

The Key to Reclaiming Culture

by Ken Ham

Ken Ham emphasizes the importance of believing the history in the Bible to understand the world and to trust the message of Jesus Christ.

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Scripture: Genesis 1:1, Leviticus 18:6-18, Psalm 104:6-9, Isaiah 40:28, Matthew 19:4-6, Matthew 28:6, Romans 8:22, Hebrews 9:22

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of standing on the authority of God's Word, particularly focusing on the foundational history presented in Genesis. It addresses the impact of compromising biblical history, such as the belief in millions of years, on the core doctrines of Christianity. The speaker highlights the need to defend the faith by understanding and upholding the historical accuracy of the Bible, especially in the face of secular humanism and cultural challenges. The sermon stresses the significance of Genesis 1-11 as the foundation for Christian beliefs and morality, connecting it to key theological doctrines like marriage, sin, and salvation through Jesus Christ.

Transcript

Well, good evening. It's so great to be here. I hope you can tell that I am Australian.

I know church recently a pastor announced me as someone who looked like Abraham Lincoln and sounded like Crocodile Dundee, so It's good to look like an honest president anyway, that's really great. Well, you know as a pastor said actually this service It's been a real heavy year and been speaking in churches all across the nation around the world And this is the last church service for the year, but we start up again in January and speak in churches all across this nation in fact You know what despite what we see happening in America with the rampant secular humanism I'm so thrilled that there's so many who still have a hunger for the Word of God And that's really what the ministry of answers in Genesis is all about and I'll be bringing these sorts of messages across this nation I trust you'll be praying for the ministry of answers in Genesis. We do this year after year after year But I want to start off by just Say something that in a way is hard to say because you know America has been the greatest Christian nation on earth And America certainly as a nation has the largest number of churches Bible colleges seminary Christian colleges in the world Largest number of Christian bookshops resources Christian radio television in the world But isn't it true that when you look at the structure in America is becoming less Christian every day There's something really wrong with this culture.

What has happened? I suggest you that the church is no longer touching the culture like it used to because in many instances the culture has infiltrated the church now let me go to a verse of Scripture that I want to be the text for this evening And it's this one John chapter 3 in verse 12 Jesus said this if I tell you about earthly things, and you don't believe them How will you believe when I tell you about heavenly things if you don't believe the earthly things? How do you believe the heavenly things the spiritual things? And I want to put it to you this way If we can't believe the history in the Bible if we can't believe the earthly things in the Word of God How can you believe the heavenly things the Christian morality the message of salvation? That's based in that history See let me ask you a question The Bible does it touch on geology biology anthropology astronomy physics chemistry does Bible touch on those things you know? I said a university once and a man jumped up and he said but the Bible is not a science textbook I said you're right, and I'm glad about that because science textbooks change every year I'm glad the Bible is not a science textbook, but where the Bible touches on science. Can we trust it? Absolutely because if you can't if you can't trust those earthly things happen you trust the heavenly things that are based in that history See for instance does the Bible talk about geology well. It says there was a global flood Hey, that'd be a geological event wouldn't it if there really was such an event you'd expect to find billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down by water all over the earth by the way Do you know what you find billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down by water all over the earth? Of course you know the secular scientists today say, but there's no evidence for a global flood Where's the evidence for a global flood? I mean all you find the billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down by water all over the earth We don't see any evidence for a global flood Hey, you know something you realize even a even the church People church young people 80 to 90 percent in fact of young people from church homes still go to public schools in America Did you know that public education in America today by and large? Generally speaking and the media and so on teach Generations of people that there never was a global flood By the way, if they're right, then the Bible's geology is wrong Do you know the Bible touches on biology? It says God made distinct kinds of animals and plants each to reproduce after their own kind.

That's biology In other words dogs will only breed dogs. It's interesting. That's what you find But you know what the world teaches, you know what the public education system teaches by and large It teaches generations of students that know one kind of animal changed into another over millions of years Therefore the Bible's biology must be wrong Does the Bible touch on anthropology? Yes, it does It says all people are descendants of one man and one woman Adam and Eve by the way That means there's only one race of people.

Did you know that aren't any different races? There's any one race that means by the way, we're all related. I'm just here for a family get-together. Isn't that great? See all my relatives, you know, and I was speaking on this once In fact, I give talks on the issue of the origin of so-called racism.

