

A monthly newsletter equipping Christians to uphold the authority of the Bible from the very first verse



## Upcoming Seminars

February 20-21  
Elkhart, IN

March 17-26  
U.K. tour (Ham)

April 5-6  
Indianapolis, IN

April 17-19  
Canton, OH

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# ANSWERS

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## Genesis and world missions

I vividly remember that at age 10, I attended a youth rally in Australia, where the evangelist challenged us to be missionaries for the Lord. I went forward that evening to declare that I wanted the Lord to use me as a missionary.

Little did I know that 18 years later, the Lord would lead me to leave my teaching position and become a full-time worker in the creation ministry.

Then thirteen years ago, my wife Mally and I were intensely burdened to leave our family and friends in Australia to become “missionaries to America” – a country we saw that was losing its Biblical foundation.

I had grown up observing my parents supporting mission organizations around the world, and giving sacrificially to their missionaries. What a heart they had for reaching the world with the gospel. In Australia, they started Sunday schools and brought evangelists to various towns.

This kind of background has given me such a burden to reach out to the world with the saving gospel message.

Did you know that there are over 6,700 distinct languages in the world (not counting dialects)? Did you know that about two-thirds of these languages (many of which number over a million speakers) still do not have any portions of Scripture?

And I’m sure many of us know that evolution is taught to them as fact in most of their education systems.

*Answers in Genesis* has a very active missions program (e.g., translations; Web sites; international speakers) to take the creation/gospel message to the nations of the world. And what is the Biblical basis for such an outreach?

I believe we could say that world evangelization was God’s “heartbeat” from the very beginning. God told Adam

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and Eve to be fruitful and multiply and fill the Earth. The command to be fruitful and multiply, however, was not merely a physical one (i.e., having children), but also a spiritual one.

One of the primary purposes of marriage is given in the Old Testament: *And did He not make you one? Yet the vestige of the Spirit is in him. And what of the one? He was seeking a godly seed...*(Malachi 2:15). In other words, the importance of marriage is to produce godly offspring. So we could say that the command for “spiritual reproduction” was given to the first man and woman.

Because of the entrance of sin, however, and the consequence of man’s separation from God, how could there be godly offspring?

Now in Genesis, we read where the gospel message necessary for “spiritual reproduction” was first introduced: *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel* (Genesis 3:15). We, of course, now understand this to be the message of Christ’s death and resurrection.

But how was God going to bring about the fulfillment of this promise? Actually, this is also clearly stated in Genesis: *And I will bless those that bless you and curse the one who curses you. And in you shall all families of the earth be blessed* (Genesis 12:3). Here we understand that God chose one family as part of His plan to restore God’s rela-

tionship with His people – a relationship that was destroyed by Adam’s sin of rebellion in the Garden.

The Abrahamic covenant clearly stated that God would use Abraham’s family to bring blessing to the entire world. That blessing was the God-man, Jesus Christ, who Himself said: *...Go into all the world, proclaim the gospel to all the creation* (Mark 16:15).

So when we think about missions, we need to understand that the reason for missions--and the need to proclaim the gospel throughout the world--was first introduced in Genesis. Genesis not only describes the literal events which caused creation to fall (and without which the gospel makes no sense), it also reveals to us something of how God was going to restore His estranged creation.

In obedience to this Scriptural admonition, *Answers in Genesis* has a very active missions program. Translators around the world are busy translating our materials into many languages.

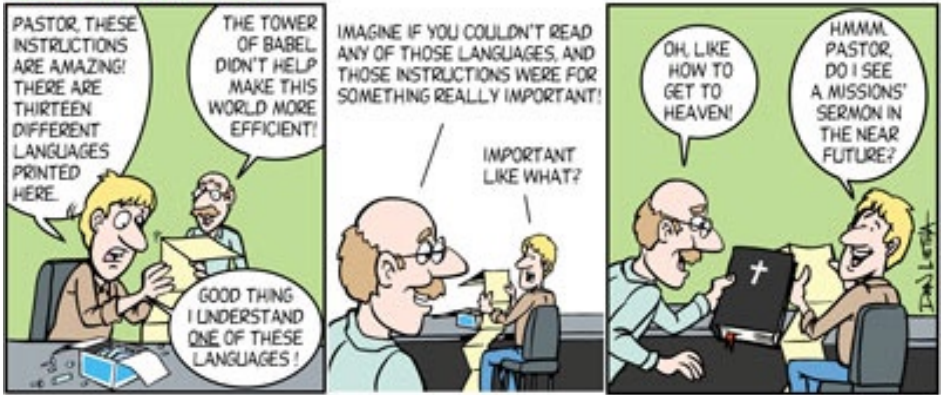
We are also using the Internet to provide an increasing amount of material to different language groups.

