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Walking through shadows

Ken Ham, President, AiG-USA

Note: Ken Ham's latest book, *Walking through Shadows*, poignantly describes his family's recent trials, as his beloved brother Robert, a dynamic young preacher of the Gospel, died a long, awful death from a rare degenerative brain disease. Below is a moving excerpt from Ken's personal story.

On the telephone 10,000 miles away, my sister described my brother's physical appearance: 'Do you remember those horrible pictures of prisoners from the concentration camps? Remember how thin they looked? Well, in a way, Robert reminds me of them.' This was the result of a degenerative brain disease, a type of dementia.

I wanted to see my younger brother at least one more time. He was so young—early forties. How could this be happening to him? I boarded a plane for 20 hours of flying—lots of time to reflect on the past and contemplate the future. A few hours after arriving in Australia, my heart began to race as I walked into the nursing home with my mother. I knew that no matter how hard I tried, I would not be prepared for what I was about to experience.

It was a pathetic sight. Robert was lying there, hardly moving. He showed very little (if any) signs of any recognition of his mother and eldest brother. Mum tenderly stroked his forehead and then began the arduous task of trying to get him to swallow a special drink she had prepared for him.

He would swallow and then choke. Mum would wipe his face and wait for the next opportunity to get him to take another sip. Tears would run down my mother's face.

Why would a loving and all-powerful God allow a dedicated man of God to be struck down in the prime of life, with a dreadful, dehumanizing disease that caused him to lose his mental faculties and muscular function, and die slowly as his family watched, helpless to do anything?

Dust and ashes—the key to true hope

I often quote the Book of Job in my talks on Genesis. But you know one of the most important things we learn from the Book of Job? We find God asks Job a series of questions: Do you know this, Job? What about this? God uses example after example to finally bring Job to the point in Job 42 where we read:

'Then Job replied to the LORD: "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. ... Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful

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of the Bible from
the very first verse

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THIS ISSUE

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green light!

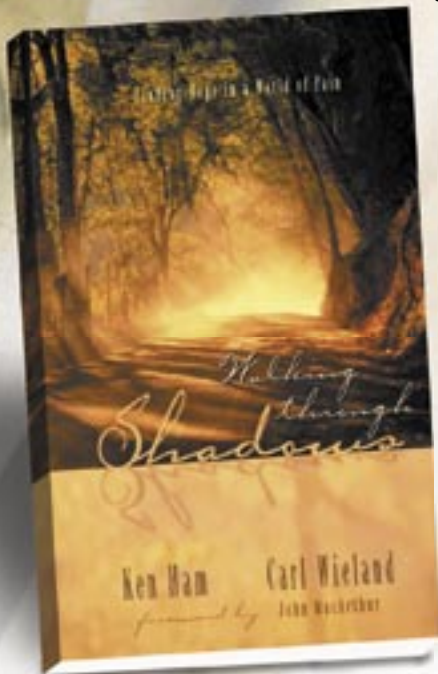
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Ark painting!

AiG launched in
South Africa!

Upcoming events
Free Web
illustrations!

Media slams
creationists

Majority rules?



Robert Ham's illness prompted Ken to co-author his newest book, *Walking through Shadows—Finding Hope in a World of Pain*.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE
AUGUST

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Corners, MI
Ken Ham, Buddy Davis
- Merritt Island, FL 18**
Carl Kerby
- Colorado 23**
Springs, CO
Ken Ham & others
- Peru, IN 25**
Carl Kerby
- London, OH**
Buddy Davis

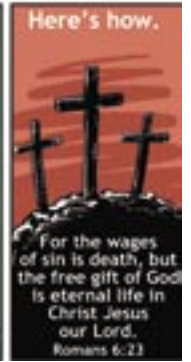
SEPTEMBER

- Jacksontown, OH 1**
Buddy Davis
- Purcellville, VA 3**
Ken Ham
- Denver, CO 7**
Ken Ham, Buddy Davis
- Wadsworth, OH 8**
Dr David Menton
- Fort Worth, TX**
Ken Ham
- Dallas, TX 9**
Ken Ham
- Camp Point, IL 13**
Carl Kerby
- Fargo, ND 20**
Ken Ham, Dr David Menton, Buddy Davis, Stacia Byers
- Houston, TX 26**
Ken Ham, Dr Russ Humphreys, Buddy Davis, Stacia Byers
- Cincinnati, OH 27**
Carl Kerby & others
- Houston, TX 29**
Ken Ham

See pp. 10-11 for more info on these meetings.

