

Why the Ark (and History) Still Matters

(AKA 'ONE NATION UNDER GOD')

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I'm from Missouri... (actually Iowa)

- I've always felt the need to (yes, like Thomas) "see the evidence" (ok, it's my science background at work...)
- We've been told to "follow the science" ad nauseum this past year.
- Covid has shown us that when someone tells us to "follow the science," it means they are not following the science.
- Like Covid, the "science" on virtually everything is extremely colored by pet and "ruling" theories, not evidence and facts. History (as in American History) falls under the same category today as science vs. the Bible. Inconvenient facts are easily ignored in both.

Years of Geological Study (before Seminary)

How many Geology textbooks even mention the terms "God" or "Creation?" The answer is easy: NONE!

At both the Ark Encounter AND the Creation Museum, one found both the "science" point of view and the "Creation" point of view presented SIDE BY SIDE. The evidence FOR the reality of the Ark, as well as the Biblical Creation, is quite compelling and overwhelming, especially considering how many scientific "facts" are ignored to yield the godless, old-earth/evolutionary view of our world that is accepted by Science.

This is quite telling in the Creation/Evolution debate. Why is science so afraid of competing theories that they refuse to even talk about them? Why is science so afraid of God?

We'll come back
to this. But
first...

Stopped after a long day's drive
from Hershey/Gothenburg to Peoria
Illinois



Night One: Living Waters Lutheran Church, Peoria Illinois

Being welcomed by their youth coordinator, Breanna Eissens. (This congregation is a year newer than ours but bought an old Baptist building)



Sunday Morning...

DOUGHNUTS FROM HOME...

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY ON ACTS 20



Sunday Worship

ATTENDING WORSHIP

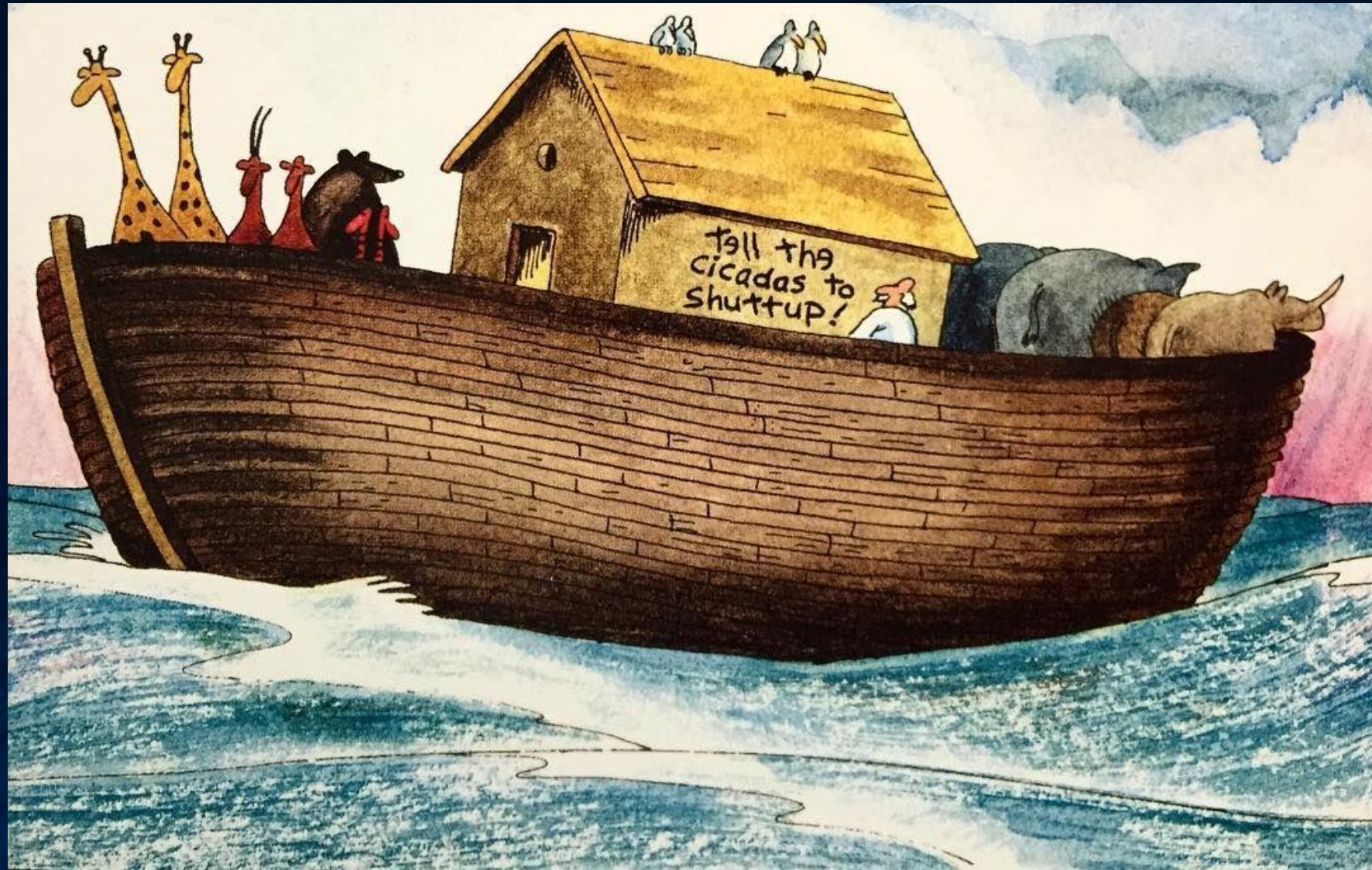


LIVING WATERS LUTHERAN



What the Ark is
NOT

(every
depiction ever
made)



