

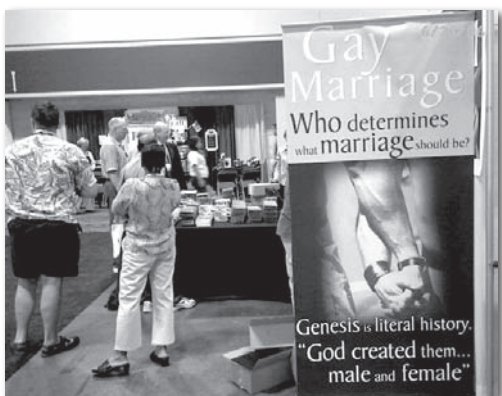
NEA 2006 Report— Standing Firm for the Faith in the Face of Opposition

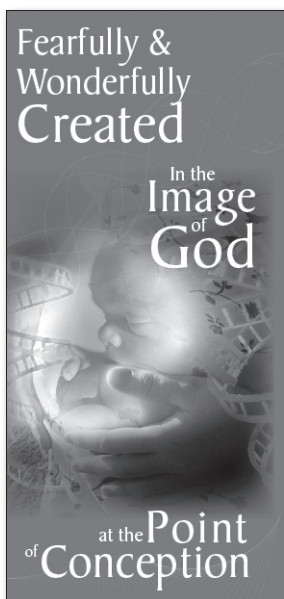
Something remarkable happened at the National Education Association (NEA) convention in June/July 2006 in Orlando, Florida.

At this annual teachers/educators union convention (where for 10 years, staff from Answers in Genesis and volunteers pass out thousands of free AiG resources such as books, DVDs, booklets, etc.), we boldly displayed three banners at a booth. One 20-foot banner had “Propaganda in the Classroom” printed in large letters, and underneath it stated: *Inherit the Wind: Revisionist Piece Distorts the Facts of the Scopes Trial.*

A second beautifully designed 6-foot banner stated “Fearfully and Wonderfully Created ... in the image of God ... at the point of conception.” (See next page.)

It was something like being in a lion’s den! AiG staff and volunteers shared the gospel and distributed thousands of Bible-upholding and evangelistic materials at the liberal NEA convention (9,000 public school teachers and administrators in attendance). One of the agenda items for the NEA meeting was “gay marriage.”

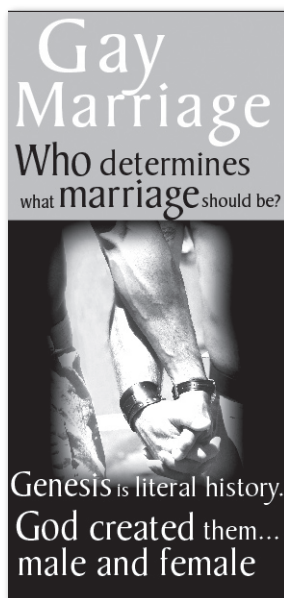


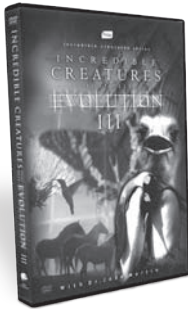


A third (and bound to be the most controversial) banner stated, “Gay Marriage: Who determines what marriage should be?” Under that text was a graphic picture of two men holding hands and underneath was the answer to the question: “Genesis is literal history. ‘God created them ... male and female,’” quoting Jesus as He quoted from Genesis. (See below.)

From the start of this special outreach in 1997, when AiG was still a very young ministry, it has been a remarkable time to share the gospel and the truths of Genesis, both for the opportunity itself and for the way God has used it in many teachers’ lives. Every year since 1997, the Lord has prompted Answers in Genesis to donate thousands of dollars’ worth of material and labor to support the “NEA Creation Science Educators’ Caucus” (started by an AiG supporter in Michigan).

