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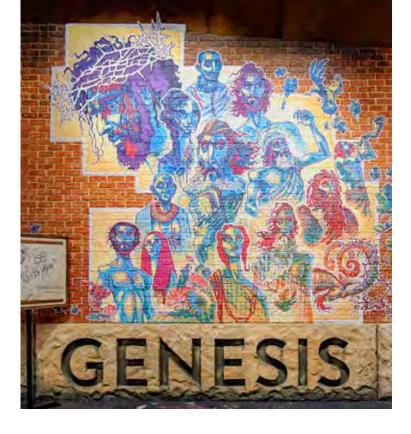
## The Top Two!

When we were first raising funds for the Creation Museum back in the late '90s, I remember that along with secularists mocking us, many Christians expressed concern that we were "commercializing" God's Word or turning the proclamation of the gospel into an amusement park-type atmosphere. Others couldn't understand how such a facility could ever be successful in teaching God's Word. Of course, there were those who thought we should spend the money elsewhere and not "waste it" on such a venture. Many told me that non-Christians certainly wouldn't come to a Creation Museum, and others said that if we overtly taught the Bible and were evangelistic, non-Christians *definitely* wouldn't come. It would have been easy to get discouraged if I had listened to all the naysayers!

And since the Creation Museum was a unique venture, it was not easy to raise funds to build it. Yes, we stepped out in faith trusting God and took our responsibility seriously to tell people about the project and the needs. I can look back at the many miraculous ways God provided so that the museum could become a reality. It was opened, in God's timing, in May 2007. Much of the church is not impacting the culture as it should, so there's an exodus of younger generations. I saw the Creation Museum as a way to impact people from all backgrounds and walks of life and to reach them in ways the church was not doing.

Even before we opened the Creation Museum, we had decided to build a life-size ark and reach even more people. The same sort of naysayers told me the same thing when we went public with the ark

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project, but this second themed attraction opened in 2016. **Millions of people have now visited both of these unique themed attractions,** and attendance keeps increasing year after year.

Surveys show that 30% of those who visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum are non-Christians. We have received so many testimonies of lives impacted for the Lord Jesus Christ, including many who were saved at the actual attractions. Hundreds of buses operated by tour groups—of which 80% are secular companies—bring tens of thousands of visitors. I've learned that Muslims, Tibetan monks, Hindus, Catholic nuns, Amish, Mennonites, Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, atheists, and many others have visited our attractions. And yes, God's Word is taught overtly and the gospel is boldly presented.

In February 2020, the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum were voted the top two religious museums in America. This was in the "10 Best" contest hosted by the popular USA Today newspaper!

Tens of thousands of people have donated to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum, and many supporters tell us it's one of the best investments of their money they've ever made because of the spiritual return. All we can say is, "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" (1 Chronicles 16:34).

Come and experience the top two religious museums in the USA! Be sure to visit **ArkEncounter.com** and **CreationMuseum.org** for full updates and hours. And please pray that we will be open soon so we can continue to impact the millions who need to know that the Bible is true!



All kids 10 and under receive free admission in 2020!



#### The Tower of Babel

When God confused the language of the people at Babel, he also dispersed them. God's command was the same both before and after the flood: man was to be fruitful and multiply, to have dominion over the earth, and to multiply in it (Genesis 1:28, 9:7).

But the descendants of Noah were disobedient to God's command and chose to build a tower to "make a name for [them]selves, lest [they] be dispersed over the face of the whole earth" (Genesis 11:4).

After God confused their language, the people scattered and traveled in isolated populations. **As a result**,



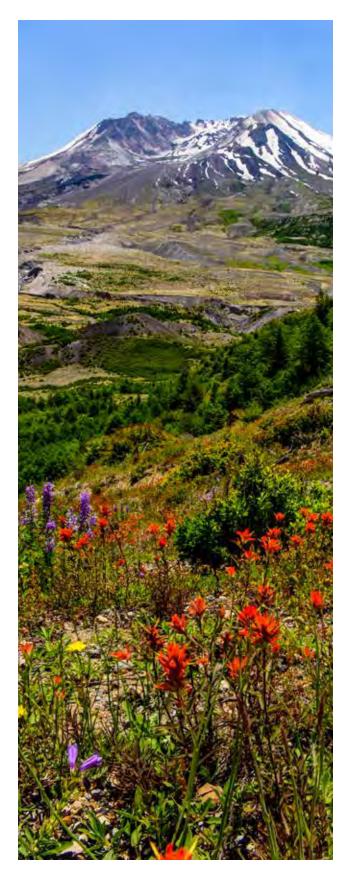
certain physical features (skin shade, eye shape, physical build, and more) of each particular language group became more prominent. Groupings also developed unique customs and cultures, yet all share a common heritage.