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for me to know. ... Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes” ’ (Job 42:1–6).

Basically, this is the answer to the issue of death and suffering. Job acknowledged that compared to what God knows, he knew nothing. He repented of his human arrogance and totally submitted his life to the all-knowing sovereign God.

The bottom line is that we are not going to have all the answers as to why things like Rob’s sickness have been allowed to happen. Only God knows everything—we are just fallible human beings who, like Job, need to recognize that we know nothing compared to what God knows.

The Bible’s account of origins in Genesis, however, does make sense of the world around us. This has greatly helped me in dealing with the issue of death and suffering. God’s Word tells us clearly where death and sickness originated. We understand we live in a fallen world. Every person needs to be

spiritually healed, and total healing doesn’t come until we leave this sin-cursed universe.

God has a sovereign plan far greater than we could imagine. Thus, we need to put our trust in God’s Word and the fact that He is in total control. ‘He is the LORD; let him do what is good in his eyes’ (1 Sam. 3:18).

At the end of my visit to the nursing home, knowing that this could be my final goodbye to Robert, I bent over and kissed him on his forehead, ‘Goodbye, Robert. I love you, brother.’ I left the room somewhat choked up but with a real peace that came over me knowing he was the Lord’s; and in the Lord’s hand. I weep, but not as others who don’t have this wonderful sure hope of eternal life.

Yes, sickness, suffering and death is a normal part of this life. But: ‘Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort’ (2 Cor. 1:3). ▀

Pastor Robert Ham, younger brother of AiG-US President, Ken Ham, passed away in Australia on 7 June. Many AiG supporters worldwide had been praying for Robert, his wife Brenda, their two sons and the rest of the Ham family.

In God’s perfect timing, Ken was able to see his brother just before he passed away, and also spoke at his memorial service in Queensland. You can listen to Ken pay tribute to his brother right on your computer—when you go to www.AnswersInGenesis.org/rhservice.



Dear AiG,

The tribute to Ken’s brother, Robert, was quite moving. What a testimony about Robert’s faith in Christ and His love of God’s Word! I can think of no better way to be remembered.

I am really thankful for all the resources available from AiG. There is no question in my mind that the most common reason for unbelief revolves around Biblical authority with respect to the first 11 chapters of Genesis.

—A.G., Minnesota

Museum receives GREEN light!

‘Now it’s full-speed ahead!’

The Creation Museum project is humming along! We have successfully completed all of our preliminary permit requirements and have our ‘site plan’ approval in hand! The construction activity at the site has increased dramatically, and we anticipate a very busy summer and fall.

Our construction manager, Kevin Markesbery, has been enduring Northern Kentucky’s summer heat while he oversees the installation of underground utilities on the site. While we have been accepting bids for the paving, Kevin has been working with the steel manufacturing company. Soon we hope to begin laying asphalt for the entrance and parking lot, and pouring concrete for the building’s foundations!

Intense behind-the-scenes work at the AiG main office is commencing as well. Our

museum design director, Patrick Marsh, is making incredible models and drawings for the storyline and exhibits. (An update on museum design will be featured next month.)

Our ‘gifts-in-kind’ team—Skip Tilton and Sharon Mardis—has been working around the clock coordinating the many wonderful mission teams who have come to help us this summer. The volunteers have helped to move our museum materials and our order fulfillment (i.e. books, tapes, etc.) operation into one huge warehouse—in the same building as our headquarters facility.

