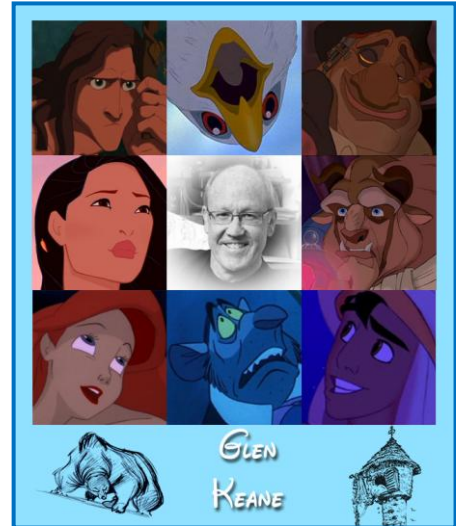


Assured About Heaven

Glen Keane (born April 13, 1954) is an American animator, author, illustrator and director. He is best known for his character animation at Walt Disney Studios for feature films, including *The Little Mermaid*, *Aladdin*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Tarzan* and *Tangled*. Keane received the 1992 Annie Award for character animation and the 2007 Winsor McCay Award for lifetime contribution to the field of animation. Although born in Philadelphia, Pa., Keane was reared in Paradise Valley, Ariz.

In addition to his other work, Keane served as supervising animator for Disney's *Pocahontas*. One issue of *Premiere* magazine listed him as the 100th most powerful person in Hollywood.



Keane came to work for Disney in 1974. “During that time, Keane was also increasingly open to questions of faith,” writes Kevin Dale Miller in *Christian Reader*.

Brought up a Catholic, Keane felt condemned by his sins and began looking for relief from his guilt.

Seeing his colleague, Ron Husband, reading a Bible one day during the lunch hour, Keane asked him what the Bible said about getting to heaven. Husband, who was also searching for answers, was studying John 3:16. He pointed it out to Keane and also gave him a Gideon's New Testament, which he had taken from a hotel room.

With the New Testament in hand, Keane walked down the street for lunch. On the way back, he read John 3:16 over and over. Slowly, the truth and the implications of the verse sank in, and suddenly Keane found himself saying out loud, “I believe it! I believe it!”

“It was like suddenly I reached down and there was something there that wasn't before,” Keane remembers. “There was a faith I could actually apply and believe with. From that moment on, I knew I was secure. I didn't need to fear judgment or hell or anything anymore.”

What an assurance for believers in Christ – as they live their time upon this earth, secure in the knowledge of their eternal home!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

– Beecher Hunter