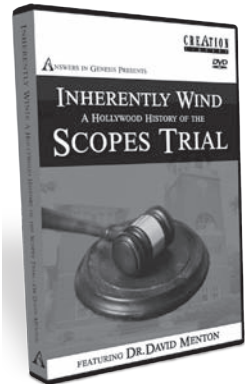
Also each year, a number of faithful Christians fly or drive (at their own expense) to volunteer and support this ministry outreach. This devoted group loves to get the message of hope to the many teachers present and challenge the many (though not all)





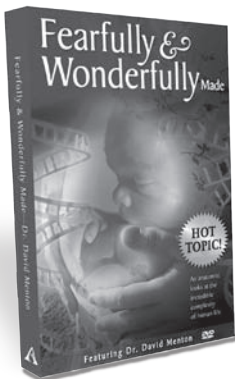
educators who have closed minds. The family of Dr. Jobe Martin (of *Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution* video renown) has been coming for five years now, and has been a tremendous blessing both to the teachers as well as to the rest of the Christian volunteers. (Their ministry website is www.BiblicalDiscipleship.org.)

Our theme on the Scopes trial specifically dealt with the 1960 movie “Inherit the Wind” (and subsequent remakes). This movie has so many historical errors and is so biased against Christianity that it would not be a stretch at all to call it propaganda. Unfortunately, it is shown in public schools all over the country every year basically as history.



AiG has produced a DVD (right) that has Dr. David Menton offering a critique of the movie/play, and we gave

out almost 2,000 of them for free at the NEA convention!

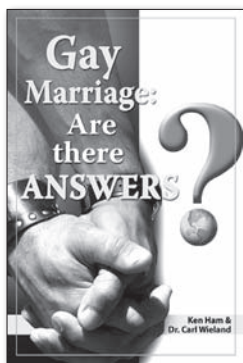


We also wanted to promote the truth that God is the giver of life and life starts at conception, and therefore we brought 1,000 copies of Dr. Menton’s *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* DVDs to give away.

THE NEA AND “GAY” MARRIAGE

Among the thousands of other various DVDs, booklets, books, etc., we had planned to order 200 of our “gay marriage” booklets. Almost at the last minute (June 19), we received a press release from the American Family Association (AFA) headlined “**National Education Association Set to Endorse Homosexual Marriage.**” It was referencing a new NEA proposal that would “promote homosexual marriage in public schools.”

Because of this new controversial proposal, AiG determined to actively engage this battle at the frontlines. Instead of creating a 6 foot by 3 foot banner *Dinosaurs by Design* as we had planned, we scrapped a draft of that banner and decided to go with a *Gay Marriage* themed banner ... and increased the number of AiG’s “gay marriage” booklets from 200 to 1,500. We knew this would be a very emotionally charged topic, and that the stand on truth we would take might generate some heat.

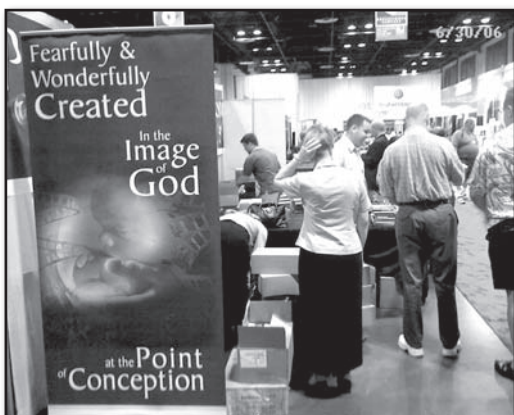


From the start, we were determined that we would not water down the truth that the book of Genesis is literal history, that because God is our Creator, He determines what marriage should be—not by vote, not determined by state, and not even a country’s constitution (Matt. 19:4). If proclaiming the truth in such a hostile environment might get us kicked out of the NEA convention, then that would be fine (1Peter 3:17). We believed that God would open up another forum to preach His truth. As Bill Craig (the founder of the creation caucus that sponsors the booth) stated when he was consulted on our proposed “gay marriage” theme: “If we compromise on this issue, why

even be there [at the NEA convention]? We might as well pack up and go home.” We determined to stand on principle and not follow the philosophy of pragmatism.

AT FIRST ...

