



Few evangelical leaders in America have so staunchly supported creation as Dr. D. James Kennedy, well-known for his radio and TV ministries, "Truths that Transform." Thus it was a special blessing for ICR's "Back to Genesis" staff to journey to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, for a dynamic seminar on March 26 and 27 in his Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Kennedy introduced the seminar and hosted it throughout. His comments and presence brought a warmth and intensity to the event which was timely.

ICR speakers, Drs. John Morris and Doug Phillips, presented the scientific and Biblical cases for creation, with the personal relevance of each, but they were not the only attraction. Mr. Tom DeRosa, President of the local Creation Studies

Institute displayed an incredible mammoth fossil which CSI had recently exhumed from the nearby Peace River. Exhibited near the book tables, it was a big hit.

But Tom and committee chairman, Mr. Kim Reyher didn't stop there. They arranged for Dr. Gary Parker (ICR adjunct professor of biology) and his wife, Mary, to conduct a children's fossil workshop running concurrently with the Saturday adult seminar. The kids loved it, and the parents were free to enjoy the main seminar.

Meantime, many Christians saw their faith in God's Word enhanced by the teaching of Morris and Phillips, and non-Christians were confronted with the firm evidence that God's Word is true. We thank Dr. Kennedy and the committee for their partnership in creation ministry. ❖

The Case for Creation

The Biblical and scientific case for creation was presented to three separate communities within eight days. The clarity of the Biblical teaching and the strength of the scientific evidence strengthened the faith of many. ICR's President, Dr. John Morris, was a featured speaker at all of the meetings, but he teamed with a different speaker at each.

On February 26–28 Dr. Rex Russel joined Dr. Morris in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Dr. Russel, a medical doctor, lectures widely on the healthy response of the human body to following Biblical principles.

On March 1–3 in Wenatchee, Washington, Dr. Morris' partner was Attorney Doug Phillips, adjunct professor of apologetics at ICR. His dynamic lectures on the Biblical and personal relevance of creation aptly put the information to use.

Later that week, ICR's Frank Sherwin, a biologist, paired with Dr. Morris in Rancho Santa Fe, California, thus merging the evidence from the life and earth sciences.

The seminars were all different, but each met deep needs, as Christians received firm scientific evidence for Scripture's reliability. ❄️

Winter Storm Fails to Dampen Debate at Iowa State University

A severe winter storm swept into Iowa on March 8, 1999, the day scheduled for the debate at Iowa State University, Ames, between Dr. John Patterson (Ph.D., Metallurgical Engineering, Ohio State University; professor emeritus, Iowa State University) and Dr. Duane Gish. The storm dropped about a foot of snow on Ames. Nevertheless, 700 people filled the Great Room of Memorial Union. The debate was sponsored by the I.S.U. Students for Origins Research.

Dr. Patterson, a self-proclaimed atheist, was the first speaker. He claimed that

theism has been a total failure in science, and there is no God. He proclaimed that evolution is a blind atheistic process and that origins thus involves the supernatural versus naturalistic mechanisms. Patterson stated that the central theme of modern neo-Darwinism is natural selection acting on chance mutations, and that this notion is more understandable than creation.

Patterson claimed that work in agriculture which produced healthier crops such as rice and wheat, offered evidence for evolution. He claimed that Mendelian genetics explained the variations Darwin employed for his theory. Patterson proclaimed that the evidence from homology (similar structures in different animals) supported origins from common ancestors and that similarities in DNA in all living things provide evidence for evolution. He also asserted that biogeography (distribution of plants and animals around the world) and molecular genetics supports evolution. He claimed that mechanisms of evolution are testable.

In his initial presentation, Dr. Gish pointed out that science is our attempt to observe, understand, and explain the operation of the universe and living organisms, using only natural laws and processes. Theories concerning origins are theories about unobserved history and thus are not truly scientific theories. Evolution



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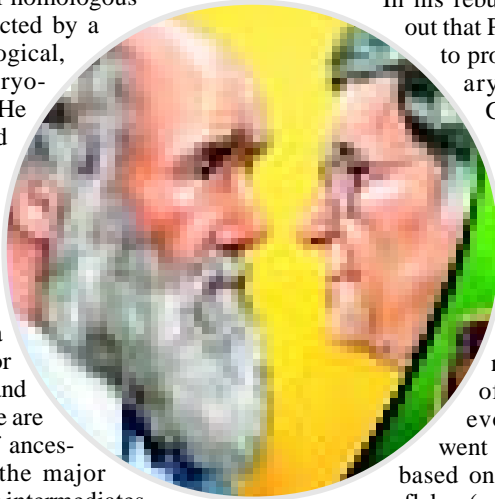
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is no more scientific than creation. If God exists, then creation is logical and plausible.

