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Congratulations to committee

The Origins Conference planning committee is to be congratulated for their vision and dedicated labor. The 100 area churches and especially those churches that made their facilities available to the Origins Conference speakers, First Christian Church, Pastor Dr. Tim Wallingford, Fountain of Life Bible Church, pastor Dr. Victor Young and Heritage Baptist Church, Pastor Dr. Reggie Weems deserve our thanks. The administrators of Freedom Hall, East Tennessee State University and Milligan College are to be commended for hosting conference events.

Ken Ham, founder of Answers in Genesis (www.answeringgenesis.org) and the Creation Museum (www.creationmuseum.org) opened the conference by clearly demonstrating there are two belief systems. Either you believe the infallible word of God or the fallible word of man. God's word tells us we are created in his image, man's word tells us we evolved by chance.

Dr. Henry Morris III, CEO of The Institute for Creation Research (www.icr.org), spoke of God's creation as recorded in Genesis 1 and the changes produced by God's cataclysmic flood, Genesis 6, 7 and 8. Dr. Morris stated the fossil record shows only mature creatures and no transitional forms. Men reject the Biblical record of creation because "they willfully ignore" the flood, II Peter 3:3-6 and "suppress the truth" of the attributes of God that are clearly seen in his creation, Romans 1:18-20. EDWIN A. MEEKS Jonesborough