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**DAVID WHEATON:** Why the next generation of Christian young people is already gone. That is the topic for hour one here on The Christian Worldview where the mission is to think biblically about all matters of life and faith so that we can then live accordingly. And to share the Good News that Jesus Christ is who He claimed to be, the Way, the Truth and the Life and that His Word is both relevant and our basis for living in this modern world. I am David Wheaton, the host of The Christian Worldview. Our official website is [TheChristianWorldview.com](http://TheChristianWorldview.com).

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So thanks for joining us this morning where The Christian Worldview airs live from 8 – 10 a.m. central time, that is 9 – 11 a.m. eastern on 165 stations across the country and streaming sites and pod casts as well.

Well this is part 2 of an interview this week with Ken Ham. I spoke with him last week about his brand new book, *Already Gone, Why Your Kids Will Quit Church And What You Can Do To Stop It*. We have a couple more segments to play of this interview with Ken Ham this week.

Last week, if you missed the program, we are going to play just a few minutes review from last week and then get into all the new parts of the interview. Basically Ken Ham, in his book said that 2/3 of conservative evangelical young people will leave the church in their 20s if you can believe that. He talked about the Sunday school syndrome where students go to Sunday school and they don't get a very literal, historical interpretation of scripture from their Sunday school teachers, their vacation bible school teachers and their youth groups. They create this dichotomy in their live where they don't really believe the bible. That is what Ken Ham is going to get into today, how important the authority of scripture actually is. Here is my interview with Ken Ham.

**DAVID:** Why is the issue of the first verse in Genesis, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and the Genesis account, why is the literal, six-day creation so important and how do you briefly defend that?

**KEN HAM:** When I am asked that question, my real answer to that question, why does it matter what you believe about Genesis 1 – 11? Why does it matter if you take those literal six days? The bottom line comes down to the authority issue. Does it matter that we take God's Word as it is written? That is the bottom line. The way I like to explain it to help people really understand; there are also some issues we can look at. If you believe in millions of years, you have this fossil record millions of years before man. Fossil record has in it evidence of diseases like cancer and brain tumors. It has animals eating each other. It has thorns in it said to be millions of years before man. The Bible says thorns came after the curse. God said everything He made was very good. Then you have disease like brain tumors and cancer millions of years before man and God called that very good. All those inconsistencies and problems with those who believe in evolution and millions of years and try to add it to the Bible.

The bottom line is this. Why do we believe as Christians that Jesus Christ bodily rose from the dead? We don't have a movie re-run of it. We don't have a time machine and go back in history and see. We weren't there. The only reason we really know that Jesus rose from the dead is because we have the Scriptural account. We have those eyewitnesses. We have the record of history. We have the Word of God that we know we can trust. We take God's Word as written. If it is history, we take it as history. We know Jesus rose from the dead. We know He walked on water. We know if he swallowed a man. We know the Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry land. That is the point. How do we even know there was a virgin birth? Because we take the scriptures as written.

Now when we go to Genesis, what we find is, so many people in the church say, yes but Genesis doesn't mean what it says because of the million years. Because of evolution, we re-interpret the days, we re-interpret the flood. They are taking what secular scientists say and say but look, the secular scientists have proven millions of years. You have got to fit that into the Bible. The secular scientists say evolution is true. You have got to fit that into the Bible.

**DAVID:** That is not true. They haven't proven any of it and that is what is so astounding.

**KEN:** Well, they haven't. What Christians are really doing is taking outside ideas to the Bible, re-interpreting it and what they have done is unlock a door. The door they unlock was; you don't have to take this as written. It really started over in England in this era of history and it really started in the 1800s when we had much of the church leaders responding to the millions of years, re-interpreting the days of creation. When Darwin came along, re-interpreted the creation account.

If you look at England today, it is dead spiritually. What happened was, they unlocked that door in the church to say to the next generation, it doesn't matter about this part of the Bible, but keep trusting in Jesus, believe the resurrection, but you can believe what the secular scientists teach you at school. Then you can re-interpret Genesis accordingly. Eventually what happened was that door got pushed open further and further until finally they just walked away from the church? That is what is happening in England. That is what is happening in America.

If you think about it, secular scientists have never proven that a man can rise from the dead. Why don't we then re-interpret the resurrection? Secular scientists have never proven the virgin birth. Why not re-interpret the virgin birth? The point is, it is an issue of authority. That is the bottom line.

