



# Institute for Biblical Authority

## IBA Creation Outreach at the Montana State Fair

Join IBA at the Montana State Fair which sees nearly 76,000 people through its gates each year (in Great Falls, Montana.) This will be an exciting challenge and faith-growing event



as we step into the public arena with solid topics that will put evolution and its atheistic agenda on the run. Those of us who have been part

of these outreaches in the past will attest to this: It is sometimes a great spiritual battle yet exciting to see people grasp, often for the first time, that the scientific evidence is strongly in favor of a Creator! You will be bringing the *Good News* to a lost generation. IBA will train you and be in the booth with you as we intersect people of the 21st century with the amazing evidence of Creation. We have a place for you!

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## Upcoming IBA Events

### **Central States Creation Conference**

Held at the Hastings Evangelical Free Church, Hastings, Nebraska March 27-28. Sponsored by Hastings area churches and leaders. Dr. Horton will be one of the speakers.

### **Billings, Montana**

June 2020: Major Creation Conference. Be watching our website for details to immerge.

### **Montana State Fair:**

August 7-15, 2020

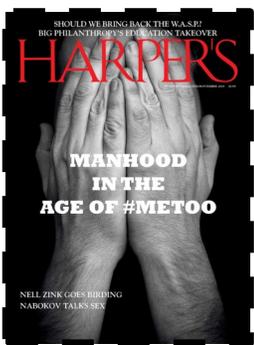
IBA will have a **creation booth** at the Montana State Fair! Would you like to be part of this dynamic and sometimes challenging outreach? We will train you and be with you in the booth.

Email IBA your interest and questions:

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## **From the Director's Desk:**

### **How not to read the Bible**



Recently, an interested party sent me an article from the November 2019 edition of Harper's Magazine titled, "How to Read the Bible" by Christopher Beha. Midway through the article he exposes his real intention of the article with this quote,

"Modern skeptics point to these moments to *undermine the Bible's authority*,<sup>1</sup> though all they really undermine is a particular and relatively recent way of reading the Bible: as an inerrant work of historical truth." The first half of the article tears down major historical Bibliology precepts like that of Moses as the author of the first five books of the Bible; they attack the book of Daniel stating that it was written in B.C. 150 rather than the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. This goes on and on. What this article really is about is a scholar's revision of how we got the

Bible. This revision sees the Bible as a collection of human documents that were constantly edited throughout history. Once you radically change the history of the Bible in this manner, then, of course it doesn't appear to be inerrant.

Did you notice that he said that it's only a recent view of the Bible that would consider it inerrant? The author dismisses the entire Jewish period like that of the Maccabees and early church history when many believers gave their lives as they stood for the Bible. These courageous saints did so because they understood that the Bible is an inerrant message from the Creator of the Universe. Who would die for a random collection of human writings? This is heretical liberal scholarship rewriting biblical history. Of course, this article could not avoid a few punches against the creation account. Here is one example that is speaking of Genesis:



IBA Board President, Mike Mueller, displays some of our past conference brochures to encourage the team

“Mythological accounts of prehistoric times share space with passages that clearly aim to meet standards of documentary historiography...” Plainly stated, the author dismissed the creation account as mythological. The creation account, according to author Beha, does not meet scholar's standards. Once again, when you change the entire history of the Bible and remove divine inspiration, surprise—surprise... it doesn't meet “scholar's standards.”

Bible believing Christians are in a desperate battle these days. People who oppose the Bible are in high places in society and have loud boastful voices condemning anyone who opposes their view. I was watching this battle intensify when I was the lead pastor of a church in western Montana. I came to realize that I was being called to take on this giant in a bigger arena. This is why we started *The Institute for Biblical Authority*. The western states of North and South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming are vast open spaces that are missed by many of the larger creation organizations. IBA is here to actively oppose the challenges to biblical authority wherever they show their ugly head. Whether it be in liberal biblical scholarship which undermines the very core value of inspiration or atheistic materialism that has its claws deep into the sciences, IBA is here to challenge those attacks. We step out of our comfort zones and engage the culture. IBA has sponsored 6 major conferences and many smaller conferences and engagements. We would be excited to come to your church and help your church friends understand Genesis better. Have you considered having a *Genesis in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* Sunday in your church or community? Just contact us for details.

May you, your family, and friends have a blessed Christmas and wonderful new year!

Dr. Kevin Horton, Director of the *Institute for Biblical Authority*

**As the year 2019 comes to an end, would you consider supporting IBA in prayer and finances. This ministry is on the front lines of our culture. We are in great need of your prayer and financial support to be able to continue providing low or no cost events throughout the western states.**

**Thank you for your prayerful consideration of supporting IBA.**

<sup>1</sup> Emphasis mine

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