

Will you take up this important challenge and use Answers in Genesis' statement of faith to impact churches and colleges across the nation?

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Dear Friend of Answers in Genesis,

**I have a challenge for you this month. It's regarding our updated, detailed statement of faith included with this letter. Here's the challenge:**

please consider getting a copy of your church's/college's statement of faith. Then using the enclosed one from AiG, discuss with the leadership at these churches/colleges how robust their statements of faith are. Now I have to warn you that in some instances this could result in some hostility, particularly when it comes to details about Genesis, gender, marriage, etc. But I believe this exercise could really help some churches/institutions for the future and can also help uncover compromise that can lead (or has led) to destructive consequences.

To understand why I believe this is a very important exercise, let me give you some background, including another interesting example of what compromise in a "Christian" institution can do.

How many of the Ivy League schools (Harvard, Yale, Princeton, etc.) were once Christian? I think all of them. How many are Christian today? None as far as I know. Even well-known colleges like Wheaton, Calvin, Biola, and many others do not have the stand on Scripture they once had, and many such colleges have caved to evolution/millions of years, the LGBTQ movement, and abortion. Somewhere in their history they began to depart from what the founders intended. **There are only a few Christian colleges/universities that will stand with Answers in Genesis today. Many churches and denominations have also departed from what they once were and have become very liberal.**



A Note from

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I've been burdened about this lately in thinking about Answers in Genesis, the Creation Museum, and the Ark Encounter. Years ago, we set up an Editorial Review Board, headed by Dr. Georgia Purdom, that reviews all articles, books, and other content produced or distributed by AiG to ensure there is no mission drift.

Recently, in an effort to remain consistent and steadfast in our purpose, I authorized the Answers in Genesis Oversight Committee (AiG Oversight Council) to be created. It includes nine of our staff (including some of our younger visionaries) and is headed by Bodie Hodge. They monitor the entire ministry to make sure we adhere to our mission and report any areas that need changes to help stop any possible drift away from our bold stand on God's Word beginning in Genesis. This committee recently spent hundreds of hours working through our statement of faith to reinforce it as we look at what is happening in our churches and culture. This was then presented to the board for approval (which happened recently), and **it is enclosed for you.**

Before I let you know about a recent incident with a "Christian" college, let me explain some items in regard to this statement of faith.

We recognize how anti-Christian the culture is becoming and what legislation like the Equality Act could do. It was therefore important for us to be very detailed in regard to what we believe about gender, marriage, etc., and also included relevant Bible passages. If there are any legal challenges, we want to show that we truly have sincere convictions about



all of these matters based on God's Word, as we are a Christian organization.

In regard to Genesis, we know there is rampant compromise throughout the church and in Christian institutions. We are also aware that we can't just use general language but have to be specific to counter all the compromise positions we are aware of. For instance, we know that just stating a belief in creation could be interpreted as allowing evolution/millions of years. Or stating belief in Adam and Eve could still be used to allow evolution from apelike creatures. There are those who say they believe in a worldwide or global flood, but they actually mean part of the world or globe. And so it goes on. You will see that we worked hard to be specific enough to stop people using the wording to justify compromised positions and even cults. Of course, we will need to continue to monitor knowing how "creative" some people can get to justify not believing God's Word.

Obviously, fallible man can come up with all sorts of ways to try to avoid believing what is true. **But we did our best to not only be detailed but provide specific passages of Scripture.**

Because we are a nondenominational organization, we do not take specific positions in regard to eschatological positions (other than Jesus will return) and some other denominational issues. Now some may say that just as we are very detailed about Genesis, we should be as detailed with the book of Revelation. But the point is, Genesis 1–11 is the foundation for all doctrine, for the rest of the Bible, and for our Christian worldview. Revelation is not the foundation for these. And yet many churches will have detailed positions on Revelation but not Genesis. And this is a major problem, because rejecting a literal Genesis (or allowing evolution/millions of years) is what has undermined much of the church and has helped lead to an exodus of the younger generations.

Actually, I explain all this in my new book released this month titled *Divided Nation: Cultures in Chaos and a Conflicted Church*. **This book details four major areas that I believe many families and churches have neglected to teach and has led in many ways to a largely lukewarm church.** I give a presentation on this topic and have included in

the book the illustrations (in color) I use for this presentation. I also provide a link for anyone to have access to those illustrations to give a similar talk. I pray this will help wake up those in the church who don't understand what has happened to the younger generations and why compromising Genesis has led to terrible consequences for the church and culture. It will also assist those leaders who stand with AiG by giving them tools to help teach this message.

Now let me give you just one recent, practical example of what happens when compromise creeps into a denomination or institution.

Recently, AiG sent out emails to various colleges about our need for hundreds of seasonal workers at our two attractions. This is a great opportunity for college students, and also a great opportunity for us to impact them spiritually. Well, one college that received our email was Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky. Here is a response we received from the college minister (who lists his preferred pronouns):

Doug,

I understand that you are reaching out to find employees, and I understand that you thought a faith-based college might be a good place to look.

However, those "strict requirements" you mention in your email indicate that even an accountant must sign a faith statement that is anti-science and fundamentalistic.

Union College, affiliated with The United Methodist Church, doesn't require our employees to sign a faith statement, and I'm glad for that, even though that faith statement is one I, a United Methodist minister, agree with. Our two institutions' understanding of faith and science are, by your own literature's description, incompatible. I won't be sharing job openings for your company.

