

But it's divisive!



Operation
Refuting
Compromise

Sometimes church leaders reject creation ministry because they say it causes division. Jesus prayed that those who believed in him ‘would be brought into complete unity so the world will know that you sent me’ (John 17:23). Unity is serious! John chapters 14–16 outline the basis of this unity that Jesus prayed for. To be united, his disciples must *obey Jesus* as the Holy Spirit guides them into *all truth* (John 14:15–26).

Jesus taught that we must ‘abide’ in Him, just as the branches of a grape vine remain in the grape vine (John 15). We abide by *obeying his commands* (John 15:10), such as, ‘*Love each other as I have loved you*’ (John 15:12–13, 17). We have unity when we obey Jesus—‘*My words remain in you*’ (John 15:7). So those who do not obey Jesus cause disunity.

Watch out for those who cause division!

Paul warns us to watch out for those who divide the church—those who ‘*put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you learned*’ (Romans 16:17). So the dividers are *those who depart from the doctrines revealed in Scripture*. The only basis for unity is agreement on the authority of the Bible’s teaching. Those who defer to another authority cause division (e.g. deferring to science to interpret Scripture).

Jude verses 18–19 says, ‘*remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, “In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.” These are the men who divide you ...*’. Jude was clearly referring to the Apostle Peter’s words in 2 Peter 3:

‘... you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, “Where is this coming he promised? Ever since our fathers

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died, everything goes on since it has from the beginning of creation.” But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed’ (verses 3–6).

Who are those who divide the church?

The scoffers who divide the church say that ‘everything goes on since it has from the beginning of creation’. This aptly describes the doctrine of uniformitarianism, an idea promoted from the late 1700s, beginning with James Hutton. Hutton and his successors, including Darwin, claimed that only present-day processes had ever operated in forming and filling the earth. Since ‘everything goes on as it has from the beginning of creation’—this includes ‘creation’ as well. Even atheists speak of the ‘creation’ of the universe, but they claim the universe created itself (a logical impossibility) by the laws of physics we observe today—the big bang idea. About those who promote such ideas, Peter says:

1. They deny that God created the earth in the way the Bible tells us. Genesis tells us that God created the earth covered in water (Genesis 1:2; 2 Peter 3:5). With naturalistic theories about Earth’s origin, it starts as a hot, molten blob, with no liquid water. These

scoffers promote godless theories about origins, denying the clear teaching of the Word of God. Their authority is not the Bible, but the whims of man’s fallen intellect, an intellect in rebellion against its Creator. They also fail to recognize the limitations of historical science—we can’t do experiments on the past.

2. They deny that the Flood deluged and destroyed the world (2 Peter 3:6). Those who accept ‘creation’ over billions of years must also, if they think logically, deny the global nature of Noah’s Flood (Genesis 6–9).


So it is those who dispute what the Bible says about Creation, the Flood, etc. who cause division. Even where such people are ‘anti-evolution’—if they teach uniformitarian doctrines, such as big bang, slow cooling of the earth over billions of years, and local flood, no matter how much they profess to be ‘evangelical’, they are clearly in the camp of the scoffers.

The only logical basis for unity is the authority of Scripture—God’s holy, infallible word. Departure from *that* causes division. The ministry of AiG seeks therefore to promote unity by encouraging all to believe the words of Scripture.





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Leonardo Da Vinci's famous painting *The Last Supper* in which, according to *The Da Vinci Code*, it is alleged that the character on the right of Jesus is not John, but Mary Magdalene.

Have you heard of *The Da Vinci Code*?

The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown is a number-one-selling book in many countries this year. Although this book is actually a fictional murder mystery, Brown uses the plot as an attempt to rewrite the history of Christianity.

Many have claimed it is an 'outstanding work' due to Brown's supposed depth of research. The first page states, 'all descriptions of artwork, architecture, documents and secret rituals in this novel are accurate'. Scurrilous ideas promoted include the claim that Jesus and Mary Magdalene were married and actually had children, and thus, many of the early church fathers did not believe in his divinity.

As we have often seen, such populist ideas often take on a life of their own, and already, Brown's version of events is being promoted as a possible 'explanation' for the Christian re-

ligion. This has mass appeal to those who desire naturalistic explanations for the Bible, which Brown clearly claims is not of divine origin. Sadly, this book has confused many in the church who are ill-equipped to give answers—and the situation is likely to get worse.

The author's own website claims *The Da Vinci Code* is already one of the most widely read books of all time, and blockbuster Hollywood director Ron Howard has been signed up to do a movie in 2005.

There are several good books and articles available which counter Brown's fictional fantasies, including one called *Cracking Da Vinci's Code*. See AiG's rebuttal to Brown's work at <http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs2004/0413davinci.asp>, or just type 'Da Vinci Code' in the search facility.