We talk about skin color Do you know everyone has the same skin color? There are no white people No black people Because we all have a pigment called melanin no matter how much or how little you have and because of the tower of Babel When God gave different languages it split up the people groups That's why you find distinguishing characteristics because that gene pool split up very easy to understand biologically, by the way But I remember after talking on this once a man said oh when I filled out my census form and it said what race? Are you I wrote down Adams? I thought hey, that's a great witnessing tool for the for the federal government, isn't it? Never heard Adams race But you see, you know what the world teaches the world teaches No We didn't come from one man and one woman said the Bible says God took dust made a man took his side made a woman No, the world says no the woman came from an

ape woman the man from an ape man No, you see the Bible's anthropology must be wrong The Bible touches on astronomy. It says God made the Sun on day four He made the earth covered with water on day one But you see the world teaches the Big Bang and if there was a Big Bang The world teaches that the Sun came first and then the earth came as a hot molten blob Hey, if the Big Bang theory is taught by public education media and so on is correct in the Bible's astronomy is wrong And friends, here's what I want us to understand if we cannot accept the Bible's geology The Bible's biology the Bible's anthropology the Bible's astronomy the Bible's history Then how can we? Accept the message of Jesus Christ, which is based in that history You see if you can't trust the earthly things, how can you trust the heavenly things? One of the problems I see in America and a lot of churches today is the Bible is looked on as a book of stories It's all going as a book of religion a book about salvation But I've got news for you. The Bible is much more than that.

It is a book of history, isn't it? I mean if the events of Jesus Christ birth death resurrection didn't happen in history How can we be saved if we don't all go back to one man in history of whom we're all descendants? Then who are we where'd we come from? You know one of those genealogies are there in the Bible so-and-so to get so-and-so to get so-and-so to connect that history From the beginning right down to Jesus Christ and of course then right to us here today If that history is not true, if there wasn't a first Adam, then what is the message of the last Adam Jesus Christ? Then then how do we know that we're sinners? What does it mean that we're sinners? See the history is important. It's vital I had a girl recently who said to me Oh my my sister is here at this Christian college with me and she doesn't believe in the literal Adam in Genesis What can I say to her? I said well, she doesn't believe in the literal Adam and she says she's a born-again Christian She said yes. I said well, actually she's got a problem.

I said, what's that? I said only descendants of Adam can be saved. So she's not a descendant of Adam. How can she be a Christian? And she said oh, that's a good point, isn't it? Do you realize only descendants of Adam can be saved? That's why we know by the way, there's only one race of people Why do we take the gospel message to every tribe and nation? You know why we're all descendants of one man Adam That's why we're all sinners in need of salvation Then I said to her you better ask her if she's an alien or something because if she didn't come from Adam's race Where did she come from? Now that history is important and you know, the Bible gives us this outline of history I want you to understand something.

The Bible is not a science textbook It doesn't give us all the details of geology biology astronomy and so on But you know what the Bible does it gives us the big picture of history The big picture of geology the big picture of biology the big picture of astronomy So we have the right understanding of the past to connect the past to the present See we all live in the present, don't we? Well, don't we? Put your hands up if you exist in the present. Hey, that's pretty good. Pretty good not all my students existed in the present when I was a teacher was always a problem, but We all exist in the present.

Hey when the fossils exist present or past you tell me Past? Wrong They exist in the present if they didn't we wouldn't have them When you dig up dinosaur bones, do you dig them up with the little labels on saying hi, I'm 65 million years old Now do you realize something all the evidence the scientist has exists in the present here? We are living in the present We're saying what happened in the present to bring fossils here What happened in the present to cause there to be dinosaurs on the earth? Well, what sorry what happened in the past because there'd be dinosaurs on the earth What happened in the past because the Grand Canyon what happened in the past to put people here? What happened in the past to cause there to be death and suffering here, you know The only way you'd know if someone was there in the past You

saw everything happen who revealed to us what happened so we can connect the past to the present. I've got news for you I have a revelation from one who has always been there who said here's what happened in the past and Therefore we can connect the past to the present. You see the Bible gives us that history It teaches us that God created everything in six days.