This three-day convention was going great, and the school teachers and administrators were being very receptive to the materials. Many stopped by the booth to browse the book tables, which were filled with Answers in Genesis materials—all available for free.



Unpacking thousands of free AiG materials to give away to public school teachers

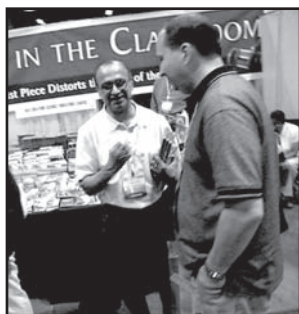
In fact, in retrospect, each “veteran” volunteer who has been with us for five years or more commented that this was the best NEA ever, as far as people being open to AiG’s material and being genuinely interested. It seems the Lord has been pleased to, year by year, prompt more and more teachers to take advantage of the free materials.

Then on Saturday evening, while I was out returning an AiG supporter/volunteer to the airport, an official from the NEA leadership stopped by our booth and told our volunteers that someone had approached them and claimed he (or she) was offended by our “gay marriage” booklet (really a misnomer since more biblically speaking it would be sodomy), which was prominently displayed toward the

front of our book tables (along with a multitude of other booklets).

The NEA authority then requested that we move those booklets to the back of our book tables so they wouldn't be in plain view to teachers passing by. If we didn't acquiesce, they told our volunteers that it would be taken to the next level—a not-so-veiled threat. The volunteers at the booth decided to comply with this petition and moved the booklets to the back of the table.

When I returned and was told what had happened, my immediate, split-second, instinctive reaction was to move them back to the front. It was untenable to me to shrink back from declaring God's Word on this vital issue (1Cor. 9:16). But as the Christian who told me what had happened in my absence continued on, I recognized that I should not make a rash decision, but rather a slow, deliberate consideration of all the perspectives (James 1:19).



An AiG supporter, Dr. Cherian John, usually deals with people's physical hearts (he's a cardiologist), but this weekend he dealt with spiritual hearts.

Our group of 11 volunteers discussed the situation and determined not to make a final decision until morning, since it happened right at the expo's closing time. I was determined not to compromise, but wanted to receive advice from a multitude of counselors (Proverbs 11:14). Even though we were initially emotionally charged over the NEA's unreasonable request, we knew that we had to be deliberate—as well as self controlled—when we spoke with the NEA leadership, and thus not give them opportunity to

charge Christians with bad behavior (1Peter 3:16).

Over the years we had developed a tradition where all the volunteers have dinner together to fellowship and encourage one another while in the midst of battle, so to speak (1Thess. 5:11). This would be a great time to



Just a few of the volunteers that engaged convention attendees with biblical truths, especially the gospel.

discuss the dilemma we faced. Every morning and evening we prayed on the NEA expo floor right in our booth for God's strength, and that night we especially prayed for His wisdom for this situation.

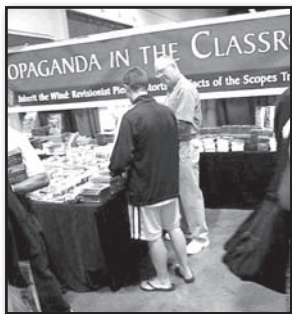
As a group, we discussed a multitude of concepts that were relevant to the situation. One was "pragmatism" vs. "principles." We are committed to living life by biblical principles and not by pragmatism, which is the philosophy that worth is determined by practical results; that is, if something produces favorable results, it is (to a pragmatist) good. As Christians, we should be motivated by biblical principles and not by pragmatism.

By the way, it's one of the reasons AiG does not fully support the Intelligent Design movement, even though many would say that Christians proclaiming a literal

six-day creation “won’t be effective” in today’s secular environment. They propose that we need to be proclaiming some fairly innocuous “intelligent designer” because that is what will practically work.

I believe, however, that naming the Designer as the God of the Bible and proclaiming the name of Jesus actually brings glory to His name rather than diminishing it. Whether “it works” or not does not concern us. He has called us to proclaim His name, preach His gospel, and teach a literal Genesis whether it works or not; 1 Cor 1:23 tells us that the preaching of the gospel is foolishness to the world. Our calling as Christians is to trust and obey, and the results are up to God.