*AiG* also has an active speaking ministry throughout Europe, based in England. In fact, I will be in England for two weeks next month, helping our Leicester office aggressively reach out.

*AiG* supports a full-time “creation evangelist” in Japan (Mr. Nao Hanada).

We all need to be actively involved in missions in obedience to God’s Word!

## CREATIONWISE



## Answers to the most-asked questions!

Have you ever wondered what the initials FAQ stand for when you visit Web sites? It's simply an abbreviation that many organizations now use for "frequently asked questions."

It seems that regardless of the organization or ministry, the same questions are asked over and over again. So instead of having to reply repeatedly to the same questions that come by letter, e-mail, fax, etc., many people have been directed to the FAQ section of our Web site.

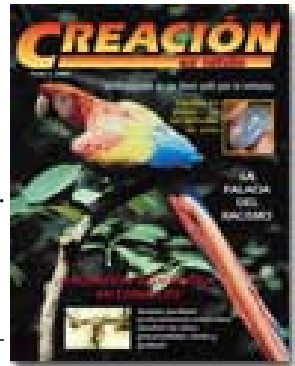
On this page, you have easy access to over 50 categories, ranging from aliens in outer space to vestigial organs. Perhaps a question that has been perplexing you for many years has its answer on our Web site! Visit us at [www.AnswersInGenesis.org](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org) and click on to FAQ.

## Creation in Español!

While *Creation* magazine is being read by subscribers in 140 nations, these readers naturally know English. Due to a growing interest in *AiG's* materials in the Spanish language (see page 5 for examples), we have taken a faith step to produce *Creación* in Spanish!

*Creación* features 11 of the best articles of recent *Creation* magazines – on

36 full-color pages. For the moment, the magazine will be published annually. Order a copy to pass on to a friend who reads Spanish – donate one to a school that teaches Spanish. See p. 5.



Our dedicated volunteers are translating this issue into other languages. If you would like to assist in this exciting "creation evangelism" outreach worldwide, call Diane at ext. 429.

## Creation vacations!

Between May and early August, you have the opportunity to take one of *AiG's* four "creation vacations." In almost all instances, children ages 4 and up could participate!

### May 11-14

Schroon Lake, NY – Word of Life  
1-800-965-7177  
(Ham, Davis, Dr. David Menton)

Our annual *AiG* seminar at Schroon Lake will now start a day earlier – Thursday – and will continue through Mother's Day. This family seminar will feature two different children's workshops (ages 4-10); ages 11 and up are invited to join Ken Ham, Buddy Davis, and Dr. David Menton for the regular sessions. Join us in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains!

### May 20-28

Grand Canyon Tours  
Northern Arizona and Utah  
(Zion and Bryce Canyons)  
606-727-2222, ext. 211

(Geoff Stevens, in cooperation with Eagle's Nest Ministries)  
This is *AiG's* second time at the "canyon of canyons." You'll appreciate the Grand Canyon not only as a wonder of the world, but also as a testimony to God's judgment through His Flood. You can take one of three options: back-packing (including overnight at the bottom), day hikes, or a bus tour of the region. You choose your own lodgings in the area.



*Chad Andrus of California enjoys the incredible scenery of Bryce Canyon, one stop on AiG's tour of the Grand Canyon region in May!*

### June 14-18

West Harrison, Indiana (near Cincinnati) –  
Higher Ground  
Family "Live-in" Seminar  
606-727-2222, ext. 212  
(Dr. John Whitcomb, co-author of the ground-breaking book "The Genesis Flood," joins Ken Ham, Buddy Davis, and many of the *AiG* staff. )  
This is our fifth annual seminar, which has always concluded on Father's Day. You'll also have an opportunity to visit the famous Cincinnati Zoo, Newport Aquarium, and *AiG's* facilities (only 45 minutes away). Programs for ages 4 and above!