**DAVID:** It certainly is. What is going to be our authority? The Words of God or the mind of man. I know which way I am going to chose in that debate any day.

**KEN:** What we have lost from that culture is Biblical authority. That is what we have lost. This is the issue that I believe we need to understand. This is the issue for today, for this era of history. Understanding the times we live in, this is the issue that had really caused the loss of Biblical authority where the church compromised in regard to man's ideas fitting it into Genesis in particular. Subsequent generations see it as hypocrisy. You tell me to believe the resurrection, trust in Jesus, but you say this bit doesn't matter. You tell me I can believe what the secular scientists say about millions of years and evolution, but I am not to believe what they say about man rising from the dead. It is all inconsistent. It is all hypocrisy. You are not taking God at His Word.

I am not saying that they are actually saying this in their mind, it is how it really affects them and then eventually they just walk away from the church.

**DAVID:** Well I met a man earlier this year at a Christian conference and he came up to me and he was giving me a book on an old Earth type creation account where the Earth is hundreds of thousands or millions of years old. He said, "David you know we just can't be teaching our Christian students before they go off to college and get into scientific fields that the Earth is 6000 – 10,000 years old. The scientific community just looks at that with utter disdain and contempt. You aren't going to be able to operate in the real world if you are believing in these fairy tales. This is why it is so important to believe in the old Earth."

Not only from the secular side you will hear people like Keith Olbermann which I have played the sound bite previous times on my program talking about and just totally criticizing and mocking creationism with regards to Sarah Palin who is a creationist. Not only do you get it from the outside, the secular world, but even from within the church you get this putdown of the literal six-day creation. Like you say, thus says the Lord this is how it happened. It was a supernatural event. He could have created the Heavens and the Earth in one second if He wanted to. He didn't need six days, but He did.

**KEN:** It is not a matter of what we think He did or what others say He might have done, it is a matter of what He said He did. It is interesting, these same secular scientists they mock Christians for believing in the virgin birth. They mock Christians for believing in the resurrection. You know what is interesting; they don't tend to

say much about those things. Now they will, if you really push them. The reason they don't, is because they know that for Christians if Christ did not rise from the dead, our faith is in vain. They know if they really mock the resurrection and so on, all Christians are going to recognize there is an issue here.

It is more subtle. When it comes to Genesis, they recognize it is easy to get Christians to doubt and disbelieve Genesis and therefore believe what secular society is saying. But underneath it all, they know that is what's happening is really undermining biblical authority. It is undermining the message of the resurrection. Attacking the resurrection is so obvious, whereas attacking the history in Genesis doesn't seem as obvious to Christians. They don't realize it is an attack on the Word itself from which the message of the resurrection comes. So the attack in Genesis is actually an incredible, vicious attack on the Word of God. That is the point.

**DAVID:** That is exactly the point. I am speaking with Ken Ham today here on The Christian Worldview radio program, the founder and President of Answers in Genesis and the Creation Museum. He is the author of many books including the one we are talking about today, *Already Gone, why your kids will quit church and what you can do to stop it*. This is happening way before they get to the *University of Destruction* as I wrote about. The cracks are starting way back in elementary and middle school. Radio host of Answers with Ken Ham. Of course the great website is [AnswersInGenesis.org](http://AnswersInGenesis.org) or [CreationMuseum.org](http://CreationMuseum.org).

Just a couple more questions for you Ken. You talk in chapter 4 about an issue and word that is brought up very commonly today in evangelical circles, relevancy. We have to be relevant to the people we are speaking to so we need to change the methodology of how we do church and so forth. You have a very different take on relevancy. The church is becoming irrelevant to young people. Why is that and what needs to be changed to make it more relevant to them?

**KEN:** When we asked these people, in fact we divide them into a number of subgroups. We have already dealt with the Sunday school one. Another subgroup was those that still come to church at Christmas and Easter or want to come back to church when they have kids and those that are just gone. I mean they are gone from a human perspective; we will never get them back to church. Those that still have some sort of interest and maybe some of them really are Christians; God knows their hearts. Here is the interesting thing. One of the questions was what do you miss most about church? What do you want most from church? You know the top answer was actually Bible teaching. Relevant Bible teaching.

