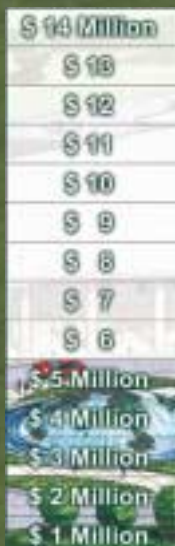


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### Creation Museum gifts

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## update

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## *Planet of the Apes—* **evolution rules?**

**I**magine that it is hundreds of years into the future, and you're an astronaut who crashes on a distant planet. Although the planet is strangely Earth-like, you soon discover that it's ruled by intelligent and ruthless simians. Welcome to *Planet of the Apes* 2001!

Inspired by the 1963 novel *Planet of the Apes*, director Tim Burton re-imagines the story with incredible make-up, costumes, and cinematography. There were only a few occurrences of bad language, and while there was violence, it was neither bloody nor gory. So far, so good, right?

Wrong. The most disturbing characteristics of the movie were its anti-Christian overtones and references to evolution as scientific fact. The story reveals that the apes evolved from a small population of test animals into highly intelligent beings capable of a complex society and religion. But this obvious evolutionary propaganda for the belief that animals could have turned into intelligent people is not all.

In the movie, apes believe that they were created in the image of their ape father, Semos. They even give thanks to Semos before meals, asking him to 'hasten [his] return' and bring peace. The obvious implication is that Christianity, like the religion of the



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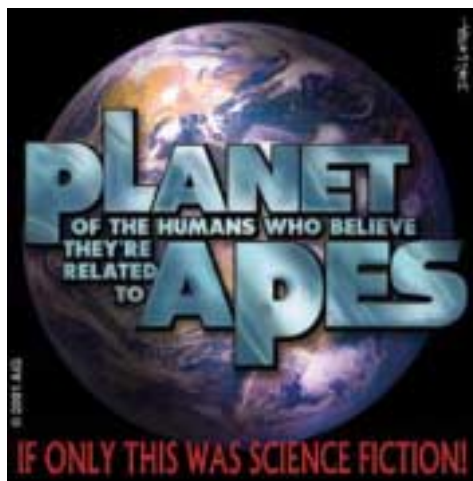
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fictitious superapes, has ‘evolved’ in the same way. Just as the evolved apes invented Semos, we ‘evolved humans’ have invented a Creator God.

Later in the movie, a character states that ‘educated apes’ do not believe in Semos, echoing the common mantra that ‘educated’ people (i.e. those enlightened about evolution) no longer believe in the God of the Bible—something which is, sadly, too often true, thanks to the church’s overall failure to give answers.

Although I was captivated by this fantastic ape-world and the director’s talent, I left the movie saddened that Hollywood is so successful at mocking God and the Bible. In reality, this anti-Christian movie is just a symptom of a deeper problem. It is the by-product of a nation that has rejected its Creator by rejecting the historical truth of His Word.

Psalm 11:3 states *If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?* Now, more than ever, the church needs to wake up! The acceptance of ‘millions of years’ and ‘evolution’ by the church has ultimately destroyed the foundations of the Gospel message found in the book of Genesis. By backing away from the issue, the church has



given the impression that we are no different from the ‘uneducated apes’ that believe in Semos.

It’s time that we take God at His Word and proclaim the truth and authority of the Bible, and expose the lie of evolution. There are answers.

The Bible is trustworthy! Perhaps one day we will see high-quality movies that glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and honor His Word.

### Stewardship and Trust Services

## **Selling a future inheritance**

Settling an estate can often take a prolonged period. There are even cases where relatively modest estates have taken over two years to settle. Also, some heirs even receive less than 10% of an estate because of attorney time and probate fees.

It is out of these realities that a new financial service has been developed in which bonded companies purchase, for cash, the right to your future inheritance. *Forbes* magazine ran an informative article on this service entitled ‘For Impatient Heirs’ ([www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com), August 7, 2000).

For free, confidential information on the basics of estate planning, call Paul Laude, our volunteer CFP, at ext. 302 (859-727-2222).

## Sierra Club slows museum project

A Kentucky chapter of the environmental group The Sierra Club has called for a public hearing on the treatment facility *AiG* will be installing on the land for its future Creation Museum and headquarters complex west of the Cincinnati Airport.

As a result, the hearing (scheduled for early September) will delay the museum project for many months; and significant construction will now have to wait until next year rather than this fall (the cold winter months in the Cincinnati area slow the building process a great deal).

