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CREATION MUSEUM FOUNDER QUESTIONS PRESIDENT OBAMA'S COMMENTS: Ken Ham Claims Attack on Christianity in Recent Statement 'We are No Longer Just a Christian Nation'

PETERSBURG, Ky., June 26, 2009 – The world-renowned Creation Museum hosted its first-ever live video Web cast Thursday evening, featuring a presentation by Founder and President Ken Ham on “The State of the Nation.” Watched by tens of thousands of people on the Web and heard by a huge radio audience around the country, via American Family Radio, the Web cast featured Ham discussing the status of Christianity in the U.S., following President Obama’s recent comment that “whatever we once were, we are no longer just a Christian nation.”

While Ham acknowledged that America is no longer the great Christian nation it once was, he saw the president’s comments as an outright attack on Christianity. Ham especially noted that the president has subsequently issued statements in support of equal rights for the homosexual community and has gone so far as to proclaim June 2009 “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month.”

The issue of whether or not we are a Christian nation is more than a culture war and a clash of worldviews, but comes back to the very foundation of the Bible, Ham said. Issues like abortion and homosexual behavior are merely symptoms of the real problem, and churches have wasted millions of dollars fighting these symptoms rather than getting to the heart of the matter – the Word of God.

Ham explained that for too long, Christians have been looking for a political solution to a spiritual problem. “In order to change the culture,” he said, “we need to see hearts and minds changed.”

As part of the solution, Ham presented the results of a recent study commissioned by the museum’s parent ministry, Answers in Genesis, on why young people leave the evangelical church. The study was conducted by America’s Research Group, under the leadership of Britt Beemer, who co-authored a book with Ham on the study, “Already Gone.”

Ham calls for a new Reformation – this one in Christian churches across America, which have stopped teaching the Bible as real history and have only been presenting Bible stories and telling children to “trust Jesus.” Ninety percent of children from evangelical homes attend public schools, where they are almost always taught evolutionary thought. “What they are learning at school and on television is blotting out what the Bible teaches,” Ham said.

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If Christian churches can get back the foundation of the Word of God and teach future generations to trust and defend it, then we can indeed reclaim our nation for Christ. “In a real sense, it’s not that we want to get back to what our Founding Fathers believed,” Ham said, “but we need to get back to the foundation of the Word of God.”

Ham and Beemer conducted a question-and-answer session following “The State of the Nation” to address issues, including those in the America’s Research Group study.

Answers in Genesis estimates that well over 100,000 people attempted to watch “The State of the Nation” Web cast last night on either the Answers in Genesis Web site or the American Family Radio site, but the large number overwhelmed the technology. Answers in Genesis’ hosting service crashed twice due to the incredible number of attempts to log in. However, those listening on the 300-station AFR network were not affected. Because of the login problems, this afternoon Ham’s full “The State of the Nation” address will be available to view directly from www.AnswersInGenesis.org. Answers in Genesis’ video crew filmed the presentation using high-quality, digital equipment encoding the video presentation for public viewing. Later, the Web cast will be offered for purchase as a download or as a DVD.

Answers in Genesis is a biblical apologetics ministry and a nonprofit Christian organization dedicated to confirming the validity of the Bible from the very first verse. In addition to the Creation Museum, which had its 750,000th visitor this morning (since its grand opening in May 2007), Answers in Genesis outreaches include more than 300 teaching meetings each year, an award-winning Web site and magazine, and the “Answers” radio program heard on more than 800 stations throughout the United States.

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