Another concept we discussed that was relevant to the decision had to do with Christians losing the culture “incrementally.” What I mean by that is that Christians have slowly, one step at a time, lost their voice in today’s society. If we were to acquiesce to the humanists’ demands this time, what would be next? Surely sooner or later, someone would find our banners to be offensive—and would we then take them down?



Creation caucus founder, Bill Craig, shares with a delegate.

Surely someone would find materials promoting creation offensive—would we then remove them? Surely someone would find our very presence at the NEA offensive—would we then pack up and go home?

Ultimately, if we backed down from our God-given calling to preach the *whole* counsel of God, it would only lead to the next step.

Incrementally, Christians have backed down, seemingly constantly in a defensive

position when the humanists have attacked. We were determined not to budge an inch for the sake of the truth and to teach the *entire* counsel of God's Word (Acts 20:27).

Another related truth we talked about is that there is such a thing as an "unlawful order." In general we are to be in subjection to the governing authorities (Romans 13). However, there are two times in life when we must obey God rather than men. First, when the governing authorities command us to do something God has forbidden. For example, when the Nazi SS officers told a German soldier to kill a Jew for no crime, that soldier is under obligation to disobey the unlawful order. The Nuremberg trials of the 1940s (below) demonstrated that even human courts will not accept

the often-heard excuse from Nazi officers: "I was only following orders." Humans created in the image of God have an obligation to a higher authority: God and His Word.



A second time would be when the governing authorities tell us *not* to do something that God has commanded us to do. For example, consider when the governing authorities told the apostles *not* to teach in the name of Jesus. The apostles were compelled to answer: "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). In our situation, we believe that the NEA leadership was telling us not to teach what

Jesus spoke concerning marriage. We believe that was an unlawful order. We are compelled by the Word of God to



This is a small sample of the free materials given out to NEA delegates. Notice the gay marriage booklets were just one of many booklets at the front of the booth.

proclaim that marriage is between one man and one woman, not between two men or two women or three men and a woman ... or whatever the humanists devise.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

In fact, there have been many occasions in recent times when Christians have acquiesced to unlawful orders when they didn't have to. For example, an employer may tell an employee that he can't have a Bible on his desk. This is an unlawful order. The employer thinks he has more authority than he actually does. Indeed, it is lawful for an employee to have a Bible on his desk. But how many Christians have backed down and allowed the secularists to be in control in that area, when it wasn't necessary or even lawful? It is time Christians say "enough" and stand up for the authority of God's Word to proclaim and apply His truth in every area of life.

In our web blog (right) that reported on the NEA convention (now archived at <http://blogs.answersingenesis.org/nea>), I mentioned that we had an opportunity to encourage a Christian public school teacher to teach biblical truths and not shrink back or dim her light while in the secular environment. There are two considerations concerning this point. First, we don't *know* what will happen if a public school teacher teaches biblical truths in the name of Jesus (with some due deliberation and prayer, of course). We may be pragmatic and think that he will be fired, but God is sovereign and is able to sustain any Christian in any position that He wills (Daniel 3:17). This booth is a prime example—who could have thought that we would have ten years of this amazing opportunity to proclaim the authority of God's Word as it relates to creation?

Secondly, even if a teacher were to be fired for teaching biblical truths (Daniel 3:18), he ought to rejoice that he was considered worthy to suffer shame for the sake of Christ (Acts 5:41). In our situation with the NEA, we were being asked to “dim down our light” or hide our candle under a bushel. But that is not what God has called us to do (Matt. 5:15). We are to let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and so glorify our Father in Heaven (Matt. 5:16).



Another consideration that we talked about is the fact that the First Amendment to the Constitution grants everyone freedom of speech and freedom of religion. In effect, the NEA was trying to censor our freedom of speech. Even this lesser authority (i.e., the Constitution is lower in authority than the Bible) gives us further confidence that the NEA



leaders had overstepped some boundaries.

