

## GOD AND THE NATIONS

by John D. Morris

How should a Christian evaluate and understand world events—International terrorism—war in the Middle East—dissent on the home front—instability in Israel. It's not just military concerns, but includes the worldwide economic downturn, the AIDS epidemic, illegal immigration, self-serving politicians.

Emerging from this milieu of confusion comes a new book from the fertile pen of ICR's founder, Dr. Henry Morris, which addresses these issues from a Biblical perspective entitled, *God and the Nations*. It proposes that individuals and nations err in attempting to formulate policy on temporal political, military, or economic concerns alone. A truly Christian response is to determine *God's* long range plan for the nations from His revealed Word, and subjugate our thinking to His thinking.

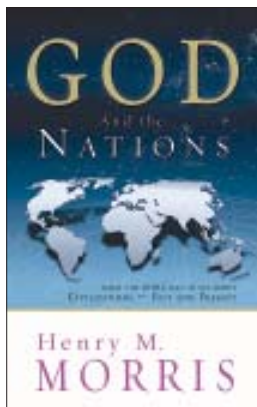
*God and the Nations* sets forth God's standard for evaluating nations, especially how they helped fulfill the great Dominion Mandate of Genesis One, how they treated His chosen people, Israel, and how they responded to the Gospel and involved themselves in missions work, obeying the Great Commission. It

discusses the origin of the nations following the dispersion at Babel, and traces the rise and fall of major nations past, present, and future.

In addition to God's dealings with His elect nation Israel, the book examines in some detail His activities with respect to the Gentile nations and the criteria used by the Lord in establishing their "times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation" (Acts 17:26). Not only the ancient nations (Scythia, Phoenicia, Assyria, etc.) and the present-day nations but also nations in the new earth are discussed. Reasons for hoping that our own nation will be among them are included.

So far as known, no other current book in print deals with these key subjects, so it is hoped *God and the Nations* will fill a real need. The book may be ordered from ICR for \$10.99. Published by Master Books, it is 176 pages in length and contains a foreword written by Dr. Robert Sumner, long-time editor of the periodical, *Biblical Evangelist*.

To order a copy of *God and the Nations* call ICR's Customer Service Department at 800/628-7640 or visit our website store at [www.icr.org/store].





## RATE RECEIVES LARGE CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Donations this past Christmas to RATE (Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth) were sufficient to complete the laboratory phase of the project over the next year. Dr. Vardiman, the project facilitator, said that \$100,000 was needed by the end of December to allow RATE to remain on schedule in completing its major research goals by the end of 2003. Total contributions from July through December, were \$120,000. Donors have provided generously, and it is expected that the final report of RATE will be completed on time.

The support came primarily during Christmas. RATE scientists will now be able to submit several additional sets of rock samples to various laboratories for analysis. One set will refine our estimates of helium diffusion from zircons in granite. Another will increase the precision of age estimates of rocks from Grand Canyon using isochrons. A third will broaden the distribution of mixing and inheritance evidence from isotopes in granite derived from the mantle. A fourth set will attempt to confirm the finding that measurable quantities of carbon-14 exist in organic materials like coal. Several more laboratory analyses may be possible on such projects as fission tracks in zircons and potassium-40 in pre-Flood organics, if time and money remain.

Plans call for reporting these experimental and other theoretical results into a final book to be published in 2005. Additional funding will be required for two more years to complete the project, but at a reduced rate. Final interpretation of the results and writing will begin in 2003. Your support this year is greatly appreciated. ☞

## NEW EASTER BOOKLET



*Better Than the Angels* is the title of a new Easter tract written by ICR Founder and President Emeritus, Dr. Henry Morris, and printed just in time for Easter use.

Angels are majestic creatures of God, but they exist solely to glorify God and minister to man who was made in God's image. The Son of God was for a time made "lower than the angels" (Hebrews 2:9) to redeem fallen man, but now, having conquered death, is deemed "better than the angels" (1:4).

The Easter message proclaims great victory. This booklet can help you proclaim it to others. It can be obtained from ICR for \$0.15. Call Customer Service at 800/628-7640 or visit our website store [[www.icr.org/store](http://www.icr.org/store)]. ☞

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## HUMAN CLONING

by Dr. John D. Morris

Many friends of ICR have asked us about the recent claims that a human has been cloned by a French group called Clonaide. Unfortunately, as of this writing, while the claims, press releases, and television interviews have been abundant, real information has been scarce. Thus, we're not in a position to be definitive. We can, however, offer some thoughts and opinions from a "Back to Genesis" point of view.

Regarding Clonaide's claims, please know that they have resisted requests to verify their recent "success." Cloning labs worldwide are perfecting techniques to clone mammals; some are probably experimenting on humans, but none of them are aware that Clonaide runs such a lab.

Clonaide, according to its website, is really a "religious organization, which claims that a human extraterrestrial race, called the Elohim, used DNA and genetic engineering, to scientifically create all life on Earth . . . [and that] Jesus was resurrected using an advanced cloning technique." The cult was founded by the self-avowed atheist Raël, who claims that "Cloning will enable mankind to reach eternal life." They predict several additional cloning successes in the coming months, but many observers consider the entire affair to be a fabricated publicity stunt for the cult.

