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## EXCITEMENT GROWS AS RADIO DRAMA EXPANDS!



What kinds of messages are your children getting today with the explosion of television, movies, and music? What type of material is going into the minds of our future generation? Is it positive and God-honoring information, or is it negative and focused on selfish desires? These are important questions.

Jonathan Park is an ongoing series that contains adventure, fun, great scientific evidences for creation, and a strong Biblical foundation. Twelve of the Jonathan Park adventures have been produced so far, with many more on the way. Dr. John Morris, President of ICR, says about Jonathan Park, “These pro-

grams speak to a need is in providing our children with answers to evolution. We like to grab their attention using interesting subjects such as fossils and dinosaurs in a high-energy format, and then teach them Biblical truth.” Shanna Barton-Lanning, program director from radio

station WGCR commented, “It was so refreshing to hear the creation account presented in this manner. My hat is off to the producers for such a wonderful piece of drama for children. . . .”

In the most recent episode, “The Return to the Hidden Cave,” Jonathan Park becomes embroiled in yet another exciting and scary situation involving stolen computer chips and a hijacked big rig. Of course the plot always has something to do with all-around bad guys Simon, Vinnie, and Marvin. With God’s help and the help of his family and friends, Jonathan uncovers the scheme and good triumphs over evil once again.

The most exciting news is that the Jonathan Park adventures are now being offered by ICR in an album of six audio-cassettes. Containing all twelve episodes, the set has proved very popular with Christian children, as well as their parents and older siblings. With this set, you will hear all of the gripping episodes right from the very beginning. The Jonathan Park series has proven that you can have exciting, positive, and spiritually uplifting entertainment in today’s world, all the while learning creation truth. ☞





## RATE GROUP REPORTS MAJOR ADVANCES

During its sixth annual meeting in San Diego this summer the RATE group reported several findings which could lead to major corrections to the age of the earth estimates. Drs. Steve Austin, John Baumgardner, Gene Chaffin, Don DeYoung, Russell Humphreys, Andrew Snelling, and Larry Vardiman met over two days in July to report advances and discuss research plans.

Five major results were reported during the meeting. In-depth reports on each of these topics and several others will be included in papers to be presented by the RATE scientists at the Fifth International Conference on Creationism in Pittsburgh next summer. A brief summary of each major finding is provided below:

1. The diffusion rate of helium from zircons embedded in granite is so high that most of the helium produced by the nuclear decay of uranium to lead will escape the zircons and enter the atmosphere in less than ten thousand years. This result is based on the measurement of helium diffusion from zircons in the laboratory. The old earth timetable cannot account for the helium still trapped in the zircons.

2. Radiohalos produced by the decay of uranium to polonium and then to helium in granite samples from Flood-deposited rocks appear to have formed rapidly during the Genesis Flood (in a short period of time only a few thousand years ago). They also provide evidence that “millions” of years of decay products formed within the last few thousand years. This means that nuclear decay was much faster during the Flood than today and radioactive dating techniques and results which assume a constant decay are in error.

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3. Isochron data of radioactive isotopes in samples taken from all over the earth show that alpha decay gives consistently younger ages than beta decay. It isn't clear yet why this is true, but it is probably a hint about processes of nuclear decay which may help us to understand how nuclear decay was accelerated.
4. Reports in the conventional scientific literature indicate that Accelerator Mass Spectroscopy measurement of carbon-14 in coal, oil, "old" bones, etc. all show low, but measurable concentrations of C-14. Biogenic samples should have no C-14 left if they lived millions of years ago. This means their real age is much less than thought. The conventional scientific community is reporting these results but ignoring the implications.
5. RATE has found theoretical reasons to believe that nuclear decay rates can change and probably have changed. When the decay rate changes, other "constants" like the speed of light, the gravitational constant, and Planck's constant likely also change.



Preparation of granite sample.

These results have the potential for earth-shaking changes in geochronology. The group was enthusiastic about the results being found and encouraged that the

Lord had allowed so much progress to be made since the project started in 1997. However, at least \$100,000 in new donations will be needed to cover the anticipated laboratory and other expenses for RATE through June, 2003. Additional funds will also be needed over the remaining three years to complete all the planned research and publish the final book in 2005. If you are interested in supporting this project financially, a description of the remaining research may be obtained by calling or writing ICR and requesting a RATE brochure. Your help is needed to bring this project to a successful conclusion. ☪



#### From E-mail

We have just loved your Jonathan Park radio dramas. WOW!!! What a super tool for learning more about creation science! Our boys listen to these tapes over and over as we drive, and a number of other kids have attentively and eagerly listened to these tapes numerous times as well. No book that you have published for kids (and we have most of them!) comes close to the impact that these tapes are having in our children's understanding of these truths. So our BIG QUESTION is, of course, when will more episodes be coming out? Hopefully you are planning to expand this project . . . it's sure a winner!

