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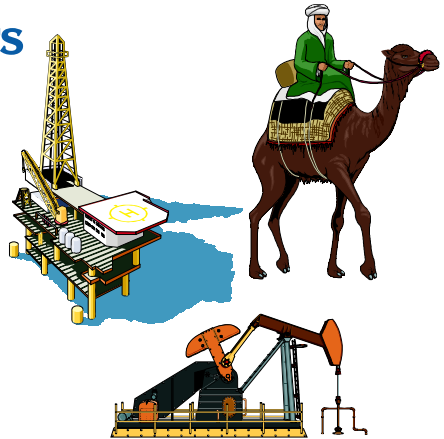
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Creation Seminars in Saudi Arabia

Dr. Steve Austin, geologist at ICR, was guest speaker at two creation-science seminars in Saudi Arabia, November 12–20. He was invited by ARAMCO (the Saudi Arabian-American oil company) to be a special speaker on geology at a yearly event called “Oasis Days.” That event is part of a cultural enrichment program allowed for foreign employees by the Saudi government. Ros Tanura (the world’s largest petroleum loading facility) and Abqaiq (the world’s largest petroleum processing plant) were the locations of Dr. Austin’s two seminars.

Saudi Arabia is the world’s largest petroleum producing country, exporting about eight million barrels daily. During the last 30 years, foreign petroleum geologists and engineers have played an important role in developing Saudi Arabian oil resources. Lately, foreign involvement in development of Saudi’s oil is being cut back as Saudi nationals are acquiring a more significant role. However, foreign geologists and engineers still continue to be involved.

Dr. Austin’s slide-illustrated presentations were “Mount St. Helens: Explosive Evidence for Creation,”



“Catastrophic Plate Tectonics: A Global Flood Model of Earth History,” and “Is the Earth Really Billions of Years Old?” Significant question-and-answer sessions followed these lectures. At two local Christian fellowships on the ARAMCO compounds (not in the public arena), Dr. Austin spoke on “Creation Is the Foundation,” explaining how the doctrine of creation is the basis for Christian doctrines of the New Testament.

Historically, Saudi Arabia has been one of the countries most closed to Christian influence. The Saudi government strictly limits Christian expression within their country. The government rarely grants visas for “special teachers” from foreign countries. This was a unique opportunity to bring creation science to a corner of the world where it is seldom seen or heard. 🌟



President's Column

God's Blessings of 1998

Each year at this time, we look back and "count our many blessings" at ICR, rehearsing God's blessing to our friends and supporters. Truly, He has done marvelous things through and in each of us, with lasting fruit and much glory to Him.

Let me begin this recap with some personal news. My father, ICR Founder Dr. Henry Morris, turned 80 years of age this fall. I am so thankful that God has given him continued good health and the ability to remain fully active at ICR. He is my most valued consultant and confidant, as well as a most productive "employee." Meanwhile, my oldest child went off to college this year. I am thankful that she walks with God and seeks to please Him. Life goes on.

On the home front, strides continue to be made. The ICR Graduate School graduated 8 students with master's degrees this year. Our adjunct faculty grew with the addition of Dr. David DeWitt of Liberty University, with a total of 37 students taking classes. The research projects accomplished by the students and the faculty were impressive with a total of 12 technical papers presented by faculty or graduates at the August International Conference on Creationism.

In May, ICR hosted the second annual RATE conference, researching final answers for the radioisotope dating problem. This crucial project is on schedule to release a status report in 2000, and a final report in 2005.

Acts & Facts completed year 27 of uninterrupted publication, now provided to 125,000 recipients. *Days of Praise* completed year 14 with a circulation of 245,000.

The radio programs saw a dramatic increase in the number of stations carry-


ing our programs. "Back to Genesis" is now on 1,134 outlets, while 787 carry "Science, Scripture, & Salvation." A summer radio special entitled "Faith Under Fire: Taking Creation Back to School" was aired on 354 outlets. The Spanish language equivalent of "Back to Genesis" now runs on 115 outlets as well.

Many people get their creation information from our web site (<http://www.icr.org>). This past year a greater volume of material was downloaded than was printed in *Acts & Facts*. Speaking of the web, the first semester of Creation OnLine was made available in October, with the second semester to be on line this spring.