And during that six days, there's anthropology biology geology physics chemistry He took dust made the first man to decide made the first woman in the beginning God and infinite intelligence Provides the information systems the code systems for life. He created distinct kinds of animals and plants and by the way He did it in six days There there there's a contentious issue You know, I find the majority Christian leaders don't believe God made everything in six days You know, it's interesting. I have so many people tell me that the word day in Genesis 1 doesn't mean an ordinary day And yet anywhere else the word day is used elsewhere in the Bible.

They don't argue about They only argue about what it means in Genesis 1. Have you noticed that? Why is that? You know why it is because there's genealogies that are all connected from Adam to the present You couldn't put millions of years in those genealogies The only place you could try to put millions of years in the Bible is before Adam That's why people reinterpret the days of creation. You know, the word day can mean an ordinary day. Actually, it mostly means an ordinary day I'm sure that's a surprise to you The word day can also mean time, it can also mean year Mainly means day.

You know how we know when it means day? Whenever it has evening, morning, number, night attached to it You know how it's written in Genesis chapter 1? Evening, morning, number, night Of course it means an ordinary day. That's why we have a six million year week Because God made everything in six days and rested for one, right? When He first made everything He said it was very good There wasn't any death in the world. It was a perfect world Hey, that means there can't be any dead dinosaurs before sin because there was no death till after sin And then Adam sinned, everything changed.

Death ended the world Hey, you know why the terrorists blew up those buildings in September 11th? Because of that event And then we know there was a flood Geology going on outside the boat, biology on the boat Anthropology, eight people saved on that boat Distinct kinds of animals saved on that boat After the event of Noah's flood, the event of the Tower of Babel, God gives different languages, anthropology And by the way, that's why most cultures of the world today have flood legends that sound like Genesis You know why they have those?

Because they're all a sentence of Noah back to Adam They've handed them down, changed them But the real record's in the Bible That Jesus Christ steps into that history, dies on a cross and raised from the dead and one day there's going to be a new heavens And a new earth to come When there'll be no more death because death is an enemy right now And you know what friends? Jesus Christ steps into that history that encompasses geology, biology, astronomy, anthropology If you can't trust the history, how can you trust the message of Jesus Christ?

If you can't trust the earthly things, how can we trust the heavenly things? That's why my emphasis to children when I speak to them is the Bible is a history book It's a history book of the universe You can trust it from Genesis to Revelation And as a history book all of our thinking in every area should be built on that book And it means that really the Bible's history to us should be a pair of glasses When I put on my glasses so I can see the pages of the book Really each one of us should be wearing biblical glasses 24 hours a day We have a revelation from God who gives us a big picture of every aspect of reality So we

can go out and understand the world and correctly interpret the evidence And if the Bible's history is correct, real science should confirm that and you know what it does We can give many many examples of that.

We could be here all weekend with a seminar giving examples about that But friends, do you know where I believe we've lost this? If I can be so bold as an Australian, you ever seen that guy on TV? What's his name? Steve Irwin the crocodile hunter? That guy's nuts, isn't he? But anyway, you know Australians tend to be sort of blunt like like that actually But if I can be so blunt and say this I believe That we have a lot of problems in our churches across this nation And I believe we can see it manifested in this way You see take Sunday school literature, I think a lot of our Sunday school literature really does miss the mark and I'll tell you why You know what we tend to do we tend to teach Bible stories You know what?

I mean by Bible stories Jonah and the great fish the feeding of the five thousand pause missionary journey Jesus on the cross Noah in the ark Adam and Eve and you say but but don't you don't you believe those? Yes, what's wrong with that? You know, it's the way we teach it in today's world You see I want you to tell me the problem. Okay? If I went to the average Sunday school teacher said mrs. Brown you teach Sunday school Tell me in Sunday school you teach geology biology astronomy anthropology physics chemistry.

What do you think mrs. Brown will say? No Well, what do you teach in Sunday school mrs. Brown? We teach about the Bible we teach about Jesus. Oh, yes. I understand that Well, tell me mrs. Brown and you tell me the answer mrs. Brown Where do kids go to learn about geology biology astronomy anthropology physics chemistry you tell me? School.

Oh, I get it mrs. Brown. Did you know the majority of kids from church homes? Still go to public schools. Oh, by the way, do you know a statistic from George Varner research? 70% of students from church homes to go to public schools after their senior year walk away from the church There's something dreadful happening in America You know what's happening you think about it this great nation years ago prayer in the schools Bible reading in the schools creation in the schools But you know, it's progressively happened generation after generation after generation prayers thrown out Bible readings thrown out creation is thrown out Ten-commandments thrown out nativity scenes thrown out in a public places Progressively the education system in America has shown Christianity out of the school system You know, I was interviewed in Fox News once and they said but if you want creation back in schools That's going to bring religion out.