Gish then used a series of slides to illustrate the metamorphosis of the monarch butterfly and challenged Patterson to explain how evolution, requiring a very large number of extremely rare beneficial mutations, could gradually, over many thousands of years, convert a well-adapted crawling creature into a butterfly. Furthermore, Gish proclaimed that the evolutionary explanation for homologous organs is contradicted by a mass of morphological, genetic, and embryological evidence. He then documented the fact that a vast array of complex invertebrates abruptly appears in the fossil record (the “Cambrian explosion”) without a trace of ancestors or transitional forms and that, likewise, there are no fossil traces of ancestors for each of the major kinds of fishes nor intermediates linking one kind of fish to another. He described the Second Law of Thermodynamics and explained why this natural law forbids the origin of the universe by some sort of primordial explosion. Gish illustrated the fact that the laws of probability provide proof that not a single molecule of a biologically active protein could have arisen by natural processes. Gish closed his presentation by emphasizing that if God is our Creator, He is also Master of all He has created. There must exist a special relationship between the created and the Creator, and it is our responsibility to recognize that relationship.

In his rebuttals, Patterson asserted that since he is a metallurgical engineer and not a biologist, he would not be expected

to explain the evolutionary origin of the metamorphosis of a butterfly. He stated that since time did not exist before the hypothetical Big Bang origin of the universe, God could not have existed before then, so He would have to create Himself. Patterson claimed that the formation of snow flakes provides evidence that evolution does not contradict the Second Law of Thermodynamics. He asserted that all models and theories that are not atheistic should be banned.

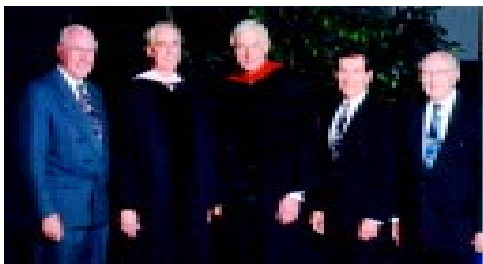


In his rebuttals Gish pointed out that Patterson had failed to provide an evolutionary explanation to Gish’s major challenges. He asserted that Patterson, a self-proclaimed expert on thermodynamics, did not seem to understand the difference between the normal formation of snowflakes and evolution. He then went on to explain why, based on thermodynamics, snowflakes (crystallization of water)

occurs spontaneously, fully in accord with the Second Law of Thermodynamics, since the Gibbs free energy change is negative, but the spontaneous formation of proteins, DNA, and other complex molecules never occur because the Gibbs free energy change is positive. Gish asserted that the results in agriculture were merely rearrangements of what God had created. Wheat remains wheat and corn remains corn. Gish asked the audience how many wanted both evolution and creation taught in schools. A large majority raised their hands. He asked how many wanted evolution taught exclusively. Only 15–20 put up their hands.

The debate closed with questions from the audience that lasted until midnight.

Dr. Yoder Inaugurated at Christian Heritage College



From left to right: Dr. Art Peters, Dr. Vance Yoder, Dr. David Jeremiah, Dr. Tim LaHaye, and Dr. Henry Morris

In an impressive ceremony and celebration, Dr. Vance A. Yoder was inaugurated as the new president of Christian Heritage College (ICR's parent institution) on February 27, 1999. Delegates from approximately 25 other institutions of higher education participated in the academic procession, along with the faculty, administrators, and trustees of the College.

The three founders of Christian Heritage College also took part in the program. Dr. Tim LaHaye, the College's first president, gave the inauguration address. Dr. Arthur Peters and Dr. Henry Morris, both of whom had also served in the past as presidents of the College, gave the invocation and Scripture reading, respectively. Dr. David Jeremiah, retiring president (and pastor of the sponsoring church, Shadow Mountain Community Church of El Cajon, California) gave the charge and dedication prayer.

Dr. Yoder had served many years as Dean of Grace College in Indiana and then as Academic Vice President at Iowa Wesleyan College. He is strongly committed to the inerrancy and authority of the Bible and to literal creationism, and is very supportive of the ICR ministry. ❖

ICR Announces . . . Northeast Speaking Tours!—Fall 1999

Bill Hoesch, Public Information Officer for ICR, will be touring the Northeast between September 7–30, 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 freewill offering will be taken to help offset expenses.

