% were families, which means that potentially over two million young people visited this popular tourist attraction.

Branson is in the heart of the so-called Bible belt, and accordingly there is a considerable degree of Christian influence in the area. Many of the theaters include Christian music in their shows, and some even make their theaters available on Sundays for different styles of worship services.

However, Branson can be seen by Christians as a real mission field with souls to reach with the Gospel and the truth of the

Bible. In fact, like many typical tourist attractions Branson cannot escape some of the worldly influences that are so prevalent in our society today. There is actually a new dinosaur museum in Branson that is totally evolutionary which is spreading the message of millions of years and Darwin's idea of all life evolving from lower forms of life.

Yes, Branson needs a voice for the truth and authority of the Word of God, and the vision we have received for *Creation Museum of the Ozarks* will do just that as the Lord helps us to see this vision become a reality.

We are literally starting from scratch with faith in the Lord—knowing that we must be totally dependant upon Him to see such a huge undertaking begin to take place.

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**WILL YOU JOIN US IN PRAYER AND  
SUPPORT TO SEE THIS VISION COME  
TO PASS? GOD BLESS YOU.**

Rod Butterworth  
President

# A Challenging Message for Christians

Unfortunately, certain aspects of unbiblical evolutionary ideas have permeated Christian teaching over the years. In New Testament times Jesus rebuked the Jewish religious leaders for adding unnecessary teachings and customs to the established written Word of God.

In Matthew 15:6 Jesus said,

“You have made the commandment [or Word] of God of no effect by your tradition” (NKJV).

In like manner many Christians have incorporated evolutionary ideas into their teaching not realizing that they are guilty of a similar mistake to that made by the Pharisees in the time of Jesus. What is the mistake being made? The imposing of extra-biblical ideas upon a plain face-value reading of Genesis chapter one in particular. In other words, the Bible is reinterpreted to be in harmony with evolutionary ideas.

There is absolutely no need or warrant for taking the words of the Bible in any other way than is understood by a normal reading. In fact, I would say that it is dangerous to do so because the Bible clearly warns about adding to or subtracting from Scripture (See Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22: 18—19).

What are some of the main evolutionary ideas that have permeated Christian teaching by adding or subtracting from the plain historical nar-

ative and face-value understanding of Genesis? These would include:

- the Big Bang theory
- the earth is 4.6 billion years old
- God could have used evolutionary processes to create
- the days of Genesis 1 might be long periods of time
- Noah’s Flood may have been local not global
- death has been present in the world for millions of years
- God created at intermittent periods over millions of years

Not only are these ideas (and that is all they are) unbiblical, but they are also unsupported by many evidences from current scientific discoveries. Christians who have been influenced to accept these ideas have unfortunately undermined the authority of Scripture.

As time passes we plan to include many informative articles on our web site that will give Christians answers to the unbiblical teachings prevalent today. There is one unchangeable source of truth that must always be our starting point for understanding the world we live in, it is God’s holy, unchangeable, supernaturally inspired Word, the Bible.

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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.