We've got religion out of schools said you could understand something There's no such thing as neutrality doesn't the Bible say you are the poor Christ or what? Against the other walking alive you walk in what darkness? There's no such thing as neutrality and I said to the Fox News interview, I said, you know something It's about time the American public woke up to the fact that when the education system through prayer Bible readings creation out of the school System they didn't throw religion out. They threw Christianity out now They're teaching students generations of them. You can explain everything every aspect of life biology geology everything without God That's the religion of secular humanism naturalism.

We are now teaching a different religion. We didn't throw religion out We change the religion. That's what's happened in America You know Here's the thing that we've got to come to grips with The kids today that go into that system and watch television and the media and so on You know what? They're really being told every day the Bible's biology is wrong The Bible's geology is wrong.

The Bible's astronomy is wrong. The Bible's history is wrong You can't trust the Bible, but you know what many people do they so don't worry about that trust in Jesus anyway Don't get me wrong. I want people to trust in Jesus But you see why will students trust a message that comes from a book that in their mind scientists said you can't trust Did you see that news item about that boy in the Boy Scouts who said he was an atheist and he was thrown out of The Boy Scouts he's interviewed by the media and you know what he said I became an atheist when I learned at school that science proved the Bible wasn't correct See friends, that's what's happening And you know See put it to you this way I travel for 30 years in this ministry and wherever I go in the world You know, I'm asked the same basic questions over and over again You think about it.

You see people challenge me. You believe that book you're a Christian Do you believe the Bible and then they ask these questions doesn't matter what country? I'm in same basic questions or in Christian radio secular radio, you know questions I asked so where did God come from who wrote the Bible who was Cain's wife? Anyway, what about all these ape men who did Cain marry and how did no get all the animals on the ark? And who was Cain's wife anyway, and where'd all the water for the front come from and who did Cain marry? And what about carbon dating and who on earth was Cain's wife and does anyone know the most asked question? I've been asked Hey, do you know what was asked of William Jennings Bryan at the Scopes trial by the ACLU lawyer Clarence Darrow? Do you know he managed to get the man representing Christianity to the world? To stand before the world's media in that court trial to be cross-examined about the Christian faith and has asked questions like So who was Cain's wife? He didn't have an answer What about the days of creation? You don't have to really believe them What about the millions of years yet? You can believe in millions of years was a turning point in Christendom For the world saw that Christians couldn't answer the questions defend their faith and really didn't believe the Bible. They purported to believe It's affected the world to this day You know people ask that question over and over again Cain's wife.

You know, they're really saying you believe the Bible's history We go back to Adam and Eve. Where did Cain get his wife? You know, I find many Christians can't answer that question. You can't answer that question Bible says be ready to give answers for what we believe And you see what's happened is so many Christians.

Hey, how many of you let me ask you tonight How many of you when you try to witness to somebody tell them about the Bible Christianity come to church? Tell them about Jesus have found people bring up science or evolution or millions years or something like that As a stumbling block as an excuse not to believe that put your hands up if you found that But you know the sad thing I found Across this nation. There are so many that don't know the answers and they say well Don't worry about that trust in Jesus anyway, but you realize what those people are saying Why should I trust in your Jesus that that message comes from a book if you can't trust the book it comes from trust the history Why should we trust the message that you're bringing me if the Bible doesn't have authority? Why should the message of salvation to trust it? You know, that's why we need those answers. Hey, you know what there are simple answers That's one of the reasons we have the literature that we do the website that we do to equip you to be able to defend Your faith and just real quickly and and we could spend hours just on these answers For instance, where's all the water from the flood? Hey, if you leveled out the mountains in the ocean basins, there's enough water to cover to a depth of two miles There's plenty of water You know why I find marine fossils on the top of Mount Everest Because the mountains were raised up at the end of the flood Psalm 104 the mountains raised up the ocean basins sank you see evidence of uplift all over the world.

