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Rare Bible Manuscripts on Display at Creation Museum

Items moving from the Vatican to the popular Bible-upholding museum

PETERSBURG, Ky., October 18, 2012—A new exhibit in the Creation Museum, part of an impressive travelling exhibition of rare Bible manuscripts and artifacts from the famed Green Collection, was dedicated this morning at the museum near Cincinnati. Leading the dedication ceremony was Steve Green, Chairman of the Board of the future Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., which has already collected more than 40,000 biblical antiquities. Mr. Green is the president of the retail chain Hobby Lobby.

Verbum Domini (“The Word of the Lord”) is the name of this Museum of the Bible exhibit. Some of the artifacts were on display at the Vatican earlier this year. *Verbum Domini* is made up of 27 valuable Bible-related items in an exhibit that celebrates God’s Word throughout the ages. By visually weaving together the story of the Bible, the exhibit honors the world’s most indestructible book. It also highlights the efforts of brave scholars who lost their lives in the sometimes dangerous work of Bible translation.

Mr. Green joined Creation Museum/Answers in Genesis founder Ken Ham this morning to dedicate *Verbum Domini*. Green declared to the museum staff that whenever and wherever, he wants to encourage more people to read the Bible.

Perhaps the most impressive manuscript in the exhibit, which had been on display at the Vatican over Easter and Lent with other *Verbum Domini* items, is a page from one of the oldest near-complete Bibles in the world: *Codex Climaci Rescriptus*. It was produced in the 4th century AD in Aramaic, Jesus’s language.



Two other rare items on display are a King James “HE” Bible (1611) and a Tyndale New Testament (1552, with woodcut illustrations, pictured at left). The Green Collection, funded by the Hobby Lobby chain of arts and crafts stores, will eventually be housed in the Museum of the Bible.

This morning at the Creation Museum, Green declared that he was glad to be partnering with the museum in a proclamation of biblical teachings. The day before, he observed that “we are like-minded. Our purpose in opening the Museum of the Bible and in loaning a part of our collection to the Creation Museum is to show visitors the value of the Bible in society. Also, our family’s love of the Bible motivated us to assemble this collection.”

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Ken Ham stated: "Because the Creation Museum exists to declare the authority and accuracy of the Bible, we are thrilled to have this opportunity to exhibit a wonderful representation of the Green Collection and its future Museum of the Bible." Ham continued: "This display coincides with a Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit to open next month at the Cincinnati Museum Center, about 20 miles away. Visitors to our area can now be treated to two excellent displays related to the Bible's preservation over the millennia."

As a Bible-upholding center, the Creation Museum exists to show visitors that the Scriptures, starting with Genesis, have been translated accurately over the years and that it is the Word of God. Ham stated: "Our Bible-affirming mission has been greatly enhanced with this exhibit. It's a fantastic addition."

Green added: "I have visited the unique Creation Museum twice now, once with my family, and I am pleased this excellent museum can be enhanced with our *Verbum Domini* exhibit." Mr. Green personally toured the display this morning.

[photo: Steve Green, *Verbum Domini* COO Cary Summers, and Ken Ham at a display case today.]



The Museum of the Bible has recently acquired a building in Washington, D.C. which will be remodeled over the next few years. It will display perhaps the finest collection of Bibles and related manuscripts held in private hands. The Museum of the Bible will also become a center of scholarly research.

To prepare for *Verbum Domini*, the Creation Museum converted its former collections area into an exhibit room, located next to the museum's attractive Palm Plaza area. There will be no additional cost to view the temporary collection.



For details on a sister touring exhibit, *Passages* (currently in Charlotte, N.C.), and the future Museum of the Bible, see www.explorepassages.com.

The Creation Museum in northern Kentucky (near the Cincinnati Airport) is an outreach of the apologetics organization of Answers in Genesis. It has attracted almost 1.7 million visitors in five years. The AnswersInGenesis.org website is this year's "Best Ministry Website" as determined by the National Religious Broadcasters (1 million web visits a month). Its "Answers" magazine picked up the highest award for magazine excellence by the Evangelical Press Association. AiG will be building a full-size Noah's Ark.

[photo: Ken Ham and Steve Green led the dedication ceremony of *Verbum Domini* this morning.]