We also discussed the principle of proclaiming the *whole* counsel of God. We pondered what

we would do if the NEA demanded that we completely remove the gay marriage booklet. Would we comply so that we could continue to have this forum and get the main message out? Or would we stand upon the principle that God has called us to submit to the Lordship of Christ in *every* area of life, including marriage? The Bible calls us to proclaim the *whole* message of this life (Acts 5:20). If we would be kicked out for the standing on the authority of the Bible in this arena, then fine (1Pet. 3:14). We must not compromise.

Essentially, we tried to look at the big picture of the situation rather than the details. This helped to keep our focus on the eternal perspective rather than a temporal view (2Cor. 4:18). Keeping in mind the big picture actually facilitates working on principles rather than getting bogged

down in the pragmatics of the details of the moment. We had fully expected a situation to arise because of our stand on the truth that God determines what marriage is, and had already “pre-decided” what to do if a situation occurred where we could potentially lose our voice in this arena. We decided that we would not compromise the message to keep our platform. God will provide the platform; we do the proclaiming.

So all of these concepts were discussed and prayed over that night. The next morning I searched the Scriptures to find wisdom from relevant verses, and the Lord showed me four passages of Scripture. First, Acts 4:13-31.

*But so that it will not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to **speak no longer to any man in this name.**” And when they had summoned them, they **commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.** But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; **for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.**”*

This encouraged us that we must continue to speak and teach in the name of Jesus even when unlawfully ordered to stop. The Holy Spirit within us compels us to preach the gospel, for “woe is me” if I don’t preach the gospel.

And then Acts 4:23-24:

When they had been released, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said,

*“O Lord, it is **You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them,**” and also Acts 4:29: “**And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence.**”*

This reminded us that the God for whom we are taking the stand is the Creator of the universe, and that we can call upon His name to “take note of [the NEA’s] threats.” We certainly prayed hard during those days that we would “speak Your word with all confidence.”

Another relevant passage was Acts 5:17-32

*They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, “**Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life.**”*

This gave us the courage not to back down from proclaiming the *whole* message of this Life. That is, the authority of the Bible applies to every area of life, including marriage. To allow the humanists to shut us down on this one point would be compromise.

It reminds me of a quote from the Reformer Martin Luther:

If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at the moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved and to be steady on all the battle fronts besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.

In Acts 5:27-29, it says:

*The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict **orders not to continue teaching in this name**, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “**We must obey God rather than men.**”*

Again, this strengthened our resolve to obey God no matter the cost. Our calling is to be faithful, not to be pragmatic.

The Lord also brought to mind 1 Peter 3:13-17:

*Who is there to harm you if you **prove zealous for what is good**? But even if you should **suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed**. And **do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled** but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you yet **with gentleness and reverence**; and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile **your good behavior in Christ** will be put to shame. For it is better, if God should will it so, that you **suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong**.*

I believed that we were being zealous for that which is good, showing how the truth of creation implies a Creator, which implies that He owns us and sets the standards for marriage. Verse 14 was a great encouragement not to fear suffering for the sake of righteousness; indeed we are blessed if we suffer wrongly. The NEA was clearly trying to intimidate us and cause us to be troubled, but alas we have nothing to fear. Verse 15 is one of AiG’s theme verses.

I was determined to exhibit the qualities of gentleness and reverence as I spoke with the NEA leadership. Verse 16 speaks of a Christian's "good behavior in Christ" and was a great admonishment to exhibit the highest standards of behavior while meeting with the NEA. The last verse gave us hope that if we were kicked out of the NEA, at least it would be for standing up for the authority of God's Word.

Finally the Lord brought this truth found in Romans 12:14 to mind: ***Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.***

SO THE NEXT MORNING ...

Armed with this wisdom from the Lord, with renewed confidence in His will, we marched into the NEA expo the next morning and immediately moved the gay marriage booklets back to the front of the tables.

The second thing I purposed to do was to "go get offended" myself. That is, I went to the "Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender" booth and picked up some free (offensive) literature that was right at the front of their booth.



