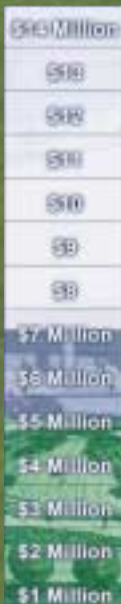


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## The world's most dangerous book?

**W**hat would you give as an answer to the question, 'What is the world's most dangerous book today?'

Because this is an article in an Answers in Genesis publication, some readers might answer by saying that Darwin's *On the Origin of the Species* is the most dangerous book.

Certainly Darwin popularized a philosophy that has permeated the world and has become the foundation for all sorts of evil thinking. For example, Darwinian evolution fueled racist ideas—Hitler used evolution as a so-called 'scientific' justification for his racist attitudes. Scientists ordered the killing of many Australian Aborigines to be collected as museum specimens—all in the name of evolution.

And it is true that when someone believes there is no God and is convinced that life can be explained by natural processes alone, as portrayed in Darwin's book, then the worldview built on that belief of origins reflects such an atheistic philosophy. Morality, then, would be relative, for such a person believes there is no absolute authority. Thus 'right' and 'wrong' would also be relative.

Such a philosophy has been practically applied in Marxism—resulting in the death of millions of people under Stalin and others. Yes, Darwin



by Ken Ham,  
AiG president

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penned a dangerous book and idea—but

Darwin's book is **not** the most dangerous today.

Because of the events of September 11, some people might claim that the Koran is the most dangerous book. The terrorists who perpetrated these evil acts, and others in the terrorist network worldwide, claim they are only carrying out what they believe the Koran instructs them to do. After all, they say, the Koran states '...then fight and slay the Pagans wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem; but if they repent, and establish regular prayers and practice regular charity, then open the way for them...' (9:5).

Also: '...I will instill terror into the hearts of the Unbelievers: Smite ye above their necks and smite all their fingertips off them' (8:12).

Now, many Muslims would claim that the terrorists are incorrectly

understanding the Koran—but it is true that in every Muslim-dominated country, Christians are not allowed full freedom of worship. Islam is reportedly the fastest-growing religion in the world—but the Muslim God is not the God of the Bible. Certainly, the Koran is a dangerous book, for millions have been led into a false religion—but it is **not** the world's most dangerous book today.

### The answer

I don't want to be misunderstood here, but I propose that the most dangerous book in the world is in fact . . . the Bible.

Consider what Peter states in 2 Peter 3:15-16. He said that Paul had written his epistles with the wisdom that God gave him, including 'some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest [distort], as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.'

As the Bible is the Word of God, it is a Divine Book, and it is the greatest Book. And because of this, if we

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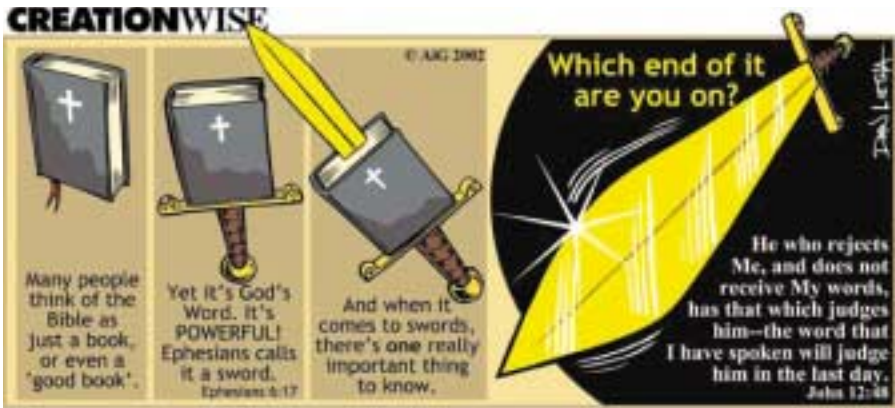
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misread it, we can, as Peter states, distort it to our own destruction.

For instance, Peter was referring to misunderstandings some people had concerning the teachings of the Apostle Paul. In the book of Romans, Paul says that some were slandering him concerning his teaching of justification by faith. Some falsely claimed that because we are justified by faith, Paul taught that we can sin as much as we like! In Corinthians, Paul warns that some people claimed the resurrection which he spoke of as in the future, had already happened. And in Thessalonians, Paul tells us that some had claimed he had taught that the Day of the Lord had already come.