After a lull in seminar attendance in previous months, an increase of nearly 40% was experienced, with our new "power point" format being well received. All totaled, 10 BTG seminars and 11 "Case for Creation" seminars were conducted with nearly 33,000 people reached. "Good Science" and "Days of Discovery" ministered to about 2,000 home school families, while Duane Gish participated in 4 debates, witnessed by 3,350 people. Other lectures and meetings reached some 31,000 people.

We toured Israel for the first time in March with 70 attendees and returned to Yellowstone Park in September with 88 participating, including faculty.

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Several books were published this year, including *That Their Words May Be Used Against Them* and the revised *The Twilight of Evolution* by Dr. Henry Morris, and *Noah's Ark, Noah's Flood* by Dr. John Morris. Two smaller books by John Morris also appeared in a series of eight produced by Master Books Publishers including *The Creation*, and *Abraham's Family*.

A new video, "War of the World-views," was produced as a promotional tool for "Back to Genesis" seminars. A series of three videos, "From a Frog to a Prince," "In the Image of God," and "Raging Waters" was produced for secular television in concert with Answers in Genesis.

While the final tally is not yet in, we expect God to have allowed ICR to finish the year in the black once again. It also appears that designated gifts toward a new, sorely needed building housing our research laboratories will allow construction to begin soon without going into debt.

As you can see from this brief sketch, God has abundantly blessed the creation ministry at ICR. He is great and greatly to be praised. We thank you for your prayers and financial help. Together, much has been accomplished. 🙏

Dr. Andrew Snelling Joins ICR Faculty

ICR announces, with pleasure, the addition of long-time colleague, Dr. Andrew Snelling, to its full-time faculty. Dr. Snelling had been a member of a sister creation organization, the Creation Science Foundation in Australia (recently renamed Answers in Genesis, Australia), from December 1983 until September 1998.

Dr. Snelling has perhaps been best known as founding editor of the *Creation Ex Nihilo Technical Journal* and frequent



contributor to *Creation Magazine*. His technical papers won the award for "Technical Excellence" at both the 1994 and 1998 International Conference on Creationism meetings. Co-author of the excellent book, *The Answers Book*, he has been an Adjunct Professor of Geology at the ICR Graduate School since 1990, frequently a member of the teaching faculty of the ICR Grand Canyon tours, and a co-researcher with Dr. Steve Austin on several research projects at Grand Canyon and elsewhere.

His formal training came from the University of New South Wales (B.Sc., geology, with honors, 1975) and the University of Sydney (Ph.D., geology, 1982). Of greater importance is his deep, spiritual walk with the Lord and his unwavering commitment to the word of God.

Before and during his tenure at CSF/AIG, he was a consulting geologist in the mining industry, particularly as it relates to uranium deposits, resulting in several published papers in the technical literature. This has led to his unique contribution to a creationist understanding of radioisotope dating and his participation in the Radioisotope and the Age of the Earth (RATE) study group formed at ICR in 1997. His "Impact" article in this issue of *Acts & Facts* presents some of his results.

He assumes this new position at ICR as of January 1, 1999, with great anticipation of the Lord's blessing. Research and writing will occupy the bulk of his time, especially the RATE research. His proposed projects hold great promise for devastating the failing concept of radioisotope dating, but are also quite expensive. Laboratory analysis of samples alone will cost many thousands of dollars. Contributions dedicated to this project will be well applied and may yield significant results.

Please join the ICR staff in welcoming Dr. Andrew Snelling and in praying for God's richest blessings on his work. 🙏

Out of seven consecutive weekends in October and November, the west coast ICR “Back to Genesis” department held seminars on the east coast on five of them. This sent Dr. John Morris (who spoke at each one and three of the preceding Christian Leader’s Meetings) into a serious case of “jet lag.” But God blessed with lives changed and questions answered. We are thankful for His provision.