AiG staff and volunteers actively engaged the culture with the "relevance of Genesis" message at NEA.

One of the most offensive pieces was a cross with the gay-themed rainbow colors; but this was for sale, so I didn't purchase it. (By the way, a few years back at the NEA convention, I spoke with two members at this booth and they claimed to be "gay Christians.")

Next, I went to the official Creation Science Educators' Caucus president and told him the situation and the plan we had for me to go to the NEA leadership—armed with truth—in gentleness and reverence, and a desire to bless these who were persecuting us (we had planned to give them several books and DVDs for free). The president of our caucus was fired up and fully supportive of the plan of action.

While I was talking with him, a seasoned veteran from the pro-life booth came up and handed me a green paper with a portion of the official NEA bylaws. It basically stated that caucuses have the right to disseminate information that is relevant to education *even if it goes against official NEA policy*.

I was now prepared for a meeting with the NEA leadership, where I was going to tell them that I was shocked that they would be “intolerant” of our booth—one which clearing was adding diversity (a buzzword for the NEA) at the expo. I was going to ask them why they wouldn't rather “celebrate the diversity” that we were bringing and actually teach the person who complained about AiG how to be tolerant of other people's views.



Dr. Jobe Martin gently confronts a school teacher with the truth of Genesis.

I was also going to mention the freedom of speech that the First Amendment guarantees us, as well as how I was offended by the homosexual literature—and would they ask the homosexual caucus to move their literature to a back table. Or would they hold to a double standard?

Speaking of double standards, we also had prominently displayed hundreds of anti-racism booklets titled “Where did the ‘Races’ come from?” on our book tables. I might have asked what the NEA would do if a racist walked by and was offended at our anti-racism booklet. Would the NEA actually come down and demand that we move our anti-racism booklet to the back of the booth?



But alas, it was not to be because in God’s perfect timing, no sooner had I started making my way to the NEA office at the convention, that an NEA official came to confront us at our booth.

A TENSE TIME

This African-American man was noticeably nervous; he repeated the request/demand that we move the gay marriage booklets to the back ... or else face the consequences. Basically, with gentleness, I told him that we would not, and showed him the actual bylaws of the NEA that stated we had the right to be there and distribute our materials as we saw fit.

I also mentioned that as a matter of fact, we kind of felt like the late civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks being asked to move to the back of the Alabama bus. I told him, “We will not move to the back of the bus. We will not move our booklets to the back of the booth.” He (graciously) stated that he was just the messenger and that he would report back to his superiors what our stance was.

As he walked away, we praised God for the confidence He

gave us in His word and His will. We rested in the peace of knowing that we were following God's will because we were following God's Word.



Mirren Martin confronts a student with the biblical worldview

By His grace we were not anxious over the situation, and were prepared to suffer the consequences if the NEA leadership came back. We knew that we could call the Christian Law Association (CLA) if the situation went any further. We were also prepared to literally call the police if the NEA tried to illegally confiscate our materials. The possibilities for a confrontation were high. (It reminded me of how social workers sometimes will illegally try to enter a home-schooling family's home without a warrant, at times bringing police officers with them who, unfortunately, don't know the law in that particular situation.*)

It was so fulfilling to know that we had stood on the authority of God's Word ... come what may.

*The Home School Legal Defense Fund (HSLDA) always encourages these families to call them immediately and not let social workers into their home without a warrant, yet not to physically stop the police officer; instead, they should let the officer know that he does not have permission to enter their home and that it is considered an unlawful entry by the host family. You can probably see the relevancy of that to our situation at the NEA.

Can you guess what happened later that day? Nothing.



AiG staff member Matthew D'Orazio does double duty as he engages a teacher and writes the blog simultaneously.

Praise the Lord, we never heard back from the NEA authorities again. Perhaps we called their bluff or they retracted after seeing their own bylaws. Either way, we praise the Lord that He provided this venue once again and that He gave us the strength to remain faithful to His Word.

God sovereignly orchestrated providences such that we didn't see any negative consequences for our stand on the truth of God's Word as it relates to marriage and its foundation in Genesis. On the contrary, we believe that the Lord taught our group how to approach situations in which we are pressured to compromise—that is, how to stand firm on biblical principles.