Though the human race possesses many different genetic characteristics, the truth is there is only one race—the human race. All people today descend from those dispersed at Babel. All people descend from the family of Noah that left the ark.

- We are all created by God (Genesis 2:7).
- We are all created in God's image (Genesis 1:26).
- We are all one family (Acts 17:26).
- We are all loved by God and have the same offer of salvation in Jesus Christ (John 3:16).

God's Word leaves no room for racism or prejudice. The superficial physical differences between us are a reflection of the tremendous genetic diversity that God has placed in the crown jewel of his creation ... mankind.

Visit the Ark Encounter to learn more about this topic. Plan your trip at ArkEncounter.com.



#### Flood Geology— Mount St. Helens

When looking at rock layers and seeking to understand what happened in the past to form them, secular scientists assume uniformitarianism (the idea that the rates of geologic processes in the past were the same as the rates of current processes). This view rejects catastrophism, which recognizes that geological events with catastrophic process rates would have a radical effect on the rates of forming rocks and landscapes. Notable examples are the flood of Noah's day and the eruption at Mount St. Helens in 1980.

That 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens provides an amazing opportunity for scientists to study the effects of catastrophe. The present provides hints about the past.

Significant examples include:

- A single small ash cloud cooled the earth a fraction of a degree, which points to how the earth cooled after the flood.
- A 1986 lava flow over the new dome dated greater than 350,000 years old by evolutionary interpretations of potassium-argon (K-Ar) content, showing some of the difficulties with radioisotope dating.
- Loowit and Step Canyons were cut out of solid lava by mud and debris flows in just a few days, and Engineers and Little Grand Canyons were cut through soft sediment layers in only hours. These are excellent examples of what rapid erosion accomplished at the end of and after the flood.

While the eruption at Mount St. Helens was a significant geological event, it would be considered minuscule in comparison to the devastation of the worldwide flood.

See the powerful Mount St. Helens video and exhibit as soon as the Creation Museum reopens! **Check CreationMuseum.org to plan your trip now!** 

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#### Steve Hess & Southern Salvation

He says he was immersed in the music industry while growing up, so it's no surprise that the gifted singer & songwriter Steve Hess ended up performing for a living. **The surprise was where and why.** 

Steve was born into a family who was heavily involved in gospel music. **He began his musical journey by singing professionally at the age of nine and never really stopped.** After high school, Steve moved to Jacksonville, Florida to begin his first professional job as a studio musician. Later, he moved to Nashville to work with his uncle Jake Hess, who was famous on the gospel music circuit. Steve even got to work with chart-topping country musicians, including Tim McGraw and Hank Williams Jr.

While being interviewed at the Ark Encounter, Steve shared that although he grew up surrounded by

gospel music, it wasn't until he was an adult that he realized he wasn't really familiar with the gospel of the Bible. **By God's grace and the fervent prayers of his wife during a time of great emotional struggle, Steve finally realized his need for Christ.** He says it was then that he became a new creation in Jesus. Wanting to start afresh, Steve learned to trust the Lord to bring just the right people and connections into his life. He now shares the gospel of Jesus, the Creator and Savior, through his music.

This summer, **Southern Salvation will be performing several days a week at the Ark Encounter's Answers Center**, sharing the gospel through music to people from all over the world!

Steve and his trio are anxious to be back and ministering. Pray with us for clearance to reopen our God-glorifying attractions to reach our needy culture now!

Check their daily schedule at **ArkEncounter.com/events** and see their CDs on page 12. ■



# Separating Error from Truth with Answers Magazine

Christ calls us to stand on the authority of Scripture and defend the truth found in God's Word. Our award-winning *Answers* magazine gives you the information to distinguish truth from "almost truth." The current issue clears up some common misconceptions about Genesis, outlines the crucial differences between biblical creation and the Intelligent Design movement, and uncovers the truth behind a mass burial of dinosaur bones in a Wyoming bone bed. Plus many other topics!