You know what the bottom answer was? I might offend some people when I say it, but let me give a caveat after I finish. The bottom answer was music. Now I am not saying that we shouldn't have music or so on, but here is what I've noticed. I love good Christian music, but here is what I have noticed. A lot of churches now have changed their focus and their focus is more on music. They might have an hour of what they call praise and worship, but Bible teaching is sort of secondary and it is twenty minutes or something like that. Really we think it is the music that is bringing these people in.

Music can be important for us to worship the Lord and He gave us that ability, but it has become the focus and the priority instead of the Bible teaching. The other aspect is they want teaching that gives them answers. They need teaching that teaches them the Bible; it's real history and apologetics.

Here we are, we are watering down the teaching of the Word in many of our churches, and in many of these mega-churches I see this happening. Making the church more entertainment-oriented to make it look like the world and try to attract people in instead of answering the questions that they need answering. In 1 Chronicles 12 we read that the men of Ithaca who had an understanding of the times, they had an understanding that it was time for David to be king.

We need to understand the times we live in. We need to understand where the attack has been and how these people that have left the church are really thinking and what they really want. Research shows that they want good Bible teaching. Good solid Bible teaching. You know, it is hard to find these days churches where they really give solid Bible teaching not just Bible stories but Bible teaching. Teach people and equip them to know that they can stand on the authority of the Word. How they can defend the Christian faith and answer the skeptical questions of the age and know what they believe and why they believe what they do. It is one thing to be taught doctrine; it is another thing to be taught to defend the faith. It is one thing to be taught to believe in the resurrection, it is another thing well how do you know the Bible is true in the first place? How do you know

that account is true? Why do you believe that? We have got to have that apologetic emphasis in our churches.

**DAVID:** It seems me that a good format for that would be in our main worship services. I have been to some expository preaching conferences recently with John MacArthur, R.C. Sproul, Steve Lawson and so forth. That kind of preaching, verse by verse through scripture where you explain it and go so deep into it where the messages are not just 15 – 20 minutes to make you feel good in some felt need. It goes deep into the scripture. Either having apologetics mixed within that expository message or in the Sunday school classes at church. Like you are saying, not a new way, but really the way church should be. You talk about this in *Already Gone*, your book, Ken Ham that the way church is ordered today is so different than back in the time of the Apostles. The emphasis is mostly on music and is on the wrong things.

More with Ken Ham on *The Christian Worldview* next.

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**DAVID:** Think Biblically; live accordingly, that is the motto for *The Christian Worldview* radio program. I am David Wheaton the host.

Let's get back to the topic day, why the next generation of Christian young people is already gone. I have been speaking with Ken Ham of *Answers in Genesis* if you just joined us. We are talking about the fact that so many conservative Evangelical young people leave the church; leave the faith because of an issue of Biblical authority. The church doesn't teach it. There is not enough Bible teaching. When they get into their 20s, they have this dichotomy in their life. Ken Ham continues here talking about what is going on in the church. Here is Ken Ham.

**DAVID:** You talk about this in *Already Gone*, your book, Ken Ham that the way church is ordered today is so different than back in the time of the Apostles. The emphasis is mostly on music and is on the wrong thing.

**KEN:** One of the things I put in the book, the seven last words of the church is, we've never done it this way before. That is a problem. We get the idea that the way we do church is the way you should always do church, but wait a minute. If you were to bring the Apostles here now and if they didn't understand the language and you took them into the average church, I am not sure they would even know they were in church because it would be so different from what they did.

You see there are traditions that are good to hang onto. There are traditions that we can also change. For a lot of people we think church is where we go and we sit in these pews and then you have The prayer, The Bible reading, The Hymn followed the The praise and worship time followed by The offering, The sermon. But see, there is nothing in the Bible that says this is what you've got to do. There are certain instructions in regard to the Bishops, the Elders, the Deacons and so on. Instructions in regard to standing for the faith and some other things in regard to church and certainly forsake not the gathering together. We need to do that. I said it because for a lot of people they almost view the church in the same way you viewed the temple and all the instructions given in regard to that.

We need to understand today that when people come to church, church is the body of people and you have got this building. What would be wrong with having some dinosaur bones in the lobby or maybe some archaeological artifacts and maybe some pictures of the American Indians? Something to help people know that the Bible is about real stuff and real history. It is not just a book dealing with doctrine and so on, it is real history. That doctrine is based on real history.