Peter explains that these people were all 'wresting,' or distorting, the Scriptures to their own destruction.

Because the Bible is a revelation from God explaining who we are, where we came from, our sinful state, our need of salvation, how to be saved, the future judgment and so

on, if people misread it, they distort the Scriptures to their own destruction.

Think about this—cults such as the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses quote the Bible, but they misread it, thus distorting it to their own destruction. Orthodox Jews quote the Old Testament—but again, they distort it to their own destruction as they reject Jesus as the Messiah (who is foretold and explained in the Old Testament).

Because the Bible explains the only way to be saved ('If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved—Romans 10:9), it is the most dangerous book—if its message is not believed. After all, if its message of salvation is not obeyed, then this will lead to a person's destruction. The Bible warns that those who don't trust in Christ for salvation will be separated from

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## Billions of dead things...

While we may not have quite collected ‘billions of dead things’ (a well-known phrase by Ken Ham that was even turned into a Buddy Davis song!), the number of dead things available for use in the future **Creation Museum & Family Discovery Center** seems innumerable!

What ‘dead things,’ you may ask? Well, we already have over 3,700 fossils (mostly donated)! In addition,



we have an impressive collection of a musk ox, a black bear, a wild ‘trophy’ turkey, a lynx (left) and dozens of other taxidermy specimens! Many are the work of

AiG’s resident specialist Buddy Davis—yes, the same song writer.

If you’ve been to a major AiG seminar in the eastern half of America, perhaps you’ve seen samples of Buddy’s full-scale dinosaur sculptures on display. But few people know that he is also an experienced taxidermist. Buddy has used this God-given talent to create numerous life-like specimens that are perfect for museum exhibits.

One idea for the use of these life-like specimens is dioramas (3D scenes with a mural in the background),

where the peaceful Garden of Eden could be contrasted with the violent world that we see today. This would help answer many questions that people are asking about death.

If you have taxidermy specimens in very good condition that you would be interested in donating, contact Mike Zovath, at 859-727-2222, ext. 407.

While the ‘dead things’ keep piling up at our warehouse, Phase 2 of the museum building is now underway! Before you know it, there’ll be pipes and wires sticking out of the ground, as underground utilities go in on the property near the Cincinnati Airport!



Artist rendering by Dan Tullius

### Phase 2 of Museum/Headquarters project—\$3.865 million

**Phase 1** DONE! Land purchase, building design/development, site preparation

**Phase 2** Building shell ‘in the dry,’ indoor/outdoor exhibit design in progress (\$3.865 million)

**Phase 3** Interior construction and exhibit construction

**Phase 4** Exhibit construction continues, landscaping, parking lot, install wastewater treatment plant, furniture

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issue, but is challenging the world—and the church—to believe God’s Word from the beginning. Sadly, because there is so much compromise with billions of years and evolutionary ideas in the church, generations have been taught to misread the Bible. The more this has happened, the more the Bible’s teaching is distorted to their own destruction, as increasing numbers in the younger generations no longer have a respect for the Bible.

## A sad event during the holidays

The AiG staff is mourning the loss of our friend and faithful volunteer Al Barbieux, who passed away on 14 December of a stroke. Al and his close friends Dick Sauer and Art Hunsicker—affectionately known around AiG as the ‘Three Amigos’—have served faithfully at AiG’s Kentucky offices on a weekly basis for over five years.

We’ve lost more than a co-laborer in the Lord—we’ve lost a dear friend, and the church has lost a passionate upholder of the authority of Scripture from the very first verse. Al believed that the Genesis account of the Creation and the Curse is the basis for the answers

One of the major messages of AiG is that we should not misread God’s Word and make it conform to the world’s (or our own) ideas and theories. We must come to the Scriptures with a spirit of humility and let God speak *to* us through His Word—and not ‘wrest’ the Scriptures to our own destruction.

‘And fear not them who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell’ (Matthew 10:28).

that we can give to a suffering world.

While we grieve, the staff at AiG finds comfort in the promises of God’s Word, summarized in our helpful new booklet *Why is there Death and Suffering?* By the way, if you would like a free copy—to read or to share with others who are suffering—please write to AiG, Attn Renee Looy, PO Box 6330, Florence KY 41022 (one booklet per family please).



