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A monthly newsletter equipping Christians to uphold the authority of the Bible from the very first verse

Jesus wrote ALL of the Bible!



by Ken Ham

ORC Operation: Refuting Compromise

'Genesis explains the doctrine of marriage.'

I recently watched a prominent Christian leader on MSNBC-TV being asked about the 'gay marriage' issue. The interview went something like this:

TV host: 'Did Jesus deal directly with the gay marriage issue?'

Christian leader: 'No, but then Jesus didn't deal directly with the abortion issue or many other issues ...'

I shook my head in dismay. A proper response could have been such a powerful witness—to the interviewer and to the potential millions of viewers watching the news program.

So how could he have responded differently? Well, consider this:

'First of all, Jesus as the God-man *did* deal directly with the gay marriage issue, in Matthew 19:4-6:

And He answered and said to them, Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning "made them male and female," and said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?"

So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.'

My answer would have continued: 'Christ quoted directly from the book of Genesis as literal history, to explain the doctrine of marriage as being one man for one woman. Thus marriage cannot be a man and a man or a woman and a woman.

'Because Genesis is real history (as has been confirmed by observational science), Jesus dealt quite directly with the gay marriage issue when he explained the doctrine of marriage.

'Not only this, but in John, Chapter 1, we read:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

'Jesus, the Creator, is the Word. The Bible is the written Word. Every word in the Bible is really the Word of the Creator—Jesus Christ.

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‘Therefore, in Leviticus 18:22, Jesus deals directly with the homosexual issue, and thus the gay marriage issue. This is also true of Romans 1:26-27 and 1 Timothy 1:9-10. Because Jesus in a real sense wrote **all** of the Bible, whenever Scripture deals with marriage and/or the homosexual issue, Jesus Himself is *directly* dealing with these issues.’

I also viewed the same Christian leader on CNN-TV doing an interview that in part went something like the following:

Interviewer: ‘Why are you against gay marriage?’

Christian leader: ‘Because down through the ages, culture after culture has taught that marriage is between a man and a woman.’

Well, I believe this kind of answer actually *opens the door* to gay marriage. How? Because it basically says that marriage is determined by law or opinion. Even in a secular context, the only answer a Christian should offer is:

‘The Bible is the Word of our Creator, and Genesis is literal history—its science and history can be trusted. Therefore we have an absolute authority that

determines marriage.

‘God made the first man and woman—the first marriage. Thus marriage can only be a man and a woman, because we are accountable to the One who made marriage in the first place.’

So, why is it that we don’t see most Christian leaders giving these sorts of answers? Because, just like the Christian leader I saw on TV, the majority of them have compromised with the idea of millions of years and evolutionary beliefs in astronomy, geology and so on. As a result, the Bible’s authority has been undermined through such compromise, and it is thus not understood to be the absolute authority.

I believe that because of years of such compromise over Genesis and biblical authority, *so many* Christians cannot speak with authority as Christ did (Matthew 7:29). They don’t really understand how the literal history in Genesis 1-11 is foundational to *every* Christian doctrine—including marriage—and cannot in any way be compromised with man’s fallible ideas. Such compromise unlocks the door to adding man’s



Ken Ham and Dr Jonathan Sarfati will be discussing Dr Sarfati’s new book (left), which exposes the bad theology and bad science behind a belief in an old earth, in a live webcast, Tuesday, April 27 at 9 pm Eastern. Log on to www.AnswersInGenesis.org (the program will eventually be archived).

fallible ideas elsewhere in the Bible.

After generations of such an attitude toward the Bible, statistics (such as those from Barna Research) show clearly that the majority of Christians (and Christian leaders) no longer look on the Bible as the absolute authority. No wonder they appeal to

human opinion / ‘what the majority says’ in their answers about moral issues.

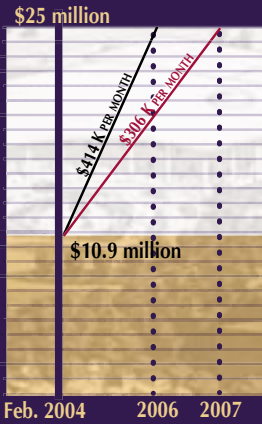
This is why AiG has launched ‘Operation: Refuting Compromise.’ See the discounted resources starting on p. 5 that will help equip you to refute and confront compromise in the church. **A**

Ten years ago this month ...