### August 5-10

Colorado Springs (Larkspur), CO  
Family "Live-in" Seminar  
Ponderosa Retreat and Conf. Center  
606-727-2222, ext. 213  
Join Ken Ham, Carl Kerby and Buddy Davis as they not only present a traditional *AiG* seminar, but also take field trips to Dinosaur Ridge, Denver's Museum of Natural History, and enjoy the area around the majestic Rocky Mountains and Pike's Peak. Programs for ages 4 and up.

More details on the "Creation Vacations" mentioned above can be obtained by calling our seminar information line at 606-727-2222, ext. 506.

## Speakers' calendar

### February 20 - 21, 2000

Elkhart, IN  
First Baptist Church  
(219) 295-4475  
(Ham)

### February 21-23

Winona Lake, IN  
Grace College  
(219) 372-5100  
(Ham)

### March 1 (a.m.)

Canton, OH  
Christian Leaders' Meeting  
Kaufman Banquet Center  
(330) 497-3167  
(Ham)

### March 5

Olathe, KS  
Services a.m./p.m.  
College Church of Nazarene  
(Ham)

### March 17-20

Jonesboro, GA  
Berachah Bible Church  
(Liebert)

### March 25

Maywood, IL  
Woodside Bible Chapel  
(815) 485-7009  
(Kerby)

### March 26 - 27

McAlester, OK  
Lakewood Christian Ch.  
(918)426-0317  
(Stevens)

### April 5 - 6

Indianapolis, IN  
Baptist Bible College  
Racial Reconciliation Conf.  
(317) 529-0086  
(Ham)

## Flood theory by Titanic's Ballard doesn't float!

Robert Ballard is famous for uncovering many shipwrecks, including the luxury liner Titanic. He's in the news again, this time for claiming that he has found evidence that supports Noah's Flood. Before anyone gets too excited about Ballard's conclusions, it needs to be pointed out that he really has no respect for the literal record in the Bible, and his conclusions only support a regional, not world-wide Flood.

Ballard led a team to the Black Sea. About 550 feet below the surface, they found evidence of a "sudden, catastrophic flood around 7,500 years ago – the possible source of the Old Testament story of Noah."

Then using radiocarbon dating, they determined that the remains of the freshwater mollusks found on this submerged beach were 7,500 years old, and that the saltwater species were only 6,900 years old. \*

Ballard said, "What we wanted to do is prove to ourselves that it was the biblical flood." But was he really?

Columbia University geologists William Ryan and Walter Pitman, who had predicted where this shoreline would be found in the Black Sea, describe the flood as follows: "The Black Sea was created when melting glaciers raised the sea level until the

sea breached a natural dam at what is now the Bosphorus, the strait that separates the Mediterranean Sea from the Black Sea. An apocalyptic deluge followed, inundating the freshwater lake below the dam, submerging thousands of square miles of dry land."

We agree that they indeed have found evidence for a huge flood in the Black Sea area. But we do not support their claim that this was Noah's Flood. You see, in order to justify their assertion, they declare that the record of Noah's Flood in the Bible is just a myth. They say the flood "myth" originated from a real event (their Black Sea flood), but that it has been grossly distorted as it was relayed by word of mouth, before eventually being written down in the Old Testament.

**Bottom line:** There is no reason to believe that Ballard's Black Sea Flood was Noah's Flood. Instead, it was most likely a regional, catastrophic after-effect of Noah's Flood. This is just another attempt to undermine the integrity of the Bible.

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\* By the way, radiocarbon is not reliable in giving accurate dates going back thousands of years. We believe that Noah's Flood occurred about 4,500 years ago.

## Another scientist joins staff of *AiG*

Due in part to the increasing fervor by evolutionists to mock and attack creationists, *Answers in Genesis* has been gradually adding more scientists and researchers to its world-wide staff to counter the evolutionist propaganda effort. *AiG*'s newest scientist – based out of our affiliate in Queensland, Australia – is Dr. David Catchpoole. His doctorate and professional research experience are in the area of plant physiology and agricultural science.