The following is a tentative schedule, subject to change per request. Please call Dolly Willems, Seminar Coordinator, at 619-596-6041 to schedule a "Creation Presentation" for your church or to receive additional information.

| Date | Location | Date | Location |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sept. 7 | Philadelphia, PA | Sept. 19 (A.M.) | Buffalo, NY |
| Sept. 8 | Philadelphia, PA | Sept. 19 (P.M.) | Buffalo, NY |
| Sept. 9 | Allentown, PA | Sept. 20 | Erie, PA |
| Sept. 10 | Bethlehem, PA | Sept. 21 | Meadville, PA |
| Sept. 11 | Off | Sept. 22 | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Sept. 12 (A.M.) | Wilkes-Barre, PA | Sept. 23 | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Sept. 12 (P.M.) | Scranton, PA | Sept. 24 | Johnstown, PA |
| Sept. 13 | Binghamton, NY | Sept. 25 | Off |
| Sept. 14 | Syracuse, NY | Sept. 26 (A.M.) | Harrisburg, PA |
| Sept. 15 | Auburn, NY | Sept. 26 (P.M.) | York, PA |
| Sept. 16 | Seneca Falls, NY | Sept. 27 | Lancaster, PA |
| Sept. 17 | Rochester, NY | Sept. 28 | Reading, PA |
| Sept. 18 | Off | Sept. 29 | Pottstown, PA ❖ |

**Graduate School
1999 Tentative Schedule of
Summer Courses**

Sup. Cor. 501 (0) Orien./ Sem Cumming
(June 10–11, 1999; July 1–2, 22–23, 1999)

| Course | Title | Instructor |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|
| Module A (June 14–July 2) | | |
| Bio. 503 (3) | Biosystematics | Parker |
| Bio. 501 (3) | Molecular Bio. | Scripture |
| Phys. 501 (3) | Class. Mech. | Chaffin |
| Geo. 504 (3) | Earth Struc./Tect. | Snelling |
| Sci. Ed. 502 (3) | Adv. Ed. Psych. | Stark |
| Sci. Ed. 504 (3) | Origins Research | Deckard |
| Sup. Crs. 502 (3) | Adv. Stud. Crea. | Deckard |
| Module B (July 5–23) | | |
| Bio. 502 (3) | Pop. Genetics | Parker |
| Bio. 508 (3) | Pathobiology | Franks |
| Geo. 501 (3) | Adv. Phy. Geol. | Austin |
| Phy. 506 (3) | Int. Theo. Meteo. | Vardiman |
| Sci. Ed. 501 (3) | Appl. Statistics | Nason |
| Sci. Ed. 505 (3) | Curr. Dsgn./Sci. | Deckard |
| Geo. 506 (1) | Field Stu. Geo. | Austin/Snelling |
| Module C (July 26–Aug. 13) | | |
| Bio. 572 (3) | Comp. Physio. | Mastropaolo |
| Bio. 509 (3) | Lab Stud./Bio. | Parker |
| Geo./Phys. 505-7 (3) | | Austin/ Humphreys |
| Phys. 510 (3) | Geochronology | Humphreys |
| Phys. 510 (3) | Astrophysics I | Faulkner |
| Sci. Ed. 506 (3) | Curr. Impl. | |
| Sci. Ed. 503 (3) | Adv. Lab Methods | Mandley |
| Module D (Eve. or TBD) June 14–Aug. 13 | | |
| Bio. 510 (1) | Field Stu. Bio. | Cumming |
| Geo. 506 (1) | Field Stu. Geo. | Austin/Snelling |

**“CASE FOR CREATION”
SEMINAR DATES OPEN FOR
FALL 1999!**

Are you interested in bringing a seminar to your community? Does your church or area need the creation message? Several fall dates are open for “Case for Creation” seminars. For more information, contact ICR’s Director of Seminars, Mark Rasche, at 619-596-6043.



Radio Log

As announced in April *Acts & Facts*, later this month ICR will be releasing its annual special, *The Mystic Invasion*. This two-part broadcast will be released on CD the same weekend as the *Star Wars* movie, *The Phantom Menace*. It will address aspects of the movie that teach evolutionary ideas—including extraterrestrials and mysticism—and their effect on society and the Church. If you would like to hear a special preview of this broadcast, please call 619-448-8198 or visit our web site at www.icr.org.

We urge you to contact your local Christian radio station to encourage them to air this broadcast. For information contact Pat Roy at ICR. Interested radio stations please call Christianne Lange, Ambassador Advertising, 714-738-1501.

This month on “Science, Scripture & Salvation—A Creation Radio Journal”:
Weekend of: Title/Topic

May 01 “The Cosmological Constant and the Expanding Universe”

Science magazine announced the fast expansion of the universe as the scientific breakthrough of 1998. Join us as we take a look at current research and how it affects our understanding of the universe.

May 08 “The Design of Pregnancy”

To each parent, a newborn is an amazing miracle which starts months earlier. Psalm 139 tells us, “thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Tune in as we learn about aspects of pregnancy that point to design.