AiG’s first newsletter, which was called *Prayer News* before we switched ministry names, was mailed nationwide in April 1994.



MUSEUM GOAL



Museum donations to date total \$10.7 million. Monthly giving must average \$414,000 for the museum to open in 2006 (or \$306,000 for a 2007 opening). Actual museum donations for the last year averaged \$301,000 per month. Your gift of any size combined with others can make a difference!

Your seminar encouraged the student body here at Faith Mennonite High School and confronted us with the crisis of Christianity in modern culture. We were thoroughly blessed.

We began to feel God calling us to donate to your Creation Museum. We realize the impact something like this could have on our nation. Our student body voted unanimously to give towards your work.

—Pennsylvania school

Bringing a sculpture to life

Sculpting a museum exhibit involves a lot more than molding some clay and a little wire.

First, we have to decide what's the message—what will the sculpture help convey? Then we consult experts to determine the Bible's teaching and the most up-to-date scientific findings about the people, animals or trees to be sculpted. For example, based on a study of dominant/recessive genes and universally recognized standards of beauty, AiG experts developed a detailed list of 25 specific physical characteristics for Adam and Eve, ranging from a height of 6' 2" for Adam to thin, unattached eyebrows for Eve.

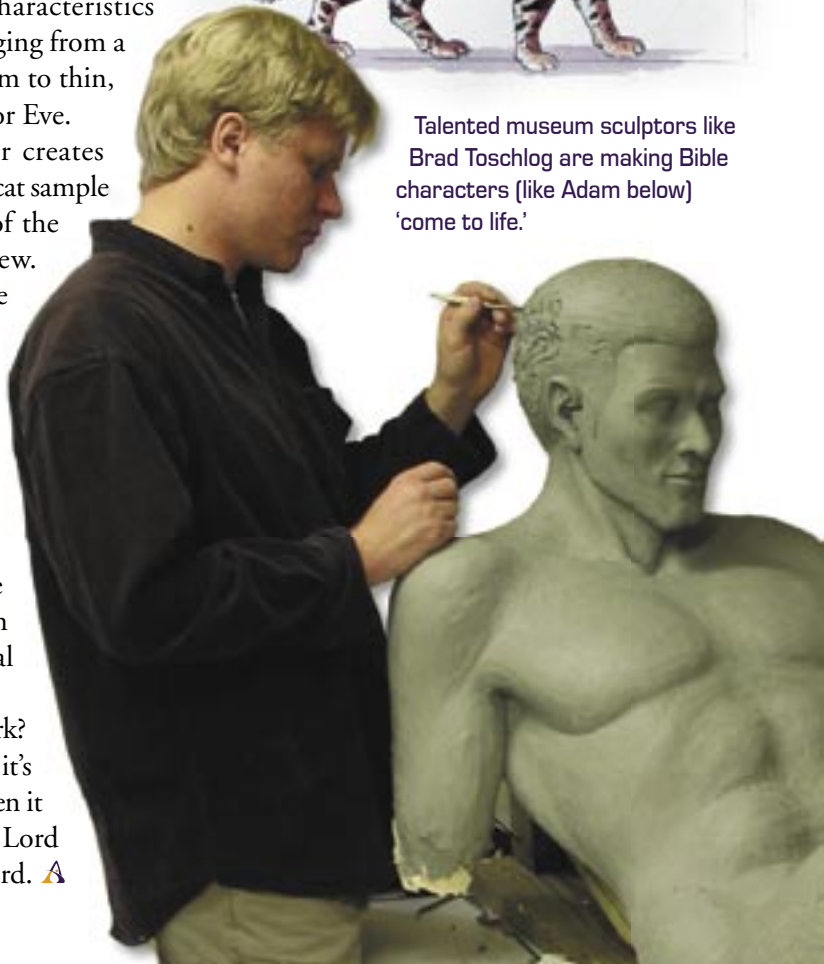
Next, an illustrator creates 'concept drawings' (see cat sample at right) to depict all of the traits for further review. Then it's 'back to the drawing board,' as we make adjustments.

Only now does the sculpting begin—but not the full size yet. First, the sculptor creates a maquette (a mini sculpture) to help decide on the pose. After much deliberation, the actual sculpture begins.

Seem like a lot of work? No labor is wasted (and it's actually a lot of fun) when it comes to glorifying the Lord and upholding His Word. **A**



Sculptures begin with 'concept drawings,' such as this sketch of the original 'cat kind.'



