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SWINE FLU OUTBREAK – A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE: Answers in Genesis Provides Resources, Facts and

Biblical Worldview Perspective

PETERSBURG, Ky., April 28, 2009 – While it is important to be concerned and stay informed about the current swine flu outbreak, <u>Answers in Genesis</u>, an apologetics organization defending a biblical worldview, encourages Christians to react appropriately to the situation, and provides resources and information on how to do so in a new <u>Web article</u> on the topic.

"One might wonder why a Christian apologetics and creationist group would find it necessary to provide response on such an issue, but it is very common for such natural-world tragedies to raise questions about the nature of God," said <u>Ken Ham</u>, president of Answers in Genesis. "In addition, many media report about a virus 'evolving' into a more dangerous strain, and we want to clarify that these viruses are in no way an example or any sort of proof for molecules-to-man evolution."

Instead, as the article goes on to explain, this virus is an example of a mutation – not adding new information but rather altering current information – that allows the virus to be contagious to humans rather than just to pigs. This is very similar to what has occurred in the past with the avian or bird flu outbreaks.

Creation scientists Dr. Georgia Purdom and Dr. David Menton contributed information to the online article and other links, explaining the nature of viruses and investigating any evolutionary implications. The Web site also offers suggestions for avoiding contagion, and will continue to update statistics and occurrences of the swine flu around the world.

The <u>Answers in Genesis Web site</u> is just one of the many public resources provided by the ministry, a nonprofit Christian organization dedicated to confirming the validity of the Bible from the very first verse. These resources include the Cincinnatiarea Creation Museum, which has seen more than 695,000 visitors since its opening in May, 2007.

Note to Editors: For more information about Answers in Genesis, please visit <u>www.creationmuseumnews.com</u>. To arrange an interview with Drs. Menton or Purdom, please contact Melany Ethridge of A. Larry Ross Communications at 972.267.1111 or <u>melany@alarryross.com</u>.