Pastor imprisoned for sermon

In Sweden a pastor was recently jailed for supposedly 'offending' homosexuals in a sermon by describing homosexuality as 'abnormal, a horrible cancerous tumor in the body of society'.

The church in Sweden compromised on the issue of biblical authority much sooner than most of the Western world. Why is this happening? Because the church has not made a stand on the truth of God's Word. It's no wonder that society endorses/tolerates homosexual behaviour or a 'many ways to god' philosophy. These are spiritual matters ultimately, more than

political ones. God's Spirit can scarcely be expected to move in power and bless a culture where His people deal so shabbily with His Word.

Do you know influential leaders in the church who have compromised on the authority of God's Word? Can we encourage you all to start engaging these folk with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15)? Perhaps give them some of AiG's resources.



FEEDBACK

Atheist compliment

‘I am impressed by the amount of reference on your [web]site. I am a strong atheist, but very pleased with the information ... Previous discussions with creationists ... always ended up in bad argumentation (most of which are described on your site as being just that) and almost always in the most annoying “I believe, therefore it is”. Thus, I am very pleased that there are in fact some pretty good creationist theories (like those reviewed in the intriguing space/time articles). It gives me a lot to think about! Thank you for that.’ [See ‘Arguments we think creationists should NOT use’ at www.AnswersInGenesis.org/dont_use—Ed.]

—Peter V.

Christian basher now a believer

‘I was fed evolution throughout my years as a student in public schools ... as a result, the thought of a Creator God was absurd. ... I got into all sorts of horrible behaviour, and became a hater of “so-called Christianity”. In college, I found that my view was [the same as the] curriculum, and became an avid Christian basher. At thirty years of age ... He called to me ... and there was no way to refuse. His truth was a blinding light. He became my Lord and Saviour, I was baptized, and have been in His service since.

‘I find it unbelievable that someone would claim to be a follower of Christ and not believe in the inerrant Word of God. I find it disturbing that there are people who would preach the gospel, and not believe in it. ... how can anyone believe only “parts” [of the] Bible?’

‘Thanks AiG for a wonderful resource to bring to His lost. I, for one, plan to defend the faith, in humility and love, as dedicated as I once was to debasing it. May He be glorified in your ministry, now and forever.’ —Dominique S.

Changed after an AiG seminar

‘Last Wednesday, my youth leader and I went to the seminar ... we were a little worried that the seminar would be too scientific, too ... hard to grasp, or uninteresting. I went in a “Progressive Creationist” [Hugh Ross] position. I left a changed man. My whole life has turned around in less than a week. I am a musician, and have not gone a day without writing a new song since this seminar.

‘Many of my questions have been answered already, and things make more sense now. ... One thing I really like about AiG, is the intelligent and careful research and writing you do. ... The point of this all is, just a thank you. ... Keep up the good work.’

—Adam S.

[Our best seller *Refuting Compromise* deals with the positions of Dr Hugh Ross and more, and is available for £7—Ed.]

Encouraged to support

‘I have been tremendously encouraged by the ministry of AiG in general (articles and talks from the website, *Creation* magazine, etc). The issue of creation vs evolution was a stumbling block for me a couple of years ago when I first became a Christian and, looking back, it is wonderful to see how God has completely changed the way I think about this—and indeed the Bible!

‘I am strongly aware of the cynical nature—both Christians and non-Christians—to this issue and would like to support the efforts of AiG ...

‘I would like to start making a monthly donation’

—Patrick K.

[We can arrange a standing order facility for anyone. ☺ Just contact the AiG office—Ed.]



On the road—our new ministry vehicle

The picture shows the Chief Executive, Dr Monty White, at the wheel of our new Citroen Dispatch 2.0 HDI 900 van. A big ‘Thank you’ to all of our supporters who gave so that AiG could have this new vehicle that will be used to carry Monty, his equipment and our materials, to venues all over the UK and Ireland.

It has already been used to transport 20,500 booklets in the Romanian language to Cardiff to be stored pending transportation to Romania, where they will be used in outreach (see below).



Loaded up and ready to go—Monty at the wheel of the new van.



Romanian booklets

A gift of foreign materials

In preparation for the move of the AiG-US warehouse from its present location to the new Creation

Museum building, AiG-US sent to us, free of charge, their total stock of European foreign-language books and booklets. At the beginning of July, 13 pallets of these life-changing resources arrived on our doorstep. There were 17 different titles in five languages (Albanian, German, Italian, Romanian and Russian).