As a result of attending an *AiG* seminar in Australia, Dr. Catchpoole was, as he terms it, “turned around” in his thinking about the Bible and science. For the full story of his thrilling “creationist testimony” go to our Web site [www.AnswersInGenesis.org/home/area/bios/d\\_catchpoole.asp](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org/home/area/bios/d_catchpoole.asp) He is the fifth full-time Ph.D. scientist working out of the Australia *AiG* office (he joins Drs. Batten, Jerlstrom, Sarfati, and Walker; Dr. Carl Wieland, CEO, holds a doctorate in medicine).

Dr. Catchpoole will be a wonderful asset in providing articles and peer review for our various publications. Also, he will assist in writing articles and answering questions for our increasingly popular Web site ([www.AnswersInGenesis.org](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org)). A list of all of the *AiG* scientists can be found at [www.AnswersInGenesis.org/home/area/bios/](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org/home/area/bios/).

Isn't it encouraging to know that there are literally thousands of Bible-believing scientists – holding graduate

degrees – around the world who reject evolution and accept Genesis Creation?

## Dynamic speaker joins *AiG*

With degrees in both physics and theology, Geoff Stevens – a captivating and dynamic speaker – brings his unique background to the seminar ministry of *AiG*.

Last month, Geoff moved to the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area to join our staff. He will also be writing articles and conducting research on theological and scientific issues on the creation/evolution controversy.

For the past year, Geoff has been speaking at some of *AiG*'s seminars as he was concluding his schooling. The response to his talks has been so favorable that *AiG* has moved him from Texas to join the ministry full time and work out of the *AiG* headquarters.

Geoff comes highly recommended as a speaker by Ken Ham and also by eminent professor Dr. Dwight Pentecost, who calls Geoff “a gifted and able speaker. He is very clear and understandable ... in church or in a school, whether before teenagers or adults.”

If you're looking for a speaker who can give faith-building and dynamic talks, call Mary Garoutte at ext. 403 (606-727-2222) for information.

## Genesis – the key for prisoners!

One of *AiG*'s little-known ministries is to prisons in 33 states and Canada. This mission field is huge: in America, there are almost two-million inmates in prisons and jails! Each year, we reach out to numerous inmates with the truths of the Bible through donations of a wide range of materials (which go to the prison library). This includes a subscription to *Creation* magazine.

*AiG* has seen several chaplains distribute our resources. While some chaplains are able to purchase our materials (which we provide to them at our cost), many others do not have such allocated funds. To these, *AiG* sends many books and tapes at no charge.

We are asking *AiG*'s supporters to sponsor a library pack of materials for prison chaplains at \$60 per packet (includes shipping). In this pack are witnessing booklets, a wonderful commentary by Henry Morris, *The Genesis Record*, Ken Ham's *The Answers Book*, some videos, and many other materials – 31 items in all! To sponsor a prison pack, please mark your donation for "prisons."

Also, any individual prisoner who writes us will receive a free packet of information. By the way, we receive up to 15 letters a month from inmates.

Help us reach desperate and lonely prisoners with life-changing materials based on the truths of God's Word. Call ext. 434 or write to the Information Department at *AiG*.

NOTE: If you have access to the Internet,

you can listen to Ken Ham's interview with prison volunteer Frank Zitzman on how he is using the creation/gospel message with great impact in prison. If you have "Real Audio" on your computer, find the "broadcast archive" on our home page.

## Sneak preview!

The March issue of *AiG*'s *Creation* magazine is off the presses and is about to be mailed to over 140 countries. Below is a peek at the magazine.

Next month, your family can read about such fascinating subjects as:

- The sensational discovery of mammoths in ice – and how they support Biblical history!
- The scars of a nation – how the family of an aboriginal pastor suffered through evolutionary atrocities!
- Mount St. Helens – 20 years after the devastation!



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## Your legacy

Statistics show that an inheritance is often spent within a year of its receipt. Furthermore, it is not being spent on things of eternal value. We'd like to ask you to pray about including *AiG* in your estate plan.

It is a simple matter to make an estate bequest or name a co-beneficiary for a small percentage (or dollar amount) of the proceeds of a life insurance policy or retirement plan.

Upholding the Bible from the very first verse, however, is no simple matter, so we need your help and support.