*AiG is mourning the loss of Al Barbieux (center), who faithfully served AiG with his close friends Dick Sauer and Art Hunsicker.*



*AiG—a 'bittersweet' ministry*

## Slow the outreach of AiG?

At Answers in Genesis, we are blessed to have the opportunity to reach so many churches, Christians and non-believers with the message that the Bible—including the Gospel—can be trusted from the very first verse. The phones are ringing off the hook, the mail pours in and up to 20,000 people a day go to our Web site!

While we rejoice in all the opportunities to proclaim Biblical truths, there is a 'flip side'—something bittersweet, if you will. While there certainly have been churches proclaiming the authority of the Bible over the decades, the overwhelming majority of churches (we have discovered) have not been carrying out the command in 1 Peter 3:15 to give answers for our faith. And then there are those who attempt to offer answers but find themselves compromising with the world's teaching.

Frankly, if churches had been adequately offering answers to questioners about dinosaurs, Cain's wife, the days of Creation, etc., AiG would not even have to be in ministry!

The need for the Creation/Gospel message is even more pressing outside the United States, especially in Western nations where there had once been considerable Christian influence in society, but has been undermined by evolution teaching. Accordingly, AiG has committed a

significant amount of its budget to international outreach, where it has to heavily subsidize speaking tours and the translating, printing and shipping of materials.



It was surprising one day to receive a call from a supporter who shared with us his concern that AiG had become too 'big.' As we respectfully shared with this concerned friend, the ministry has grown because AiG was meeting an enormous need throughout the world, and God was blessing the efforts. Frankly, we need to grow even larger because the need is great; additional speakers, other translated materials and more Web resources are needed to help the church equip its people to become more effective in their witnessing efforts.

In one sense, we would be delighted to be slowed down, or even 'put out of business'—for the right reason, namely, that the bulk of the church had taken up the challenge to return to the authority of the Bible, giving answers to defend and proclaim it powerfully to the world.

## Report from Romania!

World-class cave expert Dr Emil Silvestru of Romania has contributed greatly to creation research with his explorations, writings and lectures. As a full-time staff member of Answers in Genesis (doing research for both the United States and Australia), he filed the following research report with us recently. Be encouraged to know that hands-on research is being conducted by AiG, which continues to confirm that the Bible can be trusted from its very first verse.

**Research** Dr Silvestru had a research paper published in AiG's science publication *TJ* (formerly called the *Creation Ex Nihilo Technical Journal*) on the topic of 'paleo-karsts'<sup>1</sup> (which have been used as evidence to attack the young-Earth view). He has

also been conducting 'speleothem' studies in caves and has started new field experiments, all relevant to the creation/age issue.

**Lectures** He conducted a 3,000-mile lecture tour of Romania on creation vs evolution, plus regional speaking.

**Translations** Dr Silvestru has started translating AiG's popular *The Answers Book*—and he's translating AiG's booklet *Is there really a God?* into

Romanian. Already, 3,000 copies of AiG's booklet *Dinosaurs in the Bible* in Romanian have been distributed—and more were printed recently.



**Media** He has been hosting a weekly radio program called (in rough translation from Romanian) 'The Quarrel of the Wise Men with God.'

**Prayer point** Dr Silvestru wrote us recently that after his lectures: 'People often

approach me asking where they can find more information on some of the topics I cover.' Please pray that in addition to producing more witnessing booklets in Romanian, books (such as *The Answers Book*) will be translated and distributed widely in this former communist country.

<sup>1</sup> Paleokarst is a landscape characterized by numerous sinkholes, caves and underground drainage but where erosion no longer occurs.

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*Dear Mr Silvestru:  
I am a teacher of biology in Bucharest. I would be honored to join the people fighting to create a foundation for creation research, and I am willing to be involved in the re-orientation of Romanian spirituality towards Christian values.  
—Elena, Romania*

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**Read in 120 countries!**

*Dear AiG,*

*I bought some books from you (a very easy process on the Web) and then ordered a back issue of Creation magazine just to see if I wanted to subscribe. I noticed something I always wished for but never found in other magazines—no advertisements. I love it!*

*I realize that must be tough to do—magazines essentially live off ad fees, but somehow you are doing it. In a sense it says, 'We are more concerned with sharing the truth than being profitable.'*

*—N.R., Glenolden, PA*

**Note:** Indeed, *Creation* magazine is very costly to produce. Actually, the production of *Creation* magazine is subsidized by the AiG ministries worldwide—the \$22-a-year subscription rate for 4 issues does not pay for all the printing and labor costs to process, print and distribute this full-color international magazine (now read in 120 countries).