We have been amazed at how quickly some of this material has been distributed. Several of our supporters have taken 100 of each of the booklets and have given them away to asylum seekers and immigrants. As noted above,

copies of the Romanian booklets (10,000 *Is There Really a God?* and 10,500 *Dinosaurs and the Bible*) are on their way to Romania. We have had two different organisations asking for the German literature and a mission to prisoners in Russia has requested some of the Russian materials.

If you can effectively use any of this material, please let us know. We will provide it for free, providing you can demonstrate that it will be used for outreach and not sold. However, we do request that you pay for carriage/postage.



Russian *One Blood*

One magazine can make a big difference

A supporter donated a gift subscription of *Creation* magazine to a children's home in India that rescues young ones from the streets. Brother Gupta thanked her and told how *Creation* will benefit his ministry:

‘Praise the Lord. Today I received the *Creation* magazine, subscribed by you for me, I thank you very much. This will help me



... because in this year I have started to visit one Church every Sunday and conduct Bible teaching. So far 23 churches visited—all pastors and believers are very much encouraged.’

Creation magazine now goes to people in over 140 countries around the world.

Praise the Lord.



Spanish Answers Book

Creation missionaries in Peru

Missionaries Bob and Frances Relyea in Peru recently conducted a 10-day course on creation at a local Bible seminary.

Bob emailed to say, ‘[This is] the first time we have attempted anything this large. I have prepared a manual of information

and worksheets for it and we are using Ken Ham’s book (in Spanish) “La Mentira (The Lie)”. There are even some 15 missionaries attending. Our experience is that they sometimes need it more than the Peruvians [locals]!’



Spanish The Lie: Evolution



Six of our popular witnessing booklets are also available in Spanish

Special dinosaur resource for parents, teachers and children

A new AiG web site <www.answersingenesis.org/chinese_dinosaurs> contains helpful information about a dinosaur exhibition called *Chinese Dinosaurs* which has featured in Japan, Australia and New Zealand.



The display is designed to attract students, and not surprisingly, all the dinosaur evidence is displayed according to evolutionary/millions-of-years ideas. Such secular beliefs make specific claims about religious issues, such as the origin of the world, the nature of mankind, the origin of death and suffering (and hence the nature of God,

the reliability of the Bible, etc.). Some of the organizers are known to be passionate about their secular (atheistic) beliefs and keen to win over the public to their way of thinking.

To find answers to this and similar indoctrination in other countries, including links to lots more scientific information about dinosaurs, please visit <www.answersingenesis.org/chinese_dinosaurs> and pass this on to Christian parents, teachers/schools that you know.

It is important that Christians in the UK should be able to interpret dinosaur information (and other evolutionary dogma) within the biblical framework and are not led astray by deceptive philosophies.



Cartoon by Dan Leitha

HOUSE PARTIES 2005

Last year we held our first house party and were delighted at its success. At the end of the weekend, everyone was asking when we were going to hold the next one. The good news is that we will be holding—not one—but two house parties in south and north of England.

One will be at Herne Bay Court Christian Centre, Kent, **Friday 18th March to Sunday 20th March 2005**. The other will be at Brockley Hall, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, North Yorkshire, **Friday 1st April to Sunday 3rd April**. The programme for both weekends will be identical; the theme will be **Genesis: The Foundation For Our Faith**.

We do hope that you will be able to attend one of these residential weekends where we can share together in good food, fun, fellowship and teaching. Details and bookings can be made at 01227 373 254 for Herne Bay Court and at 01287

622 329 for Brockley Hall. Given the success of last year it may be wise to book early.

AiG in YOUR area?

It is surprising how many people think AiG decides where we are going to minister. Sometimes people ask us why we haven't been to a particular town. The answer is simple: 'Because we have not been invited!' In this day and age when there is so much apathy, even in the church, towards the things of God, there is a great need for us to help people have confidence in the Bible once again.

Why don't you arrange an AiG meeting in your area? Please contact our ministry section and speak to Irene White or Karen Johnson on 0116 270 4871. They will be happy to help you arrange a meeting.



Speakers Dr Monty White (above) and Philip Bell (below) at a recent seminar. They are available to speak at your church or group.

Ministry Calendar: Please pray for these meetings and bring others to hear the message.