Among our industrious helpers are Edgar and Marilyn Nernberg, who made the long trip from Canada to help for about *six months!*

In addition, most of the museum material—including Buddy Davis’s dinosaurs and 17 truckloads of exhibit objects and supplies—were moved from storage facilities in Ohio to our warehouse here in Florence. With everything close at hand, AiG will now enjoy considerable savings and smoother management! Praise the Lord, we are finally all under one roof!

Meanwhile, the capital campaign team—Jared Vallorani and Lois Savage—has been very busy planning banquets for the fall—Denver (September 7), Seattle (October 12) and Atlanta (November 23, tentative). Ken Ham will give an up-close look at the plans for the museum.

Please pray for the Lord’s blessing so that we can open the museum doors soon! **D**

Soon we’ll be pouring concrete for the museum’s foundation!



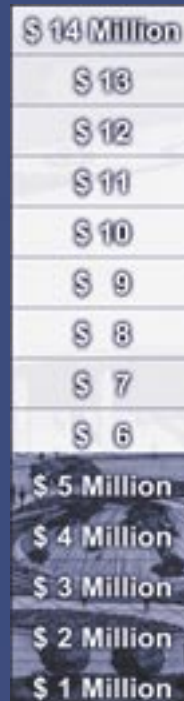
Help us finish the puzzle for Phase 2!

(Each puzzle piece represents almost \$200,000.)

- 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 and exhibit construction
- Phase 4** Exhibit construction continues, landscaping, parking, wastewater treatment plant, furniture

Phase 2 of Museum project—\$3.865 million

Creation Museum gifts



*Figure does not include pledges and ‘gifts in kind.’

EVENTS AT A GLANCE OCTOBER

- 5** **Alto, MI**
Carl Kerby
- 7** **Tullahoma, TN**
Dr David Menton
- 12** **Jerseyville, IL**
Carl Kerby
- 13** **Seattle, WA**
Ken Ham
- 19** **Upland, CA**
Geoff Stevens
- 23** **Quincy, CA**
Ken Ham
- 27** **Toccoa, GA**
Ken Ham

Enjoy a wonderful work of art!

AiG is pleased to announce the release of a 'Biblically sound' Noah's Ark painting! Renowned artist Jim Oliver has been commissioned by AiG to paint a Noah's Ark (complete with dinosaurs!) that families will eagerly display at home, church or office.

Artist draft sketch



This wonderful painting will also help AiG move one step closer to building a Creation Museum that will take thousands of visitors on a 'walk through Biblical history.' You can order this exceptional print for \$250. The framed print is available for \$1,000, and the canvas edition (framed) is \$1,500.

As a conversation starter, this Noah's Ark painting can serve as a great witnessing tool!

For more information call Lois Savage at 1-800-350-3232 ext. 455 or go to www.CreationMuseum.org.

Coming soon!

A Noah's Ark painting that looks like the real thing (the black-and-white draft sketch is at left) ... with dinosaurs about to board! Look for details on this Biblically correct, colorful painting in next month's *Answers Update!*