There's plenty of water How did no one get all the animals on the ark? He must have needed millions of them You take dogs in fact in the latest journal science there's some big articles about dogs You know what? The evolutionists are all saying all dogs are the same kind and probably all came from something like a wolf Guess what? We've been saying that all along God made distinct kinds of animals and plants to reproduce after their own kind They didn't have bingo's wolves coyotes great day little chihuahua even all the way down to degenerate mutant poodles, but you know what? I Were dogs are dogs will be dogs. That's not that's not evolution. You know what that is.

That's dogs See natural selection after the flood two dogs get off the ark a population builds up the population splits up as they move to different Places different combinations of genes move in different directions different environments different combinations survive better than others We end up with different varieties of dogs. What's the problem? That's used in the education system today to tell students the Bible is not true when you properly understand it It fits exactly with what the Bible says It exciting be a Christian And of course you all want to know where Cain got his wife, don't you? Who wants to know where Cain got his wife who really would like to know? Okay for 1099. There's a book out there.

You can get that has Hey real quickly Genesis 5 4 says Adam had sons and what Oh Sons and daughters originally brothers married sisters. Oh, wait a minute. You're not allowed to marry your relation Hey, if you don't marry your relation, you don't marry a human then you're really in trouble Of course you'd get married to your relation when you get married, but you know what you don't marry a close relation today It's not not good to do that When was the first time God said no longer can close relations marry wasn't all the time of Moses in Leviticus Abraham was married to his half-sister see because of sin in the curse Copying mistakes have added up in our genes generation after generation today We have so many of them if you're closely related and you were to marry It's more likely you get mistakes getting together and causing deformities in the offspring It's why it's better to marry someone further away relationship from you So you get a good gene to mask a bad gene But the further back you go in history the less of a problem that was back then provided It's one man for one woman for life, which is what marriage is all about anyway You see what a difference when you got those answers I remember being over in University of Wales at Cardiff and After I spoke to a packed auditorium mainly non-christians, by the way They crowded it down afterwards and one of the students stood there and he said to me man.

That was radical. I Said what was radical? He said Christians having answers Hey, you know what that was a sad indictment on the church, wasn't it? Because many times he's asked those questions. He said and they say well, don't worry about that trust in Jesus You know, it's interesting people come to me and say are you advocating then that we teach geology biology astronomy Anthropology physics chemistry and Sunday school youth group Bible study.

You know, my answer is absolutely See the church gave it up to the world and we separated the Bible from the real world We need to reconnect the Bible to the real world And you might say but I don't have a PhD in chemistry or biology No, no, no, you misunderstand the Bible doesn't give all the details as a science textbook It gives us the philosophy to have the right way of thinking in geology One example Noah's Ark. Hey, somebody come and said look my Sunday school literature. It's creationist It teaches about Noah's Ark and Noah on the on the ark and so on and and the wicked people drowned and the flood covered The earth I said, you know what the problem is The problem is the kids today are going to be told but there's not enough water to cover the earth No, I couldn't fit all the animals on the ark and the layers with the fossils were laid down over millions of years and has Nothing to do with the flood and you need to be answering those questions to give them the big picture in geology biology and so on Answering the

questions of the world where the world is attacking the Bible today Equipping them.

So then when people ask those questions got an answer got another answer got another answer You know what that causes people to do you mean the Bible's true? Because I can defend my faith Wow, what a difference that makes You know sadly what I see today happening is this we have generations looking at the Bible and they're saying, you know Can the Bible really be trusted in the scientific age? I mean to them the world is bummed out the Bible eight men millions of years and so on and they're looking at this bummed Out Bible and saying so so what's the church going to do about that? You know many people in the church are doing they're saying well, don't worry about that. Just trust in Jesus anyway and Friends, you know something That's why we end up the signs like this outside of churches It was in one of the articles recently that I saw a church in California. I would take the Bible seriously, but not literally You know, I see the world is like a Concorde jet and it's out there saying we've got all the evidence the Bible's not true Yeah look at all the evidence the Bible's not true science says the Bible's not true millions years eight men and so on and Sadly many people in the church in a little single-engine plane way behind saying but trust in Jesus.

