

Reflections on the Opening of the Creation Museum

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The 27-million-dollar Answers in Genesis Creation Museum in northern Kentucky near Cincinnati opened up Memorial Day with a crowd of over 4,000 paying customers. This museum has aroused emotions like few other museums and has garnered attention not just nationwide but from around the world.

Thumbs up to the museum for featuring Martin Luther nailing the 95 theses to the church door, apparently as part of an exhibit on church history or perhaps as an illustration of how to use the truth to successfully challenge the establishment. That should make Lutherans feel more comfortable at the museum.

One report, however, said that visitors upon leaving were asked to "make a decision for Christ." We would have preferred that the museum would have avoided doctrinal issues over which Bible-believing Christians disagree. While not trying to make too big a deal over this point, we must mention that Lutherans on the basis of the Bible believe natural man is unable to make a decision for Christ apart from God's Word and the Holy Spirit. It was also surprising to see Adam and Eve pictured as Caucasians. Since they were the original parents of all humans, it probably would have been better to have shown them as a blend of the various "races."

Some reports seemed to imply that the museum was designed to show that the entire Creation account could be scientifically proven. Don't think even Ken Ham, the founder of the museum, would suggest that we could scientifically prove that Eve was formed from Adam's rib, or that the creation took six days rather than six hours or six weeks, or that a snake tempted Eve. These things must be accepted by faith. On the other hand, more likely the museum's aim is to demonstrate that nothing in science contradicts the Creation account. With this we would wholeheartedly agree.

Demonstrators were on hand to protest the opening of the museum. Estimates of the number of protesters varied from 50 to 100, but they were accorded almost 50% of the coverage in many of the news reports.

Dinosaurs are big at the Creation Museum. Ham indicated that "we (creationists) are taking dinosaurs back" from the scientific establishment. But the anti-creationists were outraged to see people pictured together with dinosaurs or to see dinosaurs on Noah's Ark. Evolutionists believe dinosaurs died out millions of years before the first humans. However, what do they have to say about that T-rex fossil discovered a couple of years ago that still contains soft tissue?!!!!

http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs2005/0325Dino_tissue.asp

One report out of Australia said this was the first creation museum to ever open. Not true, of course. Among several other creation museums is the Institute of Creation Research's museum in California that has been open for years. Also, coincidentally, still another creation museum will soon be opening its doors. The \$300,000 Big Valley Creation Science Museum in Big Valley, Alberta, is set to open on June 5.

The AiG Creation Museum would seem to be a very worthwhile place for Christians (and non-Christians) to visit when in the area. First-day visitors who were interviewed about their impressions overwhelmingly gave the museum a "5" on a scale of 1 to 5. For more information on the museum's opening, check out these sites:

<http://news.nky.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?Category=creationmuseum>

<http://www.creationmuseum.org/>

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