EVENTS AT A GLANCE NOVEMBER

Hampton, VA |
Ken Ham

Decatur, MI 9
Buddy Davis

Appleton, WI
Dr David Menton

Decatur, MI 10
Buddy Davis

St Louis (Twin Oaks), MO 15
Ken Ham & others

Cleveland, OH 16
Carl Kerby, Buddy Davis

Overland Park, KS 22
Ken Ham & others

Cordova, TN 24
Ken Ham

Bartlett, TN
Ken Ham

Memphis, TN 25
Ken Ham

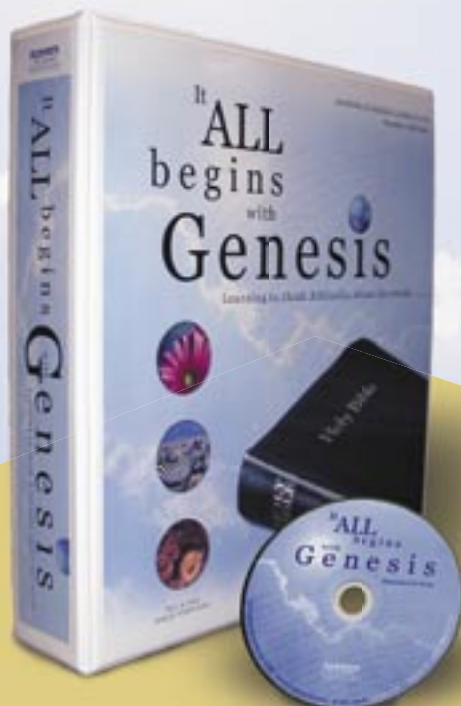
AiG is pleased to announce

It All Begins with Genesis—Learning to Think Biblically about the World worldview curriculum for grades 6–8

- 34 packed lessons!
- Author has over 20 years of teaching experience!
- Tested for two years!
- Rave reviews from churches and schools!
- Free CD-ROM! Includes 86 colorful illustrations for use in Powerpoint, overhead transparencies and/or printouts, as well as links to helpful articles on the Web.

There is no better or easier way to learn what Genesis teaches about Origins than this course. ... I highly recommend this course!

—Harriet Schroeder, M.D.
Bible study author and teacher
'Yes Lord' Ministries
Chattanooga, TN



'The best Genesis curriculum available!' —Ken Ham

'Get off that 6/24 business!'

'Pat Robertson recently criticized people who insist on ... Creation in six 24-hour days.'

For the full story, visit www.AnswersInGenesis.org/700Club

Pat Robertson, well-known as the founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN-TV) and host of the '700 Club' program, recently criticized people who insist that the Bible teaches Creation in six 24-hour days.

Robertson commented during a 17 June broadcast: 'We could be looking at a solar day; we could be looking at a universal day; we could be looking at a galactic day. It doesn't have to be one revolution of the Earth. ...

'Genesis was never intended as a science textbook. ... We know now the sun doesn't rise and the sun doesn't set. But the Bible talks about "from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same." But it's poetical language. ... And to stake your whole faith on the

basis of misinterpretation of poetry, to me, is a mistake. ...'

Robertson was speaking about Michael Farris, president of Patrick Henry College in Virginia, who was denied accreditation because he requires his teachers to teach a six-day Creation. He concluded, 'If Mike wants to go to court, he will win a court fight. But I sure wish he'd get off that 6/24 business.'

Sadly, many Christian leaders fail to recognize that an attack on the 'six days' of Creation is an attack on the authority of the Bible, and it undermines the historical basis for the Gospel that these leaders proclaim. ▀

If you would like to send a respectful reply to Pat Robertson, you can e-mail feedback to the 700 Club at <http://www.cbn.com/cc/contact/feedback-700club.asp>

AiG launched in South Africa!



Dr Johan Kruger

AiG has indeed become very much of an international ministry:

- frequent speaking tours each year in several countries;
- a magazine, *Creation*, read by subscribers in over 120 countries;
- materials in 15 languages, including Web postings in 11 languages;
- an international Web site with about 18,000 visitors a day from around the world.

AiG is definitely striking a chord with countless believers worldwide.

In South Africa, Christians have for some time been looking for more effective ways to defend and proclaim their faith during

difficult times. We are happy to report that under the direction of Dr Johan Kruger, AiG-South Africa is starting near Cape Town! This will be the sixth international office of AiG.¹

Dr Kruger has a Ph.D. in zoology, and is well known to AiG. A substantial donation of books has already been sent by the other AiG 'sister' ministries to help 'kick start' this new ministry, which eventually needs to be sustained by local support.

Please pray for this outreach in a very needy part of the world, that the Creation/Gospel message will be enthusiastically taken up by churches and Christians and used to reach the non-Christians in that society. ▀

Dear AiG,

Thank you so much for your brilliant Web site

[AnswersInGenesis.org].

I am a microbiology student about to begin my Ph.D., and only recently discovered that at the foundation of my education is a humanistic worldview!