Anyway, it doesn't matter You know what I want to get there and say trust in Jesus because this is true Wow, what a difference when you do that? See, let me give you just one other example here before we sure run out of time I wish a day was like a thousand years of it but anyway You know We need to look through the Bible to understand the world let me deal with one issue That's a really important issue. You see if you take Genesis the way Jesus did you know how Jesus took Genesis? He actually quoted from Genesis in Matthew 19 when he was asked about Divorce a concern marriage haven't you read which made them at the beginning made the male and female and said for this cause shall marry his Father and mother cleave under his wife twain will be one flesh. Hey, you know what Jesus was saying You want to understand the doctrine of marriage? Do you realize something the doctrine of marriage has depended upon the biology in Genesis being true? It's dependent upon the history being true.

You become one because you're one flesh because the woman came from the man No, she didn't come from an ape woman. She came from the man. That's the whole basis of oneness and marriage, isn't it? And we know us to be a man and a woman and not a man and a man why? Now look, this is very difficult And I need to somehow say it so it's easy to understand because it seems a lot of people don't get this today So let me say it slowly for you It's to be a man and a woman and not a man and a man because God made a man and a woman Did you get it by the way, I'll guarantee that those churches that condone homosexual behavior Those Churches that condone homosexual behavior again homosexual pastors.

I don't believe the biology is true in Genesis They don't believe the history is true in Genesis because as soon as the history is true. It's a man and a woman Do you realize something though? It's not just marriage You try to name one biblical doctrine of theology that ultimately directory directly or indirectly is not founded in Genesis 1 to 11 Why is there sin in the world Genesis 1 to 11? Why is there death Genesis 1 to 11 seven-day week Genesis 1 to 11? Why does man have dominion Genesis 1 to 11? Why did Jesus die on the cross Genesis 1 to 11? Why is he called the last Adam Genesis 1 to 11? Why do you wear clothes Genesis 1 to 11? Why do we need a new heavens and a new earth Genesis 1 to 11? Do you think Genesis 1 to 11 is important? Genesis 1 to 11 is the foundation to the rest of the Bible at the key to an errancy in regard to scripture is Genesis 1 To 11 you accept Genesis 1 to 11. You don't have a problem with the rest And that's the key to why we lost inerrancy because once we gave up the history in Genesis 1 to 11 you give up the foundation for the rest and the rest falls and Friends, that's where it happened now If you take Genesis the way Jesus did he told Adam and Eve to eat fruit He told the animals to eat plants,

which means originally we're all vegetarian Got you worried We Did say we could eat meat but that was after the flood You know why this is important because death bloodshed disease and suffering is a consequence of sin See the people who believe in millions years the majority I find the majority of Christian college professors the majority of seminary professors today the Majority of Christian leaders in fact believe in millions of years you believe in millions of years You've got a problem The idea of millions of years came from the belief that the layers with the fossils were laid down over millions of years in the fossil record there are dinosaur bones with cancer There's all sorts of diseases.

There are thorns in the fossil record supposedly millions of years old But you know what? You're gonna say that at the end of the sixth day of creation God said everything was very good and the world was full of cancer and thorns Bible says thorns came after the curse Disease is a consequence of sin You see when Adam in the garden was told you can eat of all the trees There's one tree not deed of or you will die When Adam took the fruit he forfeited his right to live and we did in Adam because we're descendants of Adam and what he did We did because we're in Adam. He represented us and when Adam rebelled he really said we want life without God We wouldn't exist if God gave us what we wanted life without God. He has given us a taste of it, though He's given us a taste of what we wanted life without God.

He's withdrawn that sustaining power and things run amok It's a pretty ugly world, isn't it? But you know, even though we told God we didn't want him, you know what God said, but I want you I love you so much. He killed animals because the Bible says he made garments of skin for Adam and Eve Because Hebrews 9 says that without the shedding of blood is no remission the life of the flesh the life of the creature is in the blood My favorite picture in one of their children's books is this one with Adam and Eve clothed in lambs wool clothing There's a slain lamb the Bible doesn't say it was a lamb Pictured it as a lamb because here we have the first blood Sacrifices are covering for their sin a picture of what was to come in Jesus Christ The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world The gospel You see death as a consequence of sin. If you've got death millions years before sin, you've just destroyed the whole basis of the gospel That's why Paul says the whole of creation groans and travails in pain and boy didn't we feel it groan on September 11th You know a lot of people say why would a God of love allow this but you know what? It's only if you believe in a literal Genesis you got the answer if you believe in millions of years You don't because if you believe in millions of years God said death violence struggle is very good But if you believe in a literal Genesis you say what happened on the September 11th was my fault because we sinned in that And it's a reminder that each one of us is facing death And we need to make sure that we're spiritually healed So that we can be totally healed when we die What a difference when you understand the right history, hey, by the way, if what I'm saying is correct, then that means You can't have fossils before sin So, how do you explain billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down by water all over the earth? Hey, if there was a global flood, you know what you'd expect to find you'd expect to find billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down by water all over the earth and Actually, I believe that most of your fossil record is the record of the flood.