Human cloning involves, briefly, the harvesting of a woman's unfertilized egg cell, and removing its nucleus, which contains half the necessary chromosomes for life. Next, the nucleus from a donor's cell is removed (male or female, adult or child) containing a complete chromosome set, and inserted into the now empty egg cell, which is then implanted into the

womb of a host. The chromosomes/DNA are then stimulated to oversee growth of the egg into an embryo, fetus and baby. The DNA simply does what DNA is designed to do. Thus the child produced is the exact clone of the donor. It is hardly related to the egg donor and not at all to the woman whose womb was used.

Whether or not this claim holds up to scrutiny, human cloning is not far off. Countries of the world need to regulate this industry because it potentially opens a Pandora's Box of unthinkable horror. At the very least, it involves creation of more fertilized embryos than are allowed to continue, and in mammals the offspring born usually have severe mental or physical deficiencies. How can this be allowed for humans? From a creationist perspective, we must recognize that these efforts are seeking to manipulate the Image of God, perhaps "playing God" themselves. All similar efforts such as human breeding experiments, eugenics, euthanasia, abortion, and infanticide fall into the same category.

To me the most interesting aspect of this story is the non-stop media coverage. Think about it. No evidence was presented. No laboratory exists. The persons involved have no standing in the cloning community. This may not be a hoax, but where is the investigative journalism? When stories don't check out, reporters are not supposed to continue providing free publicity to a hoaxster.

Given that the Raëlian Cult is overtly anti-Christian, strongly evolutionist (in a weird sort of way), and aggressively licentious, might we not conclude that the extreme press coverage implies an approval of such a position? Similar treatment often occurs in articles with evolutionary themes. Maybe weird stories increase TV ratings and newspaper sales, but many projects and discoveries are legitimately newsworthy, yet totally ignored. Could bias be involved? ☞




*The Origin of Earth and Its People*—Genesis, by Henry M. Morris, Regular Baptist Press, 1999 (Teacher Book, 13 Lessons, 86 pp.; Student Book, 13 Lessons, 125 pp.).

Most pastors and other adult Sunday school teachers have often wished they could have a lesson quarter devoted fully to the theme of earth's origins, showing conclusively the Biblical teaching about creation over the myth of evolution. . . . R. B. P. has issued just such adult lessons highlighting this very subject and written by one of the most knowledgeable men in America in this field. . . . These lessons honor the written Word of God and exalt the incarnate Son of God. . . . *We highly recommend these lessons!*

*Biblical Evangelist* (Nov./Dec. 2002)

*Treasures in the Psalms*, by Henry M. Morris, Master Books, 2000 (406 pp.).  
*The Remarkable Wisdom of Solomon*, by Henry M. Morris, Master Books, 2001 (236 pp.).

(Readers) will be faced throughout the whole tome [Psalms] with challenge, encouragement, blessing, enlightenment, comfort, and an over-all excitement of whom our God is and what He is able to do. . . . Either one of these books—Psalms or Solomon—will be a good investment. In fact, *if you are wise, you will obtain them both!* They have our full recommendation.

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Left to Right: Drs. Cumming, Eggen, Morris

## CREATION IN FRANCE

Dr. André Eggen, well-known French genomist, recently visited with the scientists at ICR to solidify friendships and lay the groundwork for future cooperative research and outreach.

Dr. Eggen oversees research into bovine genomics for the French government, with obvious implications for agronomy worldwide. As his work progresses, it continues to find exquisite evidence that the DNA code was “written” by the Master Author. No hint of evolution can be discerned.

His real love, however, is for creation and Christian truth, so he started a creation group called “Au Commencement,” which translates “In the Beginning.” Under its auspices, he and other French scientists speak on university campuses, in churches, community meetings—wherever they can gain a hearing.

ICR is pleased to support and recommend Dr. Eggen and his colleagues. The nation of France needs his voice and the message of creation evangelism. Look for joint projects, especially genomic publications and research in the future. 

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## THE WHOLE TOOTH ABOUT WISDOM TEETH

Were you ever told that your wisdom teeth had to come out because they were crowding your other teeth—and *this was because the modern human jaw was slowly evolving*? In a section of a popular high school biology text (2002) entitled, “**Critical Thinking**,” the two authors discuss removal of people’s wisdom teeth supposedly due to “evolution of the human jaw.” But this has nothing to do with macroevolution and everything to do with *diet*. Processed and refined foods in modern societies have resulted in our reduced use of wisdom teeth. When refined foods are constantly eaten, there is no stimulus for robust jaw development and erupting wisdom teeth become crowded. Failure of the wisdom teeth to erupt in normal position results in many cases of a developmental cyst around the crown of the tooth and problems result. Does this sound like macroevolution? Furthermore, there are virtually no “primitive” cultures with impacted teeth because their hearty diet uses wisdom teeth to grind and crush raw and unprocessed foods. One might say “use it or lose it” applies here! Does the biology text you have (or your children or grandchildren) use the unscientific explanation of wisdom teeth removal because of “the evolution of the human jaw”?