In fact, what we tend to do is concentrate on the spiritual things, the moral things, relationships, but we have lost the fact that the Bible is a history book. Actually everything we teach in Christianity, every doctrine, is anchored in that history. Really when we are teaching it, even expository teaching, we need the anchoring in that history and then asking ourselves the question, I believe, what does the world do right now to stop us believing this history? It could be something in Genesis, something somewhere else. It could be just a general attack on the history of scriptures. We need to be equipping people to answer those questions so that they know how to defend the faith and understand that the doctrine is anchored in that real history.

**DAVID:** I am speaking with Ken Ham today here on The Christian Worldview Radio Program, the founder and President of Answers in Genesis and the author of the book we are discussing, *Already Gone*, why kids will quit the church and what you can do to stop it. This book is linked on [TheChristianWorldview.com](http://TheChristianWorldview.com). You can also find it on [AnswersInGenesis.org](http://AnswersInGenesis.org).

At the end of the book, *Already Gone*, Ken, you go into very specific action steps first to the parents, then to the Christian educator, then to the youth pastor and then to the regular pastor. I am going to read a couple bullets from the one to the youth pastor. You say, your call defends the Word and live the Word. That was your call for all four of those groups I mentioned. But your action points were

- Get on your knees and recommit yourself to effective ministry.
- Equip your parents.
- Develop teenagers' abilities to contemplate and develop their own personal worldview.

Pick out a couple important points that you see from those four different groups I mentioned that you think are most important for people listening today to understand.

**KEN:** One of the things we have to recognize is that we have got to be prepared to change the way that we do things. When we are recommitting, part of that really means we have to desecularize our thinking, de-evolutionize it, if you like and build a whole worldview. We have got to learn to put these Biblical glasses on and that is what we have got to try to do with the people we are teaching, whether it is young people, teens, Sunday school or adults. Teach them to put on these Biblical glasses.

I think that one of the important steps is that we have to reconnect the Bible to the real world and help them understand the Bible is like a pair of glasses. The Bible is not just a book or a guidebook to life that you add to your thinking. In rebuilding this Christian worldview, we have got to understand that there are two starting points to build an entire worldview. You either start with man's ideas or you start with God's Word. They're the two starting points.

Most of us have got the wrong starting point. We tend to put the Bible over to the side and we have been so secularized in our thinking, we tend to start with that it is man who determines truth. We have got to understand that everything we think in every area as Christians starts from the Bible. It is a book of history that is foundational to our whole worldview. Once we get that concept and once we understand that and then we start looking at the whole world with the Bible as our foundation, we are standing on God's Word, then we can start to deal with a lot of these issues. That is really a revolution in a sense. It is radical for a lot of people.

It is why when I get into churches, when they say, we don't know how to fit dinosaurs into the Bible, I say well that is the point. You don't fit dinosaurs into the Bible. When you start with the Bible and you have that history concerning creation, the fall and the flood and so on, then you build a whole worldview to look at dinosaur bones and then you will understand them. Then you will be able to talk about and interpret them. Then we can use observational science to find out more details.

That is how it should be with everything. It is the same way with marriage. Marriage should be a man and a woman. Yes, but we have to recognize something. You can't just go out there and tell the world marriage is a man and a woman unless there is a reason for it. The reason is because the Bible is truth, Genesis is truth, this is the absolute authority. That is where it starts from. That is the revolution we need to bring to our churches.

**DAVID:** The thing that concerns me though, Ken, those four influencers you talk about; parents, Christian educators, youth pastors and pastors; they have a compromised, Biblical worldview. They don't necessarily believe what you are talking about today that the Bible is the authority. Creation account is a six-day literal creation. The miracles are all true. The Bible is a historical book. I think in some ways, you are speaking to some people who really want to find out more about this, I am going to [AnswersInGenesis.org](http://AnswersInGenesis.org) so I can defend my faith. I think there are other Christians, and I felt like this maybe earlier in my Christian life, they are a little embarrassed. I kind of believe the Bible, it talks about big fish swallowing Jonah for three days, how do I believe that? That doesn't work well in educated company. I think there is a factor of unwillingness or those in

positions of influence within the Christian community that may not be on board with this. That does concern me.

Just a last question for you today. It is a two-part question. I have seen on the Discovery Channel recently that they are advertising for this new fossil find called Ardi. What is Ardi? And number two; what is new at the Creation Museum coming up this year?