MW=Dr Monty White;

PB=Philip Bell

Sunday 3 October, 10.45am, 6.30pm, Allied Christian Worship Centre, Hertford Road Community Centre, Kennilworth Close, Bragbury End, **Stevenage, Herts. PB.**

Ph: 01438 234 395

Saturday 9 October, 3.00pm, 5.00pm, 7.00pm, **Sunday 10 October**, 10.30am, 7.00pm, Dun Laoghaire Evangelical Church, Lower Glenageary Road, **Dun Laoghaire, Republic of Ireland. MW.**

Ph: 00 353 1295 3927

Monday 11 October, 7.30pm, 8.00pm, Silver Springs Moran Hotel, Tivoli, **Cork, Republic of Ireland. MW. Ph: 00 353 21463 3540**

Tuesday 12 October, 8.00pm, Newbridge Bible Fellowship Church, Roseberry, **Newbridge, Co Kildare, Republic of Ireland . MW.**

Ph: 00 353 45 434 328

Thursday 14 October, 7.30pm, Athlone Institute of Technology, Dublin Road, **Athlone, Co Westmeath, Republic of Ireland. MW.**

Ph: 00 353 90649 3336

Friday 15 October, 8.00pm, Tandragee Presbyterian Church Hall, Markethill Road, Tandragee, **Co Armagh, Northern Ireland. MW.**

Ph: 02838 840303 / 339670

Saturday 16 October, 5.00pm, 7.30pm, Second Broughshane Presbyterian Church, Raceview Road, Broughshane, **Ballymena, Northern Ireland. MW. Ph: 028 2586 1314**

Saturday 16 October, 7.30pm, Mount Rd Baptist Church, Mount Rd Baptist Church, Mount Rd, **Hinckley. PB. Ph: 014550 213382**

Sunday 17 October, 11.00am, 6.30pm, Craigavon Pentecostal

Church, Lurgan Town Hall, Union Street, **Lurgan, Co Armagh, Northern Ireland. MW. Ph: 028 3834 2259**

Sunday 24 October, 10.45am, 6.30pm, Elim Pentecostal Church, Narborough Road / Harrow Road, **Leicester, Leicestershire. PB.**

Ph: 0116 254 0583

Friday 29-Sunday 31 October, Brookeborough, **Co Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. PB.**

Ph: 028 89531773

Monday 1 November, 8.00pm, Macgrainna Suite, Holiday Inn, **Letterkenny, Republic of Ireland. PB. Ph: 00 353 7491 23961**

Tuesday 2 November, 7.30pm, Fraugham Reformed Church (Fraugham High School), Drumahoe Road, **Londonderry, Northern Ireland. PB. Ph: 028 7134 2685**

Wednesday 3 November, 8.00pm, Lakeland Christian Centre, 2 Old Henry Street, **Enniskillen, Northern Ireland. PB. Ph: 028 3834 2259**

Thursday 4 November, 8.00pm, Clogher Valley Free Presbyterian Church, **Fivemile Town, Co Tyrone, Northern Ireland. PB. Ph: 028 8952 1611**

Friday 5 November, 7.30pm, **Omagh, Northern Ireland. PB. Ph: 028 80757 840**

Saturday 6 November, 6.00pm, 8.30pm, Independent Methodist Church, **Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. PB. Ph: 028 6638 7451**

Sunday 7 November, 6.30pm, Living Rivers Church, 2-4 Railway Street, **Ballymena, Northern Ireland. PB. Ph: 028 25638 700**

Monday 8 November, 7.30pm, Harryville Prebyterian Church, Casement Street, **Ballymena, Northern**

Ireland. PB.

Ph: 028 25652 470

Wednesday 17 November, 7.30pm, Carlisle City Church, Lowther Street, **Carlisle, Cumbria. MW.**

Ph: 01228 548 866

Thursday 18 November, 7.30pm, University of Stirling, **Stirling, Scotland. MW. Ph: 07740 301 203**

Friday 19 November, 7.30pm, Holywell Free Church, Berkeley Rd, Loughborough, **Leicester, Leicestershire. PB. Ph: 01509 557752**

Friday 19 November, 7.30pm, Inverness Royal Academy, Culduethel Road, **Inverness, Scotland. MW.**

Ph: 0845 126 7846

Saturday 20 November, 2.30pm, 4.00pm, Union Hotel, Main Street, **Turriff, Scotland. MW.**

Ph: 01888 560 123

Saturday 20 November, 4.00pm, 6.30pm, 8.00pm, Christ Church, 197 Anerley Rd, **London. PB.**

Ph: 020877 82816

Sunday 21 November, 11.00am, Turriff Baptist Church, Union Hotel, Main Street, **Turriff, Scotland. MW. Ph: 01888 560123**

Sunday 21 November, 6.00pm, 7.30pm, Destiny Church Edinburgh, 12 Casselbank Street, Leith, **Edinburgh, Scotland. MW.**

Ph: 0131 555 2707

Monday 22 November, 7.00pm, Westwood Baptist Church, 2 Tasman Drive, Westwood, **East Kilbride, Glasgow. MW. Ph: 01355 224 761**

Sunday 28 November, 10.30am-4.30pm, Crediton, **Devon. PB. Ph: 01363 84405**

Wednesday 8 December, 7.30pm, Bethany Christian Fellowship, Talke Road, **Walsall, West Midlands. PB. Ph: 01922 866 560**