Speaking of the alleged evolution of teeth—the fossil record documents excellent, well-designed tooth patterns found in whatever animals are unearthed—be they apes or dinosaurs. This is *not* according to Darwinism. If evolution were true, fossil experts should find billions of fossilized creatures with badly formed jaws and teeth—testimony to evolution’s blind tinkering. Museum display cases should be full of skulls clearly showing evolution’s botched dental experiments such as jaws with atypical eruption patterns and other defects—until the assumed processes of natural selection and mutations finally “got it right.”

But, just as the creation model predicts, there is a clear *absence* of these tried-but-failed dental evolution experiments. Each time wisdom teeth—or any other type of teeth—are found in the fossil record, they’re beautifully formed and ready for use. Such dental design is seen when we lose our “baby” teeth at approximately seven years old to full-grown adult teeth. The fossil record shows teeth have always been teeth. 

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Please join us for our new series entitled, “Creation around the World.” This program will run for three consecutive weeks. Hear what God is doing all over the globe!

This month on “Science, Scripture, & Salvation”:

**Weekend of:**                      **Title/Topic:**

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**March 1 Invisible Attributes of God**

The Bible is rich with meaning and truth and direction for our lives. One verse that teaches deep spiritual truths is Romans chapter 1, verse 20. What makes this particular passage so full of impact? Tune in!

**March 8 Hurricanes**

God has created all of nature with a complexity and flexibility that exhibits His power. Of all of the aspects of God’s creation, one of the most amazing is the hurricane. What makes the hurricane so incredible? Stay tuned!


**March 15 Creation around the World—Part 1**

This program is the first in a three-part series on the impact of Creation around the World. This week we will focus on Canada and England. What great things are happening in these countries? Listen in!

**March 22 Creation around the World—Part 2**

This is part two of our Creation around the World series. We will be looking this week at Russia and Africa. What difference has creation made in these countries? Stay tuned and find out!

**March 29 Creation around the World—Part 3**


This week we’ll be setting our eyes on Australia and Korea in the last of our Creation around the World series. Where has God been moving in these two different areas of the globe? Find out this week! 

## ACH BANKING APPROVED

ICR has received requests from donors as to the possibility of making monthly donations through the method of electronic transfer. We are pleased to announce that the “official” work has been done and ICR can now facilitate contributions directly from checking or savings into ICR’s operational bank. It only takes a simple form with the choice of the fifth or the twentieth of the month as the day of transfer. The rest is automatically implemented.

Example: Mr. and Mrs. Donor have been giving \$100 a month to ICR for some time now and have decided that they would like to make a long-term commitment in their stewardship to the Lord’s work. After filling out and completing ICR’s form, ICR’s bank will notify the Donors’ bank and electronically take \$100 out of Mr. and Mrs. Donors’ checking account on the fifth of each month (that’s the day they preferred) and transfer the money to ICR.

The Donors’ will get a receipted letter when each donation is made, and both ICR and the Donors’ save the cost and time of mailing and recording the donation. The Donors’ bank will record the contribution on their monthly statement, and ICR will provide the monthly and annual receipts for tax purposes.

If you would like to use this convenient service, please write “ACH” (Automated Clearing House) on the donor envelope with your name and address, and we’ll send the appropriate form to you. 



## “DEATH CAN BE DIRTY. WHAT’S A GREENIE TO DO?”

That was the title of an article in *Time* magazine written by Amanda Bower a few months ago. In it she was lamenting the environmental damage done by the standard burial processes and advocating such things as “Green Burial” and “Creative Cremation” to alleviate the inevitable legacy of death. Sadly, of course, there was no thought of the wonderful resurrection and the magnificence of eternal life.

## THE ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE IS WILDLY DIFFERENT!

Not only do we have the “Hope Anchor” (Hebrews 6:19) of God’s promise of an eternity with Him, but we are assured that we are able to transfer “wealth” from this life to the eternal one. Our God given and grace imbued “talents” (Matthew 25) and “pounds” (Luke 19) are translated into “gold, silver, precious stones” (I Corinthians 3:12)—the eternal currency of the “new heavens and new earth” (II Peter 3:13). The key to this transfer of wealth, however, is our use of our present earthly resources for the Kingdom’s honor.

## WHAT WILL TRANSFER WHEN YOU GO HOME?

Most of the readers of this little column are faithful with their tithes to their church as well as other Kingdom ministries like ICR. All of us here at ICR are very grateful for the faithful and generous support that is supplied to our work. But have you considered how your “leftovers” will be used? After providing for your family (I Timothy 5:8), have you given thought to how your wealth (yes, wealth) might continue to transform into “eternal currency” after you have “left” for Home?

ICR has a number of informative booklets and guidelines on how to think strategically about the transfer of your assets and set up the different types of trusts that can accomplish much towards both goals—caring for our family and providing on-going resources for the Lord’s work. Let us help with your planning. Check the box for information on the return envelope in this *Acts & Facts*. We’ll get right back to you.



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