I am amazed that as I carry out my experiments that [creation] has opened an entire new scope of interpretation over the results.

Awesome, guys. Praise God for His love.

—S.C., South Africa

¹ AiG has offices in the US, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and England. Each is legally autonomous and supported from within its own country, but able to share in the full benefits of publications, Web site and experience of the entire AiG ministry group.

For more information, write to *Answers in Genesis*, PO Box 3349, Durbanville, 7551, South Africa.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear Ken:

Your ministry has been a great blessing to my family and my church. About 4 years ago, I took my children to your student seminar in Valparaiso, Indiana. It was great—they still remember [the phrase] 'Were you there?'

Thanks for your faithfulness to the Scriptures!

—A. I., Tinley Park, IL

TO HOST AN AiG EVENT

To host a seminar or invite an AiG speaker to your church or organization event, visit www.AnswersInGenesis.org/requestevent

All events are subject to change. For an up-to-date listing of all AiG events worldwide, visit www.AnswersInGenesis.org/events

For more information, please contact the event phone number or call 1-800-350-3232 ext. 403 for further details.

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Hickory Corners, MI

August 10–17
Gull Lake Summer Family Conference
(800) 350-2442
Ken Ham, Buddy Davis

Merritt Island, FL

August 18
Calvary Chapel
(321) 453 - 6779
Carl Kerby

Colorado Springs, CO

August 23–24
Steeling the Mind Bible Conf.
Colorado Springs World Arena
(800) 977-2177
Ken Ham, John Morris, Larry Burkett, etc.

Peru, IN

August 25–26
AiG Family Conference
Peru Grace Brethren Church
(765) 473-3881
Carl Kerby

London, OH

August 25
Grace Baptist Church
Buddy Davis

Jacksontown, OH

September 1
Westside Chapel of Newark
Buddy Davis

Purcellville, VA

September 3
Patrick Henry College
Ken Ham

Denver, CO

September 7
Creation Museum Banquet
Denver Marriott Tech Ctr
(800) 350-3232 ext. 455
Ken Ham, Buddy Davis

Wadsworth, OH

September 8
Fellowship Baptist Church

(330) 239-1539
Dr David Menton

Fort Worth, TX

September 8
Southcliff Baptist Church
(817) 924-2241
Ken Ham

Dallas, TX

September 9–12
Christ for the Nations Institute
Ken Ham

Camp Point, IL

September 13–15
AiG Family Conference
Faith Baptist Church

(217) 593-7095
Carl Kerby

Fargo, ND

September 20–21
MEGA-AiG Family Conf.
Fargo Civic Center
(701) 232-5869
Buddy Davis, Dr David Menton, Ken Ham, Stacia Byers

Houston, TX

September 26–29
MEGA-AiG Family Conf.
Christchurch Bapt. Fellowship
(281) 444-DINO
Buddy Davis, Ken Ham, Stacia Byers, Dr Russ Humphreys

Dear Brother Ken,

I attended your seminar in Pennsylvania.

I have known of your involvement with exposing the errors of evolution, but to my pleasant surprise, I discovered that your ultimate cause is to preach the Gospel.

Thanks again for a great meeting.

—R.N., Montrose, PA



Over 130 AiG illustrations—available *free!*

AiG is excited about the growing number of Christians around the world who are downloading Ken Ham's *free* illustrations on the Web. Since last fall, the number of registered recipients has doubled to over 4,000—representing over 70 countries!

Sunday school teachers, Bible study leaders, pastors and other church workers can use these illustrations in developing talks that spread the message of Biblical authority and the Gospel to all corners of the globe.

Interested in downloading

some of Ken's popular illustrations? Visit www.AnswersInGenesis.org and click 'Free Illustrations'!

Free illustrations have gone to these diverse countries: Australia, Canada, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Belize, Bermuda, Brazil, Britain, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Media slam creationists!

Scientific American threatens to sue AiG over its Web rebuttal!