Talented museum sculptors like Brad Toschlog are making Bible characters (like Adam below) 'come to life.'

Please pray

- that our creative museum staff will come up with many more new exhibit ideas that will help teach biblical truths.
- that God will bless our new *Refuting Compromise* book as it is distributed in churches and Bible colleges, especially those that are on a slippery slope of re-writing parts of the Bible.
- that our AiG-England office will effectively follow up Ken Ham's speaking tour of last month.

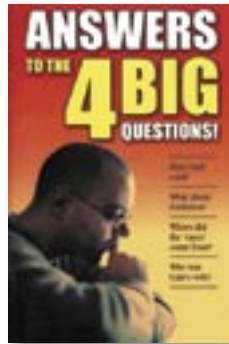
The Passion—AiG's unique perspective

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Despite reservations about the film (read the web review), there's no doubt that this is an opportunity to share our faith. The film has been the topic of much 'watercooler' conversation since late February.

AiG has a wonderful

witnessing tool to help you share your faith to those family members and friends who may have seen the film (or have been talking about it), but who might be puzzled about what Christ's death on the Cross really accomplished. *Answers to*



the Four Big Questions is a 60-page oversized booklet (8 1/2" x 5 1/2") which can be purchased at a heavily discounted price (see p. 6).

In addition to its clear gospel message at the end, the booklet answers the intriguing real-life questions seekers wrestle with:

- Does God exist?
- What about evolution?

- Where did the 'races' come from?
- Who was Cain's wife?

See p. 6 for details on this highly effective witnessing tool, which can help you share your faith during a time when so many people are now talking about Jesus Christ. **A**

Decision about controversial book due soon

About 7,000 people have already written the US National Park Service in Washington, D.C. to voice their opinions about a book on Noah's Flood and the Grand Canyon, the text which became the target of a book-ban effort

by leading evolutionists earlier this year.

Grand Canyon: A Different View—which features essays from four AiG staff and many others (including several Ph.D. scientists)—has been available at Grand Canyon bookstores since last year, but was in jeopardy of being removed

after pressure by prominent evolutionists.

Headlines appeared from Taiwan to Texas when thousands of AiG supporters and others wrote the Park Service to request that the book not be banned from Park bookstores. As we go to press, a final decision has not yet been made by Park Service officials.

Interestingly, many emails, faxes and letters were sent by AiG supporters outside America. One of the more fascinating letters of the bunch came from the People's Republic of China, written by an American living in that communist country.

Tom Vail's striking book presents an alternative scientific and philosophical



viewpoint that runs contrary to evolutionary dogma that the Canyon was formed by the Colorado River over millions of years. The book has thus incurred the wrath of evolutionary zealots. The opposition, however, has created such publicity for the text that the publisher has already had to go to the printer for a second printing! **A**

For more background, go to www.AnswersInGenesis.org/canyonupdate



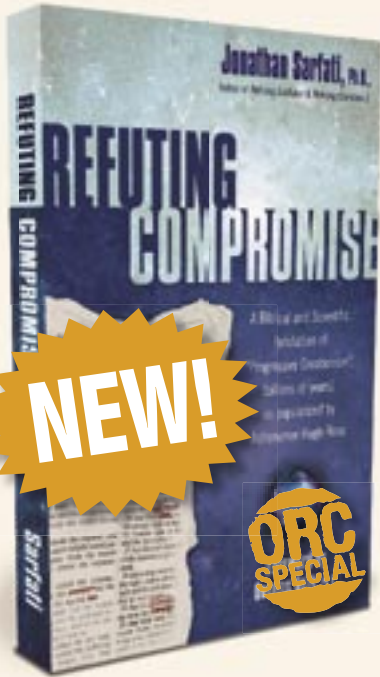
Comment on the controversy even came from the People's Republic of China.