**DAVID:** Well Ken Ham will answer those questions after we take our second break or hour one here on The Christian Worldview. I actually was sent an article from the Science Magazine on Ardi from an atheist who said, did Ardi ride on the Ark Noah and all the other animals 6000 – 10,000 years ago?? So we get the attack on all sides. Interesting though is I received this week right during the time I interviewed Ken Ham.

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**DAVID:** We are talking today about why the next generation of Christian young people is already gone. We have been listening to an interview that I conducted last week with Ken Ham the founder of Answers in Genesis. The subtitle of his book Already Gone is why your kids will quit the church and what you can do to stop it.

I want to make sure we allow time for our listeners to be able to call in and give their comments on what Ken Ham has said. The question, I believe is important here, that he has brought up over and over again is on the issue of Biblical authority; having a high view of scripture. Taking it as it says. The literal, contextual, traditional interpretation of scripture.

The question is this; how do we as Christians regain Biblical authority? How do we lift that higher like the church used to have?

Ken Ham said it was a loss due to a compromise on Genesis 1. In other words, when we compromise on that and accept the fact that the Earth is millions of years old, so we question scripture right at the very beginning, well then we question it elsewhere and therefore people don't use it as the Biblical authority for their own lives. How should we regain it? How should churches be ordered in order to do that?

As I read from scripture here in 2 Peter 1; and we have something more sure the prophetic word to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your heart. Knowing this first of all that no prophecy of scripture comes from someone's own interpretation for no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Again in Psalm 119; the sum of your Word is truth and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

Psalm 19; The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The rules of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold even much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; In keeping them there is great reward.

The Bible claims to be completely true. It claims to be authoritative. It claims to be inspired by God. Why don't we hold it that way anymore? If you agree that Ken Ham is actually correct when he says that we have actually lost Biblical authority because we are not teaching the creation account historically and correctly? Or are there other reasons? Is there influence of the world that is causing Christians to doubt how high we hold scripture in esteem?

I am going to play the last remaining moments with Ken Ham.

**DAVID:** What is Ardi? And what is new with the Creation Museum coming up this year?

**KEN:** Let me tell you. We read an article a number of years ago. The article was something like this; Not another ape-man. Because what happens is every year or so they come out with some new, supposed human ancestor and then you will find that they will abandon it. When it comes to Ardi, it is interesting how the secular news took this up, as this is some great discovery for evolution. It is called *Ardipithecus Ramidus*. Without getting into technical details, it is basically some form of ape. That is basically what it is. They say it has got some differences to modern day chimps, but they also say it is not human. When you read the actual technical paper, they actually make statements like we are not saying this is a transitional form. We are not saying it is a missing link. We are not saying it has any human characteristics. It is basically an ape.

When you also understand that they found bones linked with at least 36 individuals that were extremely crushed and that were just basically almost dust. They had to extract them millimeter by sub-millimeter over 15 years and tried to put it all together. With these sorts of things, we don't see it a lot, but the characteristics are just like an ape. It is just because of the date; they put it at 4 million years. Of course dating methods themselves have to be discussed and have all sorts of problems. We don't believe it is 4 million years but they believe this goes way before Lucy, which has been a very famous part of a skeleton that's been found and said to be linked somehow to human ancestry. We are actually going to be having a Lucy display at our museum. It is one of those things that is coming. We are going to show how Lucy is pictured all around the world and then we are going to show what the real Lucy looks like. It looks like a chimp; some sort of ape. That is all *Ardipithecus* is. That is the bottom line. Just because they believe evolution, they just try to fit it in and make out that they have something here that is fantastic. When you look at it and what they say about it, it is some sort of extinct ape.

Then at the Creation Museum, we also have an ape-man exhibit that is coming in the near future. Our new children's museum, starting January, we are installing what we call the Knee-high Museum; special interactive exhibits for kids including an electronic Noah where they will be able to go to a touch screen and ask Noah some questions and Noah will answer their questions.

These are the sorts of things we have coming at the Creation Museum. Again I remind people when you see headlines as you do about Ardi, *Ardipithecus Ramidus*, but when they called him Ardi he becomes popular. When you see these sorts of newspaper articles, just remember until you actually read the scientific paper, you have to be very careful about what is being said out here. There is so much hype about Ardi, but we go the actual papers that come out a few days later and when you start to read them you realize it is just not what is being claimed in the newspapers.