We are grateful that we have the authority of the Word of God, and pray that this encourages other Christians to stand up for what is right even in the face of persecution.

Let's be bold in the face of persecution; let us speak forth the truth of Jesus in every environment, whether secular or Christian.

In fact, why not strive to apply the principles in this report

to your workplace and be a light for Christ? Resolve to let your Christian light shine with as much brightness on Monday through Saturday as it does on Sunday mornings.



The writer of this special report, Tony Ramsek, is shown sharing his faith at the NEA convention.

Finally, please pray for this ministry outreach next year that Answers in

Genesis would continue to have the opportunity to preach and teach in the name of Jesus through our words and the thousands of free resources we give away. Thank you for your prayers and support as you stand with us in reaching thousands of public school teachers and administrators each year with the “whole message of this life.”

For a detailed, day-by-day account of the happenings at the NEA, please see <http://blogs.answersingenesis.org/nea>

To listen to a presentation given by Tony Ramsek to the Answers in Genesis staff, please visit <http://blogs.answersingenesis.org/aroundtheworld/2006/07/20/fascinating-nea-report>

See following pages for testimonies and feedback received during the conference.

GOALS OF THE OUTREACH:

- To proclaim the absolute truth and authority of the Bible with boldness
- To relate the relevance of a literal Genesis to public school teachers and administrators
- To obey God's call to preach the gospel to every creature
- To give away thousands of Christ-honoring books, DVDs, booklets, etc. for free

QUOTES FROM SCOFFERS

After rejecting a DVD: "I am totally open-minded. I just don't need to know anything you say."

Husband and wife came over. Husband condescendingly says to wife: "These are all 'creationist' materials." Wife says, "Yeah, I know. I want to watch it because the kids are always bringing it up in class."

"Evolution is truth and you are a liar."

"You're not going to change my mind – trust me. I went to a Jesuit college."

"I teach history, not science fiction."

"I don't talk to bigots."

"You are all wrong; there is no use listening to you."

A woman came up to the booth and found out we believe in the Bible, she responded very energetically, "That scares me! That really scares me!" and walked off. We told her we didn't mean to scare her.

Mirren Martin offered a "gay" marriage booklet to a man and he responded, "No thanks. I'm a born-again gay."

POSITIVE QUOTES:

After arriving at the booth, “You guys are wonderful!”

Our volunteer asks, “Have you seen the movie ‘Inherit the Wind’?” The response: “Seen it? I teach it!” Volunteer: “This is a comparison of some of the problems with the movie’s ‘facts’ and true history.” Delegate: “Oh, thank you. I’ll take it!”

“My Lord! Thank you Jesus! What can I take to my church library?”

“I’ll tell other Christians I meet to come over.”

After receiving some materials, one person said, “Brave souls, brave souls.”

An email that came in to the ministry a few weeks after the NEA convention stated:

As a member of the NEA I am accosted yearly by your people and given materials. As a good teacher I review these materials and found most to be propaganda in its own right.

However, the Dr. Menton lecture on “Inherit The Wind” was fascinating, informative and important. As a non Christian I was offended by the obvious false and rude portrayal of Christians. The [AiG] program was done with logic and calm tone without beating me over the head.

I am guilty of showing the film as a “classic” but will be far more cautious in the future. It’s a shame that the theatricality was so severely diminished by it’s inaccurate portrayal of the facts. I guess fine acting, brilliant direction and good production values don’t always add up to a “classic.”

Thank you for enlightening me.

Pass this booklet on to your pastor or other church leader so that they, too, can see how the authority of the Bible, beginning in Genesis, directly relates to today's culture wars. For additional multiple copies, call (800) 778-3390 for bulk price information.

To find out more about AiG's future Creation Museum (photo below) and how to become a charter member of this national Bible-upholding and evangelistic center, go to www.CreationMuseum.org.



AiG's future Creation Museum, being built near the Cincinnati Airport, will be open Spring 2007.