The final two, not yet mentioned in *Acts & Facts*, reached a total of 2,300 adults and 5,450 students in Syracuse, New York, on November 13 and 14, and in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, on November 20 and 21. Dr. Bruce Gay teamed with Dr. Morris in New York, speaking primarily on the theological and societal implications of evolution, drawing on his experience as both a police officer and a pastor before becoming a university professor. Dr. Duane Gish joined Dr. Morris in Indiana, bringing his insights on evolution, natural law, and the fossils. In both, Dr. Morris established the importance of the creation issue and the evidence from geology.

Two very different seminars in some respects, but with similar results. In each, many Christians expressed appreciation for the way in which God’s word was honored. Many left with renewed vigor in their Christian lives and ministries, and as enhanced confidence in the absolute trustworthiness of Scripture. 🙌



As we begin this new year, it is appropriate to give thanks for the blessings God has bestowed in the last. He has given us at ICR the great privilege to be used by Him to proclaim the creation message. In the radio department, we never cease to

be amazed at His gracious will in using us to reach others.

We praise God for the growth He has granted this past year, and we thank Him in advance for the blessings we know He will supply in the coming year.

This month on “Science, Scripture, & Salvation—A Creation Radio Journal”:

Weekend of:	Title/Topic
Jan 02	<p>“The Appearance of Age and Process”</p> <p>The Bible tells us that the universe is young and was created not so long ago. But sadly, we hear (even from Christian leaders) that scientific evidence points to an old universe and earth. As Christians, what are we to believe?</p>
Jan 09	<p>“The Invisible Things of God”</p> <p>It has been said that we can learn about God by investigating the world around us—that nature reveals His character. Are the Creator’s attributes seen in what He has created? Join us!</p>
Jan 16	<p>“Haeckel and His Offspring”</p> <p>In the nineteenth century, Ernst Haeckel, a German biologist, proposed that the human embryo “relives its evolutionary past” as it develops in the womb. This was used by Darwin and many evolutionists today. Tune in to learn how such thinking affects us.</p>
Jan 23	<p>“Creation Foundation of Christianity”</p> <p>Genesis states that God created the universe and all life in six 24-hour days. Join us and learn why the Christian faith is based on a literal Genesis.</p>
Jan 30	<p>“Why Did God Create?”</p> <p>We often hear that God is perfect, in need of nothing. But we are also told that He made all of creation to have fellowship with Him. If this is true, does God need man and the rest of creation to be fulfilled? Tune in as we discuss from Scripture the answer to the question, “Why did God create?” 🙌</p>



Meeting Highlights

Mequon, Wisconsin

Dr. Duane Gish delivered two lectures to faculty and students of Concordia University Wisconsin at noon on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 3 and 4. These meetings had been arranged by Professor Gary Locklear, a recent addition to the Executive Board of the Creation Research Society. On Tuesday evening, Dr. Gish spoke to about 200 members of the Creation-Science Society of Milwaukee.

Columbus, Georgia

Beautiful fall weather greeted Dr. Duane Gish and Mr. Frank Sherwin for a "Case for Creation" seminar on November 6 and 7. They discussed topics such as scientific evidence for creation, war of the worldviews, and the fossil record. Success of the seminar was in a large part due to the untiring efforts of Don Moeller, D.D.S., M.D. 🌟



ICR Meetings

"BACK TO GENESIS"

- Mar 26-27 Ft. Lauderdale, FL** (J.Morris/Doug Phillips) Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, 5555 No. Federal Highway. Contact 954-771-8841, ext. 284.
- Apr 16-17 Rapid City, SD** (J.Morris/Gish) Howard Johnson Convention Center, 2211

North LaCrosse St. (I-90, Exit 59). Call 605-342-0019 or 605-343-0722.

- Apr 23-24 Chicago (Lake Zurich), IL** (J.Morris/Doug Phillips) Quentin Road Bible Baptist Church, 60 Quentin Road, Lake Zurich. 800-784-7223.

"CASE FOR CREATION"

- Feb 26-27 Fort Smith, AR** (J.Morris/Russell) First Baptist Church, 1400 N. "E" Street. Contact 501-782-1088.
- Mar 1-3 Wenatchee, WA** (J.Morris/Doug Phillips) M-T-W. Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 508 North Western Ave. Call 509-663-4032.
- Mar 5-6 Rancho Santa Fe, CA** (J.Morris/Sherwin) Horizon Christian Fellowship, 6365 El Apajo Road. 619-756-5599.
- Apr 30-May 1 Bridgewater, MA** (J.Morris/Sherwin) New England Baptist Church, 560 N. Main Street, West Bridgewater, 508-584-5188.