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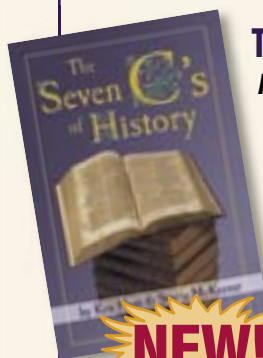
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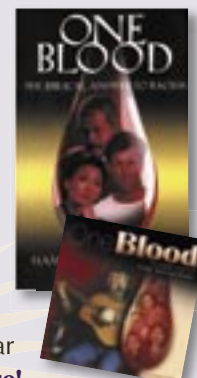
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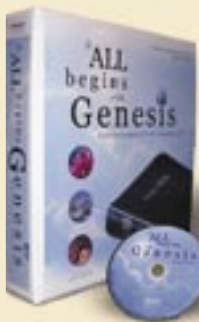


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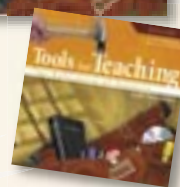


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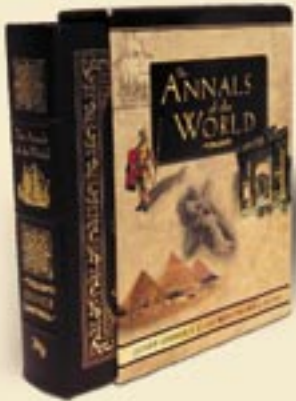
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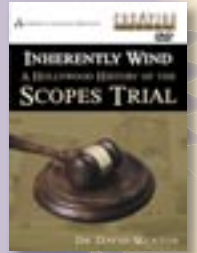
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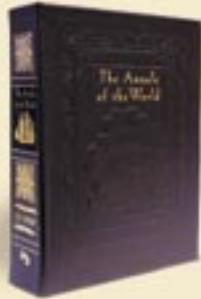
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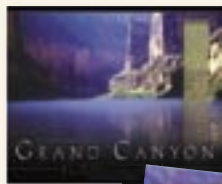
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By Faith can be sight!

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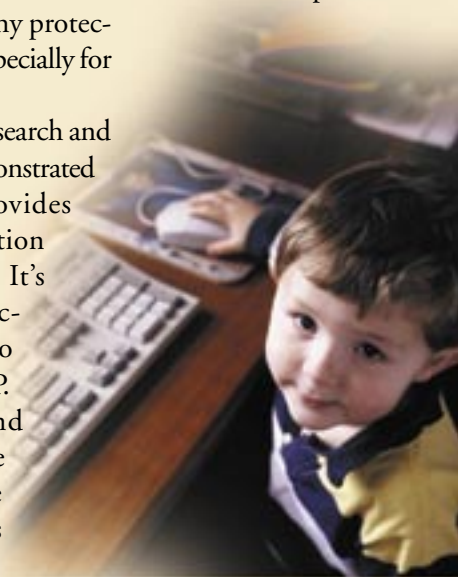
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Creation evangelism in action!

Why not challenge your local Christian school to do what this man tried [and succeeded in doing]?

Newly married and no children yet, my wife and I attended a seminar (14 years ago) that Ken Ham held in New Jersey. One of the things he mentioned was how many Christian schools no longer accept a literal Creation.

'Ken's comments have stayed with me all of these years. With two sons in a Christian school in New York City, I serve on the board of the school. Because

of what Ken said many years ago, I proposed that the doctrinal statement in our constitution include a statement setting forth what the school already believes—a literal creation account. The board unanimously agreed.

'Making this a part of our doctrinal statement will go a long way in safeguarding the doctrinal integrity of the school. Thank you, Ken.' **A**

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'Well done good and faithful steward.'

What on earth am I here for?

This question is perhaps the most perplexing—and yet most important—in all of human history. Most people put their effort into making what they consider a 'permanent' home on this earth before they die. As Christians, we need to think beyond the confines of this earthly life, which is but a blink in the eye of eternity.

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**'Another
example of
real science
supporting a
young earth.'**

Diamonds—in a day!

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Researchers have now made diamonds by reacting carbon dioxide with metallic sodium in a pressurized oven, and the temperature is only 440° C—and at just 800 atmospheres of pressure.

And you know what? It only took 12 hours to complete the process! Other methods take just days and weeks.

At least a dozen different companies are now making synthetic diamonds. They're almost impossible to distinguish from the ones found

naturally. And yet, geologists *still* claim that it takes nature millions of years to form diamonds.

Sadly, many Christian leaders accept evolutionary ideas like this, and attempt to re-write Scripture to accommodate an old age for the earth. It's a dangerous undermining of biblical authority.

Bottom line: if under the right conditions it's possible that diamonds can be made in a very short period of time in the lab, then this is *also* possible in nature. Here's another example of real science supporting a young earth! 

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