It's a graveyard warning us that God judged sin He judged the wickedness of man But it's also a wonderful message of love because he provided an ark of salvation for Noah And he's provided an ark of salvation for us the Lord Jesus Christ He said I am the door by me if any man in there in he will be saved Now, you know one of the things that we do it answers in Genesis. We help people understand these things We we for instance show them. Hey, do you realize? Petrification fossilization can happen very quickly.

Here's a petrified bag of flour from Arkansas It was left in in a mill there in 1903 and it became petrified that didn't take millions of years. Did it? Hey, we help them understand things like this in Australia. Of

course the best country in the world Hey, my wife and I take a tour to Australia each year She'll get our flyer out there and then consider coming with us next year.

We give you a wonderful wonderful tour We know Australia like the back of our hands. It's very unique. We do it at our cost But anyway people go to Australia they want to buy opals, you know, we were taught that opals took millions of years to form You know that opal there? Well that opal was grown in three months By a man who figured out the recipe for opal.

Hey, you know what this is here This is a red blood cell in a dinosaur bone a t-rex bone found by secular scientists in Montana Who got the shock of their lives because you see that bone is supposed to be 65 million years old But you wouldn't find red blood cells in a bone 65 million years old And you realize the more we look at these things. We realize the size confirms a Bible isn't exciting to be a Christian Really is and that brings me to the final part here just to sum this up I mean we could talk for millions of years on this topic. Believe me, but Here's the bottom line Here's why it really matters You see if you believe the Bible's history if God is the creator then God owns you then God sets the rules You're accountable to him.

But if you believe no, I don't believe the Bible's history I believe man has a right to determine truth and we're just an animal and so on then who owns you you do who says The rules you do you see as a Christian? Why do I believe in right and wrong? Why do I believe that marriage is one man for one woman for life? Why do I believe the rightful place for sex within marriage one man for one woman? Why do I believe their standards of clothing and so on because there's a moral absolute because there's an absolute authority because the Bible's true But you see if you believe no man determines truth see when you believe in millions of years even as a Christian You know what? You're really saying you're really saying man decides truth apart from the Word of God Because you see you don't get millions of years from the Bible the man by himself can determine truth And if you want to reinterpret the Bible's geology and biology and astronomy and anthropology, you know What you'll end up doing you'll start to reinterpret the Bible's morality Which is what we see happening Why not write your own rules? Why not decide truth for yourself? Why not decide what you want about sex get rid of spare cats get rid of spare kids. What's the difference? You know, we see happening in America today. We see the collapse of Christian morality Christians secular humanism, you know why because there's been a change foundationally, you know what the change is progressively generation after generation Much of the church said well, we don't have to believe the days we can take the millions of years and reinterpret the days We can reinterpret the flood we can take Darwin's ideas reinterpret the biology take the Big Bang reinterpret the astronomy That door got pushed open further and further and more and more generations said well, why not reinterpret the rest of it? You know, I had a Christian say to me a number of times I say this they say but wait a minute You don't have to believe in six days to get to heaven I mean I can believe in six days and I can believe the days of creation of millions of years and still be a born-again Christian the Bible says if Christ be not raised from the dead our faith is in vain It doesn't say if you don't believe in six days You can't be saved You know what? My answer to that is There's a man who called up on radio recently and he said I just don't like the way you creationists say that if you don't Believe in six days.

You can't be saved He said I'm gonna stand before the God of creation and claim the blood of Christ and that's why I'm saying I said Whoa, whoa, wait a minute. I've never said if you don't believe in six days, you're not saved. I said anyway It's not your salvation.

I'm worried about it's those who you leave here on earth who you've told you don't have to take The Bible is written Who won't take the message of Christ seriously, that's who I'm worried about You see because I

say to such people do you believe Jesus rose from the dead? Yeah, how do you know that? What do you mean were you there no good a movie rerun no, how do you know Jesus rose from the dead well over here In the Bible or you're quoting that book Or you expect me to take that seriously. Oh, I see. I See but over here in Genesis it says six days.