Details at
www.AnswersInGenesis.org/
sciamsue

The TV program *National Geographic Today* on 26 June rehashed many of the tired and flawed arguments used by evolution propagandists to rebut creationists.

Shown on the cable TV network The National Geographic Channel, the 10-minute piece regurgitated some of the contents of a major June article in *Scientific American* that gleefully presented the '15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense.' Dr Jonathan Sarfati of AiG wrote a devastating critique of the magazine article (read it at www.AnswersInGenesis.org/sciam).

In the article and TV program, nothing new was offered that has not already been fully addressed on our Web site and other places. Furthermore, both outlets displayed a glaring ignorance of the creationist arguments.

In addition, *Scientific American* has a history of misreporting creation/evolution issues,

including last March when it falsely stated that Kansas had 'eliminated' evolution from the state's science guidelines. *National Geographic* magazine has fared no better—remember its false claim in 1999 about finding a missing link (a 'feathered dinosaur') that turned out to be a hoax?

For a reliable source of information on the creation/evolution controversy, subscribe to AiG's *Creation* magazine (see order insert or call the number below).

Your *Creation* magazine has as much information as a book! I enjoy it very much!
—B.S.,
Indianapolis



To subscribe (\$22 year, 4 issues), call toll-free 1-800-778-3390.

I always enjoy reading the AiG newsletter. I particularly enjoyed the one regarding the media frenzy that was recently stirred up by AiG in Great Britain. That was so awesome! To hear that Prime Minister Tony Blair got involved is truly amazing. Praise God that we have truth worth taking a stand for, no matter what the opposition.
—J.B., Columbus, OH

Please pray

- that the exhibits now being designed during phase 2 of the Creation Museum project (see p. 3) will be honoring to God's Word and will powerfully proclaim the Creation/Gospel message.
- that God will bless the outreach of the AiG sister office near Cape Town, South Africa, which just opened (see p. 9).

Retirement accounts—a way to give

PLANNED GIVING

Recently there has been increasing interest in using 'retirement accounts' as a source of giving to a non-profit organization. Retirement accounts, including those of qualified retirement plans—such as 401(k) and KEOGH plans—and individual retirement accounts (IRAs) are different from other assets. At death, they are subject not only to the estate tax, but also income tax.

If a person is going to make

If you would be interested in using your retirement account for charitable purposes, or would like additional information on this or other planned giving opportunities, please call John Pence, AiG's Director of Planned Giving Services, at (800) 350-3232, ext. 483.

a charitable bequest, it is usually better to transfer the taxable assets to a tax-exempt charity and to transfer the non-taxable assets to the heirs. Because of the taxable nature of retirement plan distributions, they are an excellent source for charitable bequests, helping to avoid both estate and income taxes that would otherwise be paid if the assets were distributed directly to family members.



Dear AiG,
Your materials are great. Thanks for teaching the authority of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.
—J.M., Canada

DID YOU KNOW?

The majority—*always* right?

Did you know that there have been many instances where the majority of people used to believe something, but modern science eventually found they were wrong?

This often occurs in science where the majority view has been proven to be wrong. For example, doctors once believed that they didn't need to wash their hands before doing an operation—but the majority were wrong, and people died!

At one seminar, a pastor said to me, 'But how can you believe in a young Earth, when the majority of scientists believe it's billions of years old?' I replied, 'Well, pastor, just because the majority believe it, doesn't mean it's true.'

He then said, 'I know that—but surely the majority *couldn't* be wrong?' I then stated, 'Pastor, the Bible tells us there are more on the broad way than the narrow way.'

This man said again, 'But surely the majority of scientists couldn't be that wrong?'

I responded, 'Remember, pastor, the majority of scientists in Noah's day didn't survive the Flood!'

The majority opinion should *never* be used as a basis for determining truth. Really, the only absolute authority we have is the Word of God—beginning with Genesis. ▀

(Excerpted from the 22 August 2002 edition of the radio program *Answers . . . with Ken Ham*, now heard on more than 500 stations worldwide.)

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