The request for a hearing happens to come on the heels of a poorly researched article that appeared in *The Kentucky Post* newspaper by a reporter who had already determined in her mind, before she ever talked to *AiG*, that our wastewater treatment plant might pollute a nearby creek.

In its request letter to the Kentucky Division of Water, The Sierra Club stated that it is 'concerned about proposing a new discharge into a low-flow stream that will pollute Garrison Creek... without conducting a social and economic needs analysis...' A family in the area that had earlier opposed the rezoning of the museum property has also requested a public hearing.

*AiG*'s team of professional engineers and architects, however, has

met or exceeded *every* requirement set by the governing authorities of the county and state. The state has held *AiG*'s proposed system to the highest standards applied to a private treatment facility; therefore, our treated water will not affect the high quality of the downstream tributary.

The new requirements of the system will be very costly to install (about \$200,000 more than the initial treatment system), but *AiG* is pleased to know that the planned system brings many ecological benefits. Furthermore, the system will be operated and maintained by the professional staff of the local Sanitation District.

(For a detailed rebuttal of the highly biased *Post* article, including a further description of the treatment plant and its environmental safeguards, go to [www.AnswersInGenesis.org/docs2001/0615news.asp](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org/docs2001/0615news.asp))

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***\$5 million in donations of cash and services have come in for the mortgage-free Creation Museum!***

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It is hoped that the misinformed effort by The Sierra Club in calling for a hearing is based on true environmental concerns, not an opposition to the Biblical messages *AiG* will proclaim in the Creation Museum.

In its statement of beliefs posted on its Web site, The Sierra Club declares that 'humans have evolved as an inter-dependent part of nature,' and 'genetic diversity is the product of evolution acting on wildness, and is important because it is biological capital for future evolution.'

As a result of the Club's action, officials in Boone County cannot allow *AiG* to start any construction whatsoever until the issue concerning the treatment facility is settled. All that can be

done for the moment on the 47-acre property would be to finish the grading and partial excavation.

To keep up-to-date on *AiG*'s Biblical 'walk-through-history' museum, and also to read about the prior opposition to the project by humanists and others in the area, please go to [www.CreationMuseum.org](http://www.CreationMuseum.org) or call our museum hotline at ext. 360 (859) 727-2222.

*Dear AiG,*

*I hope the museum can get completed soon so children can visit. To this end, we pledge half of our \$600 tax relief check to the Creation Museum fund. I challenge every family who loves our Creator God to do the same.*

*—H. L., PA*

### **Thank you!**

Hundreds of *AiG*'s supporters have been contacting us wanting to donate their professional skills, materials, and services for the museum project, and we are looking for even more.

For more information on this 'gifts-in-kind' construction approach:

1. Call Sharon at ext. 472 for a descriptive brochure (859) 727-2222
2. Sign up for our e-mail news service at [www.answersupdate.net/list/subscribe.cfm](http://www.answersupdate.net/list/subscribe.cfm)
3. Go to [www.CreationMuseum.org](http://www.CreationMuseum.org)

Currently, *AiG* is looking for concrete and gravel suppliers, and also those involved in underground utilities (e.g. plumbing, electrical, etc.).



*Church groups have been coming to help with the museum project!*



## All but Antarctica!

A few weeks ago on our Web site, *AiG* made available—at no charge—many of the illustrations that are used by *AiG* speakers, so that Sunday school teachers, Bible study leaders, and other teachers can download and use them for developing their own talks on Biblical authority.

At press time, over 2,000 people throughout the world have visited this special Web section on our site ([www.AnswersInGenesis.org/home/area/overheads/toc.asp](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org/home/area/overheads/toc.asp)), including people in these countries:

*Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Germany, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Malaysia, Mauritius, Namibia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Venezuela, Vietnam, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom.*

In other words, every continent in the world except Antarctica is represented in this list! We praise the Lord that the message of Biblical accuracy and authority is being spread through all corners of the world, including illustrations on the Web which proclaim the Creation/Gospel message.



## Prayer points

Please pray:

- that professionals involved in construction-related trades like underground utilities (e.g. plumbers, electricians, etc.) can be found and be willing to donate portions of their services and supplies for the Creation Museum project (see p. 4).
- that the *AiG* seminars shifting into high gear this month will impact hundreds of churches and thousands of lives across America.
- that our sister *AiG* group in New Zealand will find more opportunities to conduct ministry in churches and other venues in that island nation.
- that God will bless the translation ministry of *AiG*, including a new Spanish-language radio program (*Respuestas*); contact Katia at ext. 466 for more information on the 46 translated items *AiG* has produced.