Oh, no, we don't have to believe that Oh, I see. You don't have to believe that bit, but you do have to believe this bit. Wow, that's really consistent How do you know there's a virgin birth well in the Bible is all the you're quoting that book again So you want me to take this as written here, but not over here friends.

Do you realize what happened? Do you realize why the issue of six days is important? Do you realize why it's the key to inerrancy? Because if you start at the beginning and say even though it says six days It doesn't mean it because of millions of years you've unlocked the door to undermine biblical authority that says you can take man's ideas outside The Bible to reinterpret the Bible Progressively generation of the generation will push that door open even further till we lose biblical authority From the foundation of this nation and then a new structure will arise which is what we're seeing happening across this nation today In fact, I sum it up with these two castle diagrams Is the foundation of evolution millions of years the castle of humanism comes out of that those issues that come out of that abortion, etc And there's the foundation of creation the structure of Christianity, you know, the secular humanists are very clever How to destroy Christianity don't aim for the virgin birth of the resurrection No aim for the history because once the history is gone, the rest will go anyway And you know what many churches Christians have done here will help you destroy our own history We can believe in the big bang billions of years. It doesn't matter and then we look out there and say look at all the social ills, we're gonna fight abortion. We're gonna fight homosexual behavior.

Don't get me wrong We need to stand against those evils publicly the friends. I want to say this to you. They are not the problems They are the symptoms They are the symptoms of a loss of biblical authority And you know one of the sad things you can spend millions of dollars fighting abortion and so on but if you don't deal with the foundational issue of the authority of the Word of God beginning in Genesis and answer the questions of the world where they're at today and show people that we believe God's Word is history from the beginning and lay That foundation for the generations of people in our world today.

We are not going to be successful in fighting the culture war And you know, I believe we're losing the culture war for all the effort and fighting the social ills Because we've been fighting the symptoms and we haven't done what I picture in this second diagram here And that is we need to be restoring the foundation of the authority of the Word of God We need to be attacking the wrong foundation of history That's so prevalent in our culture so that we can rebuild that structure You can't change a country a culture from the top down when it changed from the foundation up You can't impose Christian morality on a culture that no longer has the foundation for it We've got to deal with those foundational issues. And that's really what the ministry of answers and Genesis is all about And just before I close let me just mention to you, you know And one of the reasons I do this is because I just have such a burden, you know I didn't have answers, you know, there's materials you see on the tables out there. There's books and videos It's just a sprinkling when I was a teenager.

I didn't have any of those And young people you are so blessed today You are the Lord has raised up scientists creation Researchers all over the world who have provided information for you to give you answers when I came across the first book that gave me Answers. Wow, I got so excited. I just want to tell the world It's one of the reasons why to me such an integral part.

I could not leave a service like this without saying This is directing you to a couple of things that I would encourage you to look at and by the way We have a wonderful website answers in Genesis dot o RG for the radio listeners answers in Genesis dot org and friends Just as I hand back to the pastor Let me say this there may be some people here tonight even as Christians and you've realized you know what? I haven't stood on the authority of God's Word like I should have I've said the days don't matter and it doesn't matter about millions Of years. Let me ask you a question. Does it matter what God's Word says? Absolutely.

So it does matter about millions of years, doesn't it? Because Otherwise, we're saying God it doesn't I don't care what your word says. I want to believe what I want to believe I pray tonight if you realize we need to take a stand on the authority of the Word of God Maybe there's some here who are not Christians who thought that science has disproved the Bible science hasn't disproved the Bible In fact, you know what science confirms the Bible often when I get on to debate an evolutionist on radio They often say oh you got all these facts for creation. I say no, I've got the same facts you do And they said but you're in about religion we're about science and I say no I'm going about the same science you you are It's not the science.

It's the problem. It's not the facts that are the problem It's your history into which you interpret that science and the facts because actually real science confirms the Bible's historicity It is exciting being a Christian. I pray that every one of us here knows that this is the Word of God We can trust it We know that we can defend our faith And most of all we put our trust and faith in the one who is the creator the Lord Jesus Christ He became one of us stepping into that lineage of history To die for us to be raised from the dead What a message for the world.

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