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About Answers magazine

The purpose of Answers magazine is to illustrate the importance of Genesis in building a creation-based worldview, and to equip readers with practical answers so they can confidently communicate the gospel and biblical authority with accuracy and graciousness.

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Articles should be submitted via email as an attachment in Microsoft Word® to the National Editor (Pam Sheppard) at nationaleditor@answersmagazine.com.

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Often, readers who contact AiG have a variety of strongly held opinions on scientific, theological and cultural positions. An AiG "feedback" article responds to their question or comment and is published on the website and sometimes in print. (For example, see <http://www.answersingenesis.org/Home/area/feedback/>)

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