At the Ark



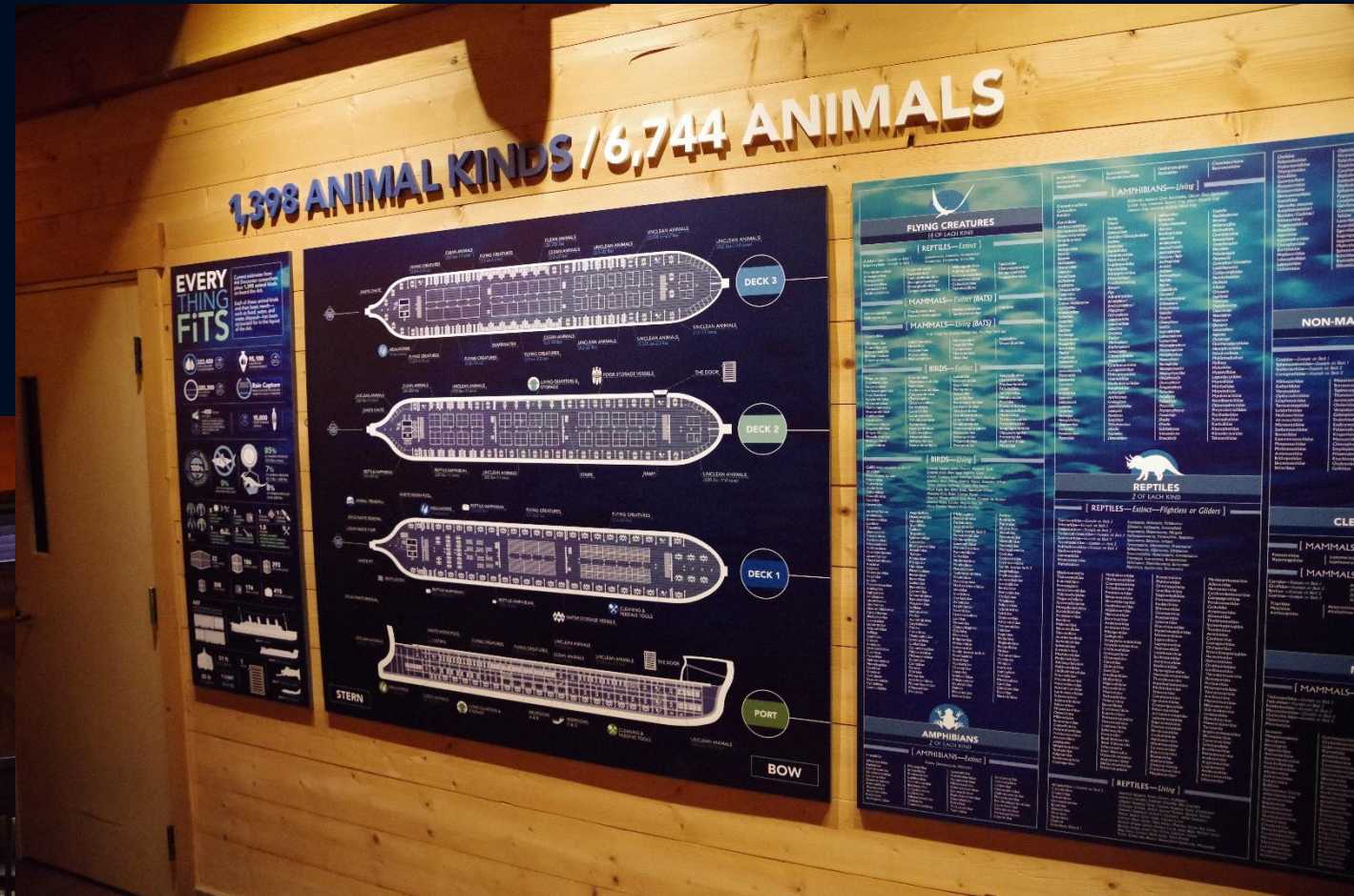
How it was built and worked



Touring and resting



A Complete Explanation of how it would work





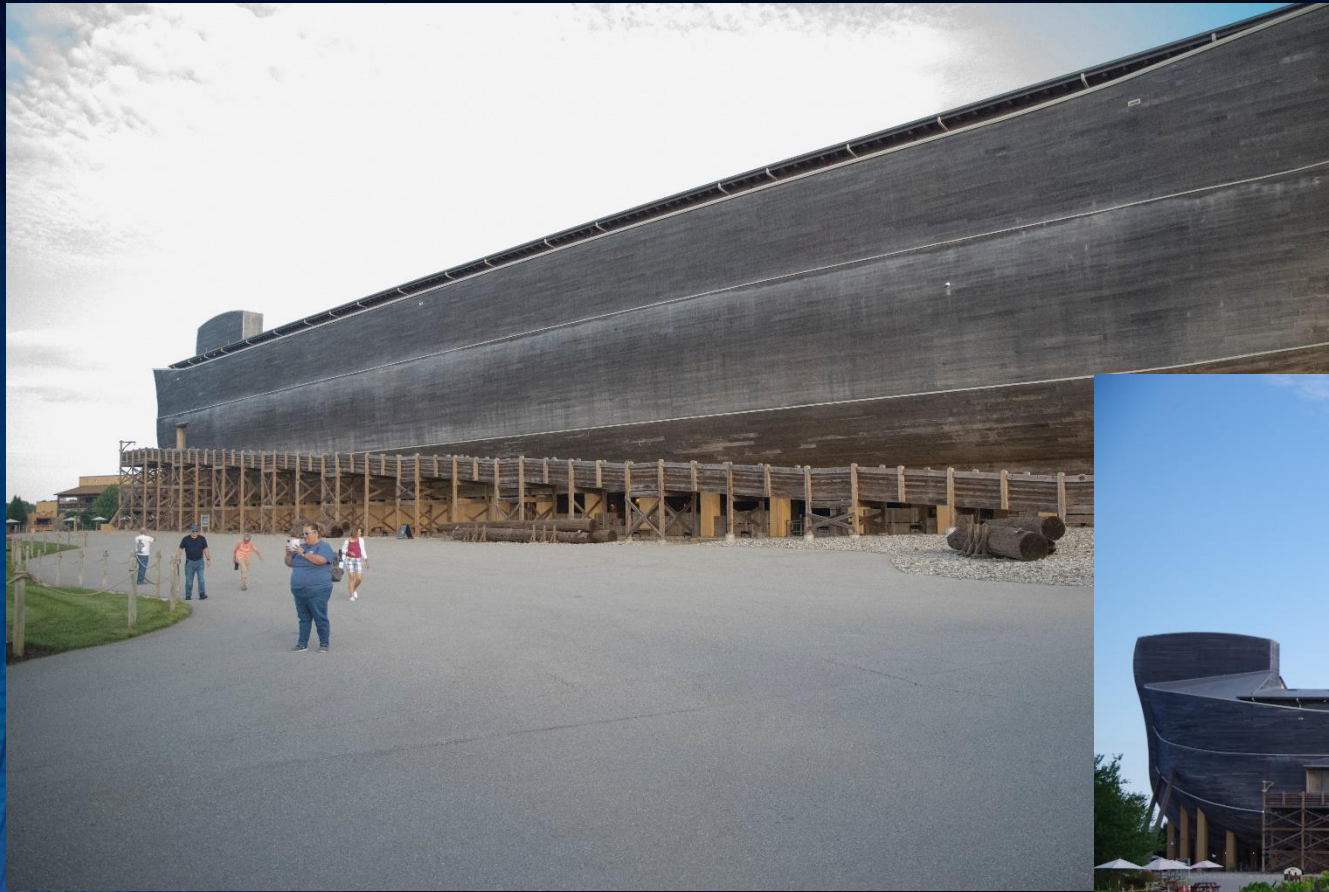
Individual Tours



Science and
the Bible
presented
side by side.
Creationists
are not
Afraid of
Science.



Bigger than Imagination!



Morning at the Ark



Morning at the Ark





CREATION MUSEUM

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Creation Museum: Science and Creation presented Side by Side. Christians have nothing to fear, because the Bible is true!



A little "after hours" activities and study





Back to the matter at hand...

Why is science so afraid of competing theories that they refuse to even talk about them? (They are afraid of confronting the God of creation)

For that matter, why throughout history have we tried to purge the things we don't like or don't want to remember? (we are afraid of confronting our own reality: our sinful nature).

In the end, it comes down to questions that cannot be answered by science, philosophy, history (though history does provide evidence of the answer), and the like: Humanity is flawed and sinful.

Until we are willing to confront this reality as a species, we will continue to reject both Biblical history as well as our own history.

There is abundant evidence to support both the Biblical Creation account (a “literal” 6 day creation/young earth approach), as well as the reality of Noah’s Ark and the global flood. Jesus even refers to the flood as historical fact (Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-7). Creationists do not fear the “scientific” explanation as though it could somehow “undo” or invalidate the creation account – it’s why they present both sides for everyone.

When the foundation is cut out, the entire Bible becomes a house of cards that can easily be dismissed.

When history is cut out, we easily and quickly repeat the mistakes of history, rather than confront and struggle against human reality. WE CEASE BEING ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free (from sin, death, and the devil).... But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:1, 5:13)

Recognizing the basic attributes of the universe is what is truly needed today: Truths about God, Original Sin, the Son of God, and Justification by Faith. With these, Noah's Ark, like the Biblical Creation, the Exodus, Jonah and the whale, and so on, (along with our own history), truly matter then.

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse." (Romans 1:20)