## What about cloning?

The controversial issue of human cloning will only intensify over the years. On our Web site (about 14,000 visitors a day), you can read AiG's views on human cloning, including:

- What might Scripture say about human cloning?
- Were the embryos created during the experiments last November really 'miniature human beings'?
- Read a description of how these embryos were created, and how the first experiments failed miserably.

For the scientific and Scriptural case against human cloning, go to [www.AnswersInGenesis.org/cloning](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org/cloning)

*I had heard what a great Web site (www.AnswersInGenesis.org) you had, but just recently got the Internet. Wow! There is no end to it! I can visit this site every day and never see it all!*

*You are equipping a lot of people with the truth. Thank you! God bless you!*

*—B.B., Cropwell, AL*

*Dear Ken,*

*I want to thank you for the wonderful work you do for God's kingdom. Your Web site is fantastic, and your seminars are practical and entertaining. Also, my church has shown many of your videos.*

*May God bless you as you continue to teach people to think Biblically.*

*—E.M., Cincinnati, OH*



## Genesis—the key for prisoners!

One of AiG's little-known ministries is to prisons in the USA and Canada.

This mission field is huge: in America, there are almost two million inmates in prisons and jails! Each year, we reach out to numerous inmates with the truths of the Bible through donations of a wide range of AiG materials (which go to the prison library through a chaplain). This includes a year's subscription to *Creation* magazine.

AiG has seen several chaplains distribute our resources. While some chaplains are able to purchase our materials (which we provide to them at our cost), many others do not have such allocated funds. To these, AiG sends books, videotapes and audiotapes at no charge.

**We are asking AiG's supporters to sponsor a library pack of materials for prison chaplains at \$60 per pack (includes shipping).** Included in this pack are witnessing booklets; a wonderful commentary by Henry Morris, *The Genesis Record*; Ken Ham's *The Answers Book*; some videos and many other materials. To

sponsor a prison pack, please mark your donation for 'prisons.'

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*Your generous donations have helped to encourage and edify the inmates. Thank you, thank you, thank you. May God continue to richly bless your ministry! —J.O., Florida*

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Also, any individual prisoner who writes us receives a response letter along with Ken Ham's booklet, *Dinosaurs and the Bible* and other booklets to be

used as witnessing tools. By the way, we receive up to 15 letters a month from inmates.

Help us reach desperate and lonely prisoners with life-changing materials based on the truths of God's Word and its true record of Earth

history. Call John at ext. 438 (859-727-2222).

**Hear Ken's interview with a prison volunteer!** You can listen to an interview with prison volunteer Frank Zitzman on how he is using the Creation/Gospel message with great impact in prison. Go to

[www.AnswersInGenesis.org/AnswersMedia](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org/AnswersMedia) and in the 'search' box, type in the name 'Zitzman.'

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*Your ministry has been such an incredible blessing to both me and my sister. God has chosen to evangelize us (Americans) with Australians like Ken Ham. We are so appreciative of Ken and the AiG staff's efforts. Please keep standing for the Truth.*

—K.W. (by e-mail)

## Didyaknow?

Did you know that the new education bill, which President Bush proudly signed on January 8, is missing what might have been its most worthwhile provision?

The massive, 1,000-page bill, which promises that ‘no child will be left behind,’ is missing an amendment on science education—passed earlier by the Senate. The one-sentence amendment simply stated that *where biological evolution is taught, the curriculum should help students to understand why this subject generates so much continuing controversy, and should prepare the students to be informed participants in public discussions regarding the subject.*

The evolutionary establishment was so offended by this amendment that 80 scientific and educational organizations sent Congress a letter asking it to be deleted. ‘How dare anyone suggest that evolution is controversial?’ was their thinking.

Sadly, the final version of the reform bill utterly *ignores* one of the most important issues facing US education today—the direct conflict between humanism/Darwin’s theory of evolution and the authority of God’s Word/Creation.

The Congress has failed to take a stand on this critical moral/social issue that is undermining America.

(For more details on the bill, go to [www.AnswersInGenesis.org/edbill2002](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org/edbill2002)

## *National Geographic* ‘woof’ worse than its bite!

The January issue of *National Geographic* features a cover story with the intriguing title ‘Evolution of Dogs: Wolf to Woof.’ The pictures, as usual for *National Geographic*, are striking. But the text presents a direct challenge to the authority of the Bible and the account of Creation.