Rev. David K. Miller – he/him/his  
College Minister & Director of Justice Initiatives  
Union College | 310 College Street | CPO D-13 |  
Barbourville, KY 40906



By the way, it's interesting to note that this same reverend was honored for "promoting unity among students." I guess that means unity among students who don't have the same stand on Genesis as AiG. He wouldn't even let students decide if they would be interested in a seasonal job at the Ark Encounter or the Creation Museum. I guess those students don't have the ability to decide such a matter for themselves, though I'm sure they are encouraged to decide their own pronouns! No doubt the reverend wouldn't want any students being impacted by AiG, as then they may promote "disunity" with professors and students if they challenged them on Genesis!

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## College Minister honored for promoting unity among students

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Rev. David Miller

Union College minister David Miller received the Bishop's Award for Ecumenism during the Kentucky Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church in July. Each year, the award is presented to a member of the KCUMC who encourages unity among religious denominations.

A Union College Alumnus, Rev. Miller earned his undergraduate degree in 1987 before going on to attend Lexington Theological Seminary where a deep respect for diverse faith traditions was nurtured. Miller was ordained an elder in 1993 and began his path of ministry. Soon, he would be called back to his Alma Mater to serve as college minister and head of the Office of Spiritual Life.

For the past 15 years at Union College, Rev. Miller has gone above and beyond his role as chaplain, encouraging unity and acceptance among the campus community regardless of faith or background. He also dedicates his time to various outside organizations such as Poor Peoples Campaign, A National Call for Moral Revival, the Kentucky Council of Churches, and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.



Bishop Edward Farley (left) presents Rev. David Miller with the Bishop's Award for Ecumenism during the annual Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**But let me give you some good news!** There are some Christian institutions, though a small minority, that stand with Answers in Genesis on God's Word from the very first verse. And such institutions want their students to work at AiG, the Ark Encounter, and the Creation Museum. Two such places that my own children have attended are Bob Jones University in SC and Appalachian Bible College in WV. Look at the difference between their responses and that of Union College above:

Dear Ken:

As a Christian liberal arts institution, Bob Jones University is thoroughly committed to the authority of Scripture. This includes the Genesis account of creation, human origin, and human sexuality. These are critical issues in American culture today. We joyfully stand with and support ministries like Answers in Genesis who are committed to this biblical worldview.

We are also thrilled to promote summer employment opportunities for our students at Answers in Genesis. We hope many will take advantage of this incredible ministry and educational opportunity. Thanks for partnering with us in the training of the next generation of Christian students.

Respectfully,

Steve Pettit

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PRESIDENT



Dear Ken:

ABC is blessed to be located within driving distance of AiG and its attractions. We have involved our students with visits to the AiG venues to strengthen their biblical worldview formation. We're also encouraging our students to consider summer employment at AiG's popular attractions.

We are a college that stands solidly on biblical authority with AiG. ABC upholds biblical marriage, the sanctity of life, and the inerrancy of the Bible—starting with the Genesis account of origins. America and our world need these truths more than ever, as society and even some so-called "Christian" schools surrender to secular, ungodly thinking.

Dr. Daniel Anderson

President



**Appalachian Bible College**  
...because Life is for Service

We're thrilled we can partner with such a university and college. AiG is helping impact their students for the Lord in many ways through employment, and within the next 12 months I will be speaking at both of these. And we're working on some exciting future projects that will have a great spiritual impact. Both the institutions above have very strong statements of faith with strict adherence to a literal Genesis. But such institutions are a small minority.



We are working hard to preserve this ministry for the future, as we've done in the past. Those who have followed us since the beginning often comment how our uncompromising stand has never changed—and we pray never will. God's Word has never changed. Even though the culture has changed, we don't change our stand on the Word of God, but we do change methodology and add resources and update various items to deal with the latest issues in the spiritual battle raging around us.

So, as I stated earlier, I am urging our supporters to encourage Christian leaders to consider teaching the message of the new book, *Divided Nation*, for which we have provided all the slides and content. **And for a gift of \$50 or more this month, I would love you to be one of the first to receive this new book which I will autograph for you.**

Also, I'm encouraging you to use the updated Answers in Genesis Statement of Faith to start a discussion with churches or colleges about how detailed their statements are worded and how this can impact where these institutions could be in the future. This is all part of our ministry to help equip people with answers and give direction. It's also an integral part of our 2021 theme, "Waking Up the Church."

**Thank you for your ongoing support that enables us to be so active in proclaiming God's Word and the gospel.**

Sincerely in Christ,

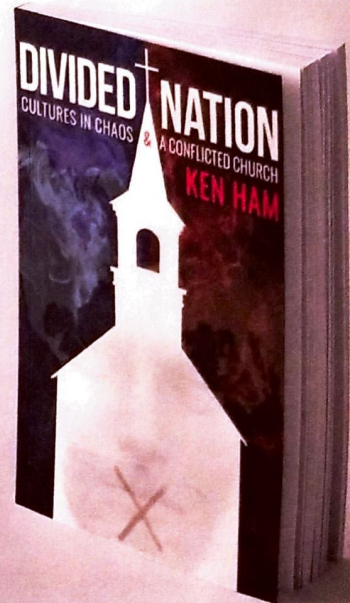


Ken Ham

Founder/CEO

**P.S. Just check the box on the enclosed reply form to receive *Divided Nation* and return it with your gift of \$50 or more today.**

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