**DAVID:** What I think is so wonderful about the Creation Museum, so powerful actually, is that when I went there a couple years ago, actually the Summer of 2008; I went twice over the same weekend when I was in Cincinnati, the fact that you put the opposing view. You have all the evolutionary history, all the things they have been put out and churned out. The way evolutionists teach it, the way humanists teach it and then you oppose it to the Bible teaching and show why the Bible is correct. You would never get that at a typical museum anywhere else. They would never put the creationist side up against what they believe because you know why? It couldn't stand up to the Bible. That is really the bottom line.

**KEN:** I agree with you. We are not frightened to put up the evolutionists view and tell people about evolution. We are not frightened at all, but evolutionists are sure frightened about letting people understand something about creation and some of the evidence. The reason, I believe they are frightened, is because once people know this stuff, they will question evolution.

**DAVID:** They certainly will. Ken Ham, I really appreciate you being so generous with your time today to come on The Christian Worldview. This is the first time we have had you on the program and we would love to have you back sometime. We so much appreciate all you do to defend scripture, to promote a literal six-day creation, to proclaim the Gospel. That is very apparent at the Creation Museum. The Last Adam, that video, such a powerful Gospel presentation. It even goes beyond apologetics into proclaiming the Gospel as well. We appreciate what you do and we pray for you and the Lord's blessings upon you and your ministry.

**KEN:** Thank you.

**DAVID:** If you haven't been to the Creation Museum just outside Cincinnati, Ohio, I would really recommend that you go there and take your family. I was there a couple years ago as I mentioned and just really had a wonderful time. It is really, really well done. It would be a great field trip for you and your family to go there some time. I highly recommend it. Their website is [CreationMuseum.org](http://CreationMuseum.org).

Let's get to our phone calls. The question is How do we as Christians regain Biblical authority? What should churches and pastors be doing to hold the Scripture in high esteem? Because it claims to be the Word of God, how do we get back to that point if this is so important, which I believe it is, to have a high view of Scripture. After all, this is what we base our worldview on. I agree with Ken Ham as he said, we need to develop a comprehensive, Biblical worldview about every area of life. That is exactly what we try and do on this program. That is it.

Let's go first to Greensboro, North Carolina and Paul. Paul what is your comment on the interview with Ken Ham?

**PAUL:** Well thank you. I have the answer you are looking for. Are you ready for it?

**DAVID:** I am ready.

**PAUL:** Well it all has to deal with who our teachers and preachers and pastors are. We have to get back to really taking a hard look at the character and the quality of those that in the pulpit, those that are teaching in our seminaries and even in the home. Everything rises and falls on leadership. It is what is being taught. If a liberal point of view is being taught as truth to children and our seminarians and the people in the pews through higher criticism. I think we have gotten away from Biblical truth. It all has to deal with how it is being taught, what is being taught and the character and the quality of the teachers. We need to get back to teaching the inerrancy and the inspiration and the infallibility of Scripture. Then apologetically, not just saying well this is true because He lives in my heart but apologetically proving and giving an accurate defense of the Scripture in our children and in our seminaries. Then when we get back to producing pastors, preachers and teachers that are going to affirm the Scriptures and also teach the other view, we will regain what we have lost.

**DAVID:** Paul I have to let you go. I am coming up to a break. I agree. If you notice, I asked Ken Ham that question, well what about if the people in the churches don't actually believe in a high view of Scripture and a strong Biblical authority. That is where it breaks down.

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**DAVID:** The question is how do we regain Biblical authority? I believe we have strongly lost a sense of Christian's high regard and high view of Scripture that this is the Word of God; this is what we need to base our lives on; all of it is true, the entirety of your Word. Jesus said in John 17, sanctify them through your Word, your Word is truth. Christians need to hold this very high. When we teach our kids this, when we teach this in our churches, well things will change for the better.

Let's go next to Bob in New Brighton, Minnesota listening on our home station AM980 KKMS. Bob welcome to The Christina Worldview, go ahead.

**BOB:** I think the best way to restore confidence in the Bible's authority and the fact that it is actual and accurate history is to just present the facts and to prove them. For instance, you mentioned being ashamed to bring up the story of the sea creature that swallowed Jonah in the presence of sophisticated and educated people, it can be proved that a creature called the whale shark has actually swallowed people. There are documented incidents of it. If you are familiar with fishing on the sea, any large fish will swallow anything that will fit into its stomach. You can look, if you do an Internet search, into the words whale shark swallowed and you can find those actual incidences of it. It is really displaying the ignorance of the so-called educated people when they mock that story.