Certainly, we must rely on biblical authority in all areas of life. In this issue, read a conversation between Ken Ham and Bob Jones University's president, Steve Pettit, as they discuss the need for biblical authority in Christian higher education.

And we didn't forget the kids! Our mini-magazine, *Kids Answers*, reminds young readers of the week that led to the greatest event in history—Christ's resurrection.

Get equipped to defend your faith. Subscribe or renew now. Order using the form on page 15, phone 1-800-778-3390, or visit **AnswersMagazine.com**.

#### Sacred—New DVD Series

Our culture is redefining identity to revolve around subjective feelings of sexuality and gender. Broken, hurting individuals are grabbing onto this thinking, running headlong into behavior and identities the culture celebrates but Scripture rightly calls sin. Believers must be equipped to know what they are to believe regarding sexuality and gender, and why. **This starts by being** grounded in the unchanging truth of God's Word that lasts from generation to generation.

Discover practical and compassionate answers from God's Word in a brand-new 9-DVD set which was filmed at the Ark Encounter during our 2019 Answers for Women conference, Sacred. Experts such as Dr. Georgia Purdom, Ken Ham, Heidi St. John, and others share biblical truth that will impact your heart and mind. Share the message with your family. **This is an excellent resource for small groups and Sunday schools, too. Each DVD includes a study guide.** 

#### See page 9, and save big by ordering now!





#### What Do These Stones Mean?

"When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD.... So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever" (Joshua 4:6–7).

When the Ark Encounter opened, Ken Ham spoke to the thousands of guests who stood at the base of the mammoth wooden structure that day. He shared that **the Ark Encounter stands as a reminder to coming generations of the works of God**. Just as the Israelites were told to train their children in the ways of the Lord, **we, too, must bring up our children to trust in Jesus and build a relationship with him** based on the truth of the Bible. Yet, public schools today are teaching kids from a naturalistic (atheistic) worldview that tears down these reminders so that they will not know the works of God. Twelve Stones Christian Academy was launched in 2017 for this reason. It is a K–12 biblical worldview academy just a few miles from the Creation Museum. The school uses thoroughly vetted, apologetics-infused Christian curriculum in every subject, with teachers committed to equipping children to know what they believe and why.

Join us in praying that Twelve Stones Christian Academy will be a model and encouragement for Christian schools across North America, just as AiG's homeschool resources serve to equip homeeducated children using our special curricula and online courses.

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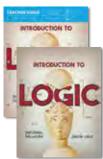
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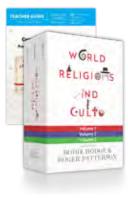


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#### (continued from the cover)

...try to figure out what is happening regarding the coronavirus situation and what decisions to make for our families.

Now, you may think the situation we are in is terrible—yes, it is. But imagine how you would feel if you lived in Habakkuk's day! Habakkuk saw the rampant evil in the nation of Israel and cried out to the Lord. The answer from God was that he would do things "you would not believe if told" (Habakkuk 1:5). In other words, you think this is bad, wait till you see what I'm going to do. Then God urges everyone to trust him and be patient. Habakkuk responds, as we need to respond, "LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy" (Habakkuk 3:2, NIV).

We do live in a time of rampant sin. We all need to be crying out to the Lord. It's hard to say it, but we need to be like Habakkuk and come to the realization that God is in control.

Pray for us at AiG, at the time of this writing, the Ark and Museum are closed. We are so burdened



to help our staff families through each day. We truly are in that place where we don't know what tomorrow will bring. Things change hourly! Will you pray for us?

#### Please read my personal letter about our response at AiG to this coronavirus situation. It's at: AnswersInGenesis.org/go/covid19

Let's pray for each other as we "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

And please understand, as one of our many costcutting decisions, this newsletter is greatly reduced in size and only sent to a limited number of our supporters. Please consider making a special donation by using the form at right. Thank you!

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- For the individuals, families, and ministries, including AiG, that have been affected by the COVID-19 illness. That the Lord would bring wisdom and peace of mind as the world continues to rebuild and works to return to normalcy.
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#### Posted March 11, 2020

Meet one of our new sloths, Eutychus. They're called two-toed sloths because they have two toes on their front feet. You can also see his sharp teeth! However, sloths are herbivorous, and our boys' favorite treats are grapes, carrots, and mangoes.

Follow along with the Ark Encounter on social media and don't forget to tag #arkencounter on your photos from your visit!

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