The so-called ‘evolution’ of dogs from wolves is only a change within the ‘kind’ that God created, with *no* new genetic information. The article offers no evidence of true evolution. A detailed rebuttal can be found at [www.AnswersInGenesis.org/woof](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org/woof)

*I no longer feel I can financially support my church which compromises the Word of God, so I am sending you my offering until we are established at a new church.*

*Attending the AiG family camps has motivated me to read the Bible. Thank you that I can bring up my children to trust in the Lord.*

—B.G., Columbia, MD

**Note:** See the article to the right and our enclosed Speakers’ Calendar for family camps/meetings that may be held in your region.

## Three great creation vacations!



*Relax at picturesque Gull Lake!*

**Gull Lake Bible Conference in Hickory Corners, Michigan, August 10-17, 2002.** Ken Ham and Buddy Davis, AiG's much-loved recording artist, invite you to join them for a wonderful week of inspiring teaching and family entertainment (including an aqua slide and aqua trampoline). A unique family Bible conference on picturesque Gull Lake, a convenient drive from Detroit, Chicago and other major cities.

To find out more about these wonderful facilities, visit [www.gulllake.org](http://www.gulllake.org) or call (800) 350-2442.

**The Big One's Coming in 2003! Creation SuperConference, May 21-26, 2003.** 'The greatest creation conference ever!' 'Absolutely outstanding!' These were the kind of comments we heard from those who attended AiG's first US SuperConference last year. The response was so overwhelming (900 attended this science conference), that we've decided to do it again! The Creation 2003 Conference will be held at Higher Ground Conference Center in Indiana, about 30 minutes west of

the Cincinnati Airport.

New topics and a great new lineup of scientists and researchers will make this a conference you'll never forget. Call Stephanie, (800) 350-3232 ext. 425, to register or learn more.

**AiG Grand Canyon raft trip, June 2003!** Here's another dream vacation for you—raft through 'North America's biggest whitewater,' view the spectacle of the Grand Canyon up close, sleep under the stars, fellowship with other Christians and listen to the evidence for a global Flood. For details call Stephanie, (800) 350-3232 ext. 425.

### Where your donations go

Late last year, some non-profit organizations were in the news because donations earmarked for special projects were diverted elsewhere within the organization, thus ignoring the wishes of donors.

AiG, a member of the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability, assures you that restricted donations will only go to those programs specifically donated to.

We thank our supporters who, despite a sluggish economy, have allowed AiG to maintain its current programs and to help us pursue other opportunities to proclaim Biblical truths in these uncertain times.

## An indis'pence'able addition to AiG!

John Pence is a former AiG board member and expert in public finance and bonds, who joined our staff last month to serve our supporters!

John is available to help you in two roles.



*John Pence,  
AiG's new Director  
of Planned Giving.*

- **As Director of Planned Giving Services**, he can give you free, confidential advice on any giving questions you have (e.g. wills, estates, etc.), regardless of which organization you are giving to!
- **As Director of Supporter Services**, John will be available to answer general questions, make personal visits and help AiG friends find opportunities for helping to expand the ministry, whether as volunteers, financial supporters, or otherwise.

John began serving AiG-US as a volunteer legal counsel soon after we started AiG in Northern Kentucky in 1994. After he heard about AiG's need for a Director of Planned Giving Services last year, the Lord began to work in John's heart about leaving his Cincinnati law practice.

'I woke up in the middle of the night,' he recalls, 'and the Lord put this on my heart: "This is something I can do and probably something I

should do." AiG has been a big part of my life for seven years. I really love the ministry!'

When John called Ken Ham, AiG's president, he sheepishly brought up the possibility. To John's surprise—and delight—Ken mentioned that he had also been praying about the need for the right person, and John had

come to mind! Truly God works in ways wondrous to behold!

Please feel free to call John at 800-350-3232, ext. 483. Or e-mail [jpence@answersingenesis.org](mailto:jpence@answersingenesis.org). AiG extends its sincere appreciation to Paul Laude, who for seven years served as our volunteer CFP; he will continue to provide assistance to John and AiG in serving our supporters.

### Prayer points

Please pray:

- that Ken Ham's speaking ministry in Spain, England and Scotland next month will equip Christians in those countries to uphold the authority of the Bible and to proclaim the Gospel more effectively.
- that God will bless the funding and building of the Creation Museum (see p. 4).