Questions on estate strategies, including the tax-saving donation of appreciated stocks or real estate, should be directed to Paul Laude, CFP, ext. 302.

## Please pray:

- that God will bless Ken Ham's speaking tour of the United Kingdom next month; our sister organization, *Answers in Genesis* - UK, has seen much growth in the past year, including many opportunities to witness to university students in Leicester.
- that the lawsuit filed against *AiG* and Boone County, to stop the rezoning of land for *AiG*'s museum, will be decided in our favor this month (call 606-727-2222 ext. 360 or go to [www.AnswersInGenesis.org](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org) for current developments).

## Increased radio activity!

A growing outreach of *AiG* is our daily faith-building radio program *Answers ...with Ken Ham*. In addition, there have been dozens of recent interviews on Christian and secular radio talk shows. *AiG* has had to devote considerable extra staff time to coordinate these highly effective (and free of charge!) outreaches.

The number of affiliated stations has recently increased, primarily because of the efforts of our *AiG* supporters. They have been able to get our *Answers* radio program heard on more than 300 stations worldwide. We are very grateful for their "creation evangelism" burden.

If you would like to hand-deliver a sample copy of our broadcast on CD (containing 45 programs with answers to frequently asked questions about Genesis) to your local station, please call John Williamson of Ambassador Advertising in California at (714) 738-1501, ext. 227. Ambassador, our radio representative, will send you the CD at no charge. Mr. Williamson will encourage you to listen to the CD before you make your appointment to see the station manager so that your words of endorsement will be even more effective.

We are happy to announce that the following stations are now carrying our *Answers...with Ken Ham* radio feature:

### LOUISIANA

Alexandria	KWDF-AM	840	7X	ROS
Alexandria	KOUZ-FM	89.9	7X	ROS

### MINNESOTA

St. Cloud	KCFB-FM	91.5	MF	11:15am
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### WEST VIRGINIA

Clarksburg	WZWA-FM	90.1	MF	ROS
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ROS = Rotating schedule      MF = Monday - Friday

## Answers in Spanish!

In addition to the materials we have recently translated into Spanish (see page 5 and also articles on the Spanish side of our Web site), we now present *Answers* in Spanish for both radio and Internet broadcasting!

If there are radio stations in your area that broadcast programs in Spanish (either full time or part time), we can now offer them a free series of *Answers* radio programs! Each program runs two minutes, and is translated from the radio scripts of *AiG's* Ken Ham. For information on how to obtain a free demo tape to send to your Spanish radio station for the manager's review, call Eric Rauch at ext. 401.

These same programs can also be heard at [www.AnswersInGenesis.org](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org) (click on the radio portion of our home page). In this way, computer users in the numerous Spanish-speaking countries can listen to the *Answers* program on their computers, using the "Real Audio" feature.

## Halt the O'Hair hoax!

The rumor that atheist Madalyn Murray O' Hair is petitioning the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to stop religious broadcasting continues to make the rounds.

Unfortunately, many Christians are responding in fear without checking out the story. In fact, the FCC is receiving about a million signatures on petitions each year protesting her alleged threat. It is a hoax, and we ask that you stop the rumor if you hear it.

## The 20th century – a century of evolutionary humanism!

Many recent polls have been conducted to rank the major news stories of the 20th century. On many of these lists, we've noted that numerous events reflect a strong connection to the influence of evolutionary humanism. Evolutionary philosophies, for example, have fostered genocide and abortion. Fundamental to these holocausts of the century is the lack of belief in the authority of the Bible, which leads predictably to horrible atrocities.

One poll conducted by the magazine "USA Weekend" saw tens of thousands of Americans respond with their picks for the top 100 events of the 1900s. In September, we reported that the Scopes trial – in our minds a "top-ten" turning point in American history, due to the resulting distrust of the reliability and authority of the Bible – was ranked only 99 out of 100.

By the end of the year, and after making this observation in our newsletter, the Scopes trial jumped 24 places.

Sadly, the influence of the church in America has been in general decline since the 1925 "monkey trial."

Many of the polls had frivolous results, including one that saw a large block of votes from young adults who determined that the Titanic sinking – highly popularized through a 1997 movie – was number 11, ahead of such tumultuous events as D-Day and World War I!