May 15 “The Mountain of Evidence at Mount St. Helens”

In May of 1980 a volcanic explosion in Washington State rocked the geologic community. It became a natural lab to study volcanism and many other geologic processes. This week we will look at

Mount St. Helens and what we've learned from this catastrophe.

May 22 "Evolution, the Movies, and Extraterrestrial Life"

Star Wars and other science fiction movies have taken us to alien worlds. And now, it is back with the recent release of *The Phantom Menace*. Join us as we look at its assumption of alien life and its evolutionary basis.

May 29 "Evolution, the Movies, and Mysticism"

Over twenty years ago, *Star Wars*, with its captivating story and special effects, became one of the most popular movies of all time. But, it introduced us to new religious ideas. Join us as we



discuss these philosophies based in evolution and the danger they pose to Biblical Christianity. ☞



ICR Meetings

- "CASE FOR CREATION"**
- Apr 30- May 1 West Bridgewater, MA** (J.Morris/Sherwin) New England Baptist Church, 560 No. Main St. 508-584-5188.
- May 14-15 Golden Valley (Minneapolis area) MN** (Gish/Sherwin) Golden Valley Lutheran Church, 100 Turners Crossroad South. Contact 612-519-0918.
- Sept 24-25 Toccoa, GA** (TBD) First Alliance Church, Big A Road.
- Oct 8-9 Napa, CA** (TBD) Grace Baptist Church, 3765 Solano Ave. 707-255-4033.
- GOOD SCIENCE WORKSHOPS**
(For K-6; Adults [AD]; & High School [HS])
- Apr 29- May 1 Muscle Shoals, AL** (Willson; K-6; Mini HS, AD) First Baptist Church of Muscle Shoals. 256-446-6515.
- May 1 Orland Park, IL** (K-6; mini 7-12) D'Armond, 847-742-0821.
- May 8 Ft. Wayne, IN** (D'Armond) FWAHS Curriculum Fair. 847-742-0821.
- May 14-15 Naperville, IL** (D'Armond) Illinois State Home School

- Convention. 847-742-0821.
- May 21-22 Lansing, MI** (D'Armond) Michigan State Home School Convention. 847-742-0821.
- Jun 18-19 Indianapolis, IN** (D'Armond) Indiana State Home School Convention. 847-742-0821.
- "GENESIS PRESENTATIONS"**
- Apr 30- May 1 Cottage Grove, OR** (Chittick) Riverside Community Church, 541-942-7126.
- May 2 Cottage Grove, OR** (Chittick) South Lane Christian Center. 541-942-0123.
- May 1-2 Washington C.H., OH** (DeYoung) Grace Community Baptist Church. 740-335-7466.
- May 11 La Mesa, CA** (Sherwin) Journey Community Church, Men's ministry. 619-464-4544.
- May 19-20 Winchester, VA** (Gish) Debate. Mountainview Auditorium, Mountainview Church of Christ, Route 11 So. 540-869-2250, ext. 100.
- Jun 19 Sedona, AZ** (Hoesch/Rajka) Grand Canyon FamilyRetreat for Dentists, Hygienist Asst. & families only. Dr. Cheatwood 760-356-2821/800-CDS-SENT
- "CREATION PRESENTATIONS" TOURS**
- May 10-30 M. Riddle Washington, Idaho, Montana.** 619-596-6040. ☞

Stewardship & Trust Services

Preparing the Temple

Haggai 1:2-9

- 2 . . . *This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.*
- 3 *Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying,*
- 4 *Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your (paneled) houses, and this house lie waste?*
- 5 *Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.*
- 6 *Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.*
- 7 *Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.*
- 8 *Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.*
- 9 *Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.*

The foregoing passage was written to God's people who had committed themselves to rebuilding the temple after the Babylonian exile. Their energies had been spent, not on God's priorities for them, but on business endeavors, on comfortable homes, as well as food and clothing—none of which had brought satisfaction. Having invested themselves in the wrong direction, they had become objects of God's disgust—He had caused the fruit of their efforts to slip through their fingers (vv.6,9).

Based on the premise that today, God's temple is the body of each believer (I Corinthians 6:19,20), Haggai's message is loud and clear. We, too, are to consider our ways. That is, we are to so rearrange our priorities that we will cease from striving for things and security and concentrate on building God's temple—the testimony of His Spirit living in and through us.

That we are to work, there is no question. But, we are to do all with the overriding attitude that nothing is more important than preparing His temple through yielding to the Master Craftsman, that He might prepare a useful vessel in and through which He will be glorified.

Since each of us desires to use our lives and resources to His honor and glory, we can, together, benefit from this timeless lesson in God's priorities for His people.

Toward that end, as you have questions or need help sorting through stewardship alternatives, I invite your call or letter.