**DAVID:** It is, Bob and I appreciate your point on this but I think we have to go one step beyond this. We can't necessarily base whether the Bible is true or not on a particular account, like the Jonah account which I just

happened to read last night, about the fact that the Bible says he was swallowed by a great fish. It can't necessarily be proven scientifically because these are miracles. These are supernatural events. For Christians to be looking to science, for instance, to be able to prove that, we may not end up with the conclusion we want to end up with. It is supernatural. How did he breath inside a fish for three days and three nights and be spewed out on the shore to go preach to Nineveh? It is a miracle. It is supernatural.

It is like the creation of the world. It is supernatural. There is no way you can observe it. You cannot reproduce it. God just spoke it into existence in the supernatural. That is the only logical explanation for how the world came to be. The secular scientists have no idea how something could come from nothing. If there was something that came from nothing, how it could explode by itself with no one igniting it. They have not idea how it could explode into and ordered universe. They have no idea where all the transitional fossils are. They have no evidence for this great evolutionary tree they have.

In other words, I agree with you in some cases that science as we go back and look where the Israelites crossed to go into the Promised Land. There is a movie coming out, a Christian film, on the Exodus conspiracy. It shows that there is a portion of the Red Sea where they crossed and it was a higher part of land underneath the sea. That is wonderful. There is evidence there; a chariot wheel supposedly at the bottom, but we can't always look to science to be able to prove what is often just miraculously supernatural that God did in Scripture.

Let's go next to Chip listening in Borger, Texas. Chip welcome to The Christian Worldview. What is your comment on the interview with Ken Ham?

**CHIP:** Number one, I want to thank you guys for putting it out. The truth is the truth. I build things out of steel. When I get a piece of steel, I have no idea how old that piece of steel is. Sometimes I don't even know what foundry it comes from. But when it comes, Genesis is totally true because it says when God found the Earth, when He came here it was without form and void. When I receive a piece of steel, it is without form until I create something out of it. It's just a hunk of steel. It could be a hundred years old or it could be two days old. It doesn't matter. What matters was when He found it, He built something. I think that has got to be the most awesome thing in the world that we can lean on, that yes; He did create the world in six days.

**DAVID:** I agree and thanks for your call Chip. I do think this is an important thing. We get into the creation wars and we don't want to touch that subject. Six days or an old Earth; there is a day-age theory or the gap theory where there is a big gap between Genesis 1 and some of the later verses where God created things early on and then there were millions of years. There is no evidence for this at all. If you look at the grammatical construction of this, yowm is the word and it stands for a 24-hour day. There is an adjective, Day 1, Day 2; anywhere else used in scripture it means a day. Like I said in the interview with Ken Ham, if God is God, he is omniscient and omnipotent. He could have created the Heavens and the Earth in a second. He didn't need six days. That was the setting up of a model for how life was going to work. It wasn't more difficult for him to do it in six days versus millions and millions of years. We don't know exactly how, when there was the great flood, how much that changed everything on the Earth. That just changed things so much. Runoff and everything else the way that happened really changed things tremendously.

Let's go next to JD in Albany, Georgia. JD welcome to The Christian Worldview. What is your comment on the interview with Ken Ham?

**JD:** Well I would like to comment briefly on why he thinks that young people are leaving church and that area. I have a lot of nieces and nephews from the late teens to the late twenties. They are all college age kids. Due to a great investment in our educational system, kids not only think today, they think critically. A lot of my nieces and nephews will listen to the Christian radio and listen to their preachers and pastors in church and they will see that they are using Scripture to get going and then all of a sudden they turn it into a political agenda. These kids can see through this and they are dismayed about this. Preachers can preach the scripture and then use that agenda to sway your opinion to vote for a certain political party. It dismays them so they are losing faith. The last thing you want to do is listen to anybody who knows God tell you how to vote. I think a lot of them are leaving that way. They are dividing not only the church they are dividing the nation.

**DAVID:** We are coming up to the end of the show. It is a good point that we don't really need to preach on politics in the church. We just purely need to preach the Word of God. Another caller from Memphis, Richard, says we need to be God-centered, not man-centered. That exactly is the case. We live in a changing and challenging world everyone. A world in which Christian young people, if not taught a high view of Scripture, that the Word of God is true, may depart the faith later on. But there is one thing you can count on Jesus Christ and His Word are the same yesterday, today and forever.