GOOD SCIENCE WORKSHOPS (FOR K-6; ADULTS [AD]; & HIGH SCHOOL [HS])

- Feb 2-4 Columbiana/Youngstown, OH** (K-6,HS,AD) Contact 330-426-6233 or 330-482-9752.
- Mar 2-6 Hattiesburg, MS** (K-6,HS,AD) Contact 601-268-6356.
- Mar 29-Apr 1 Idyllwild, CA** (ages 11-14) Idyllwild Pines Camp & Conference Center. Contact 909-659-2605.
- Apr 29-May 1 Muscle Shoals, AL** (K-6, Mini HS, AD) Contact 205-446-6515. 🌟

DATES NOW OPEN FOR FALL 1999 "BACK TO GENESIS" SEMINARS!

Will you prayerfully consider partnering with ICR and other local volunteers to bring an area-wide creation seminar to your area? Fall 1999 dates are now available for "Back to Genesis" seminars. Call early to get your choice of dates. If you are interested in pursuing this, we will send you a complimentary copy of our new "War of the Worldviews" video. To receive more information, please contact ICR's Director of Seminars, Mark Rasche, at 619-596-6043.

ICR Announces . . . Southwest Speaking Tours! Spring 1999

Bill Hoesch, Geologist and Public Information Officer for ICR, will be touring the Southwest between April 7 and May 2, 1999, offering "Creation Presentations" to churches on a first-come, first-served basis. Presentations will be given in the evenings, Monday through Friday, and mornings and evenings on Sundays. There is no charge to churches for these presentations, but a free-will offering will be taken to help offset some of our expenses.

The following is a tentative schedule, subject to change. Please call Dolly Willems, Seminar Coordinator, at 619-596-6014 to schedule a "Creation Presentation" for your church or for additional information.

Date	Location
Wednesday, April 7	Phoenix, Arizona
Thursday, April 8	Phoenix, Arizona
Friday, April 9	Flagstaff, Arizona
Saturday, April 10	Off
Sunday, April 11 (A.M.)	Show Low, Arizona
Sunday, April 11 (P.M.)	Holbrook, Arizona
Monday, April 12	Gallup, New Mexico
Tuesday, April 13	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Wednesday, April 14	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Thursday, April 15	Santa Fe, New Mexico
Friday, April 16	Las Vegas, New Mexico
Saturday, April 17	Off
Sunday, April 18 (A.M.)	TBD
Sunday, April 18 (P.M.)	Trinidad, Colorado
Monday, April 19	Pueblo, Colorado
Tuesday, April 20	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Wednesday, April 21	Denver, Colorado
Thursday, April 22	Denver, Colorado
Friday, April 23	Fort Collins, Colorado
Saturday, April 24	Off
Sunday, April 25 (A.M.)	Cheyenne, Wyoming
Sunday, April 25 (P.M.)	Cheyenne, Wyoming
Monday, April 26	Rawlins, Wyoming
Tuesday, April 27	Rock Springs, Wyoming
Wednesday, April 28	Provo, Utah
Thursday, April 29	Cedar City, Utah
Friday, April 30	Las Vegas, Nevada
Saturday, May 1	Off
Sunday, May 2 (A.M.)	Las Vegas, Nevada
Sunday, May 2 (P.M.)	Las Vegas, Nevada

Stewardship & Trust Services

“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” (I Peter 4:10).

Serve wisely

“And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing” (Luke 12:42,43).

Temperate in all things

“And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible” (I Corinthians 9:25).

Entrusted with the word of God

“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel” (I Corinthians 9:16–18).

Wise masterbuilder

“For we are laborers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (I Corinthians 3:9–11).

Always ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ” (I Peter 3:15,16).

Required to be found faithful

“Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful” (I Corinthians 4:1,2).

Defenders of the faith

“... earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3).

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