#### From Oklahoma

I have read *Days of Praise* for years and find it to be the best of its kind—actually it is the *only* one of its kind. We are currently using your *Genesis Record* in our Sunday School here. You have made such a great difference in our lives with all the resources from ICR ministries and I just wanted to tell you how greatly God has used you. ☪

## EIGHTY-TWO SINCE '81—GRADUATION 2002



*From Left to Right: Heath Wagher, Sharon Cargo, Monica Lindsey, Darren Grant, Thorsten Strom, Susan Horiuchi, David Hillaker, Gary Ritchey, Jaeman Lee*

The eighth formal graduation service for the ICR Graduate School was held Saturday, evening August 10, 2002. Nine students took part in the ceremony, and another six are expected to be added to this year's roster of alumni. Dr. Sharon Cargo spoke for the students. She finished her Science Education degree this summer and with about 300 semester credits in

veterinary medicine and many hours of practical examination of animals, she added insights to the interpretation of the likeness and differences of organismic systems among the vertebrates. Why would a practicing "vet" be interested in getting an ICR degree? Sharon said, "This need to be able to teach others about scientific creation and its centrality to Christian doctrine has led me and the other students to ICR."

Dr. Henry Morris III spoke for the Institute and special music was supplied by Pastor Kevin Raub and his family from Oceanside. Over eighty visitors attended the hour-long awarding of Master of Science degrees. With these fifteen completions a total of eighty-two graduates are now on the rolls of the Graduate School since classes were first held in 1981. 🌿



*Drs. Morris III, Vardiman, Morris II*

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## THE RAPIDLY UNRAVELING THREAD BETWEEN DNA AND “HUMAN EVOLUTION”

Christian students in secular schools have been unnecessarily troubled by evidence from DNA (genetic material found in the nucleus of virtually all cells) that allegedly shows chimpanzees to be our close evolutionary cousins. We are told that over 98% of human and chimpanzee DNA is the same, and this gives credence to an unknown common ancestor for the two groups. But since people and chimpanzees eat the same food, breathe the same air, and drink the same water, wouldn't much of their DNA be the same?

As is always the case—there's scientific evidence to this evolutionary story that is not being told, “Molecular phylogenetics [tracing ‘human evolution’ using DNA and/or protein] has provided new insights into human evolution, but many of its findings and interpretations have been vigorously challenged. The controversy surrounding molecular phylogenetics is now so heated that the field cannot be discussed without also considering the controversy surrounding it.”<sup>1</sup>


“If molecular data [such as comparing DNA] have provoked strong reactions among researchers interested in the evolution of whales, that is nothing compared to the hornet's nest stirred up among palaeoanthropologists [those who study ‘human evolution’]”<sup>2</sup>

No wonder evolutionist James Trefil states, “I am skeptical of arguments, like those of the molecular biologists, based on long strings of theoretical assumptions.”<sup>3</sup>

Many evolutionists are unaware that, “There is less variation between the DNA of two human beings from opposite ends of the earth than there is between the DNA of two gorillas from the same African rain forest.”<sup>4</sup> This statement is supported by recent research, “The extent of DNA sequence variation of chimpanzees is several-fold greater than that of humans.”<sup>5</sup> How do these facts support our alleged ape ancestry? Shouldn't our DNA sequence variation be as plastic as the rest of our “ancestors”?

Perhaps the most important thing we can say regarding this evidence is how much scientists still *don't know* about DNA and its supposed evolutionary connections. Recent research shows just 2.5% of DNA is different between people and mice, and only 1% different from a chimpanzee.<sup>6</sup> A UK chief scientist said, “We share half our genes [DNA] with the banana.”<sup>7</sup> This convoluted field of molecular evolutionary biology is obviously becoming more puzzling—not less—and secularists would do well to say nothing regarding supposed evolutionary relationships until all facts are in.

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## DR. McCANDLESS WITH THE LORD

One of ICR’s most active and faithful Board members became “absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord” (II Corinthians 5:8) on August 14 when Dr. William (“Bill”) McCandless went home to heaven. Except for the mandated seventh-year “sabbaticals,” Dr. McCandless had been a member of the ICR Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee ever since 1980, when the ICR Graduate School was formed and ICR became a separate Institution, no longer a division of Christian Heritage College. He was a graduate of the UCLA Medical School and had served in the Navy during World War II.

Dr. McCandless was a skilled and highly regarded obstetrician and gynecologist. He was also a dedicated Christian and creationist and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. He was a deacon in his church and, in earlier years, had been active in local conservative politics having been a local school board member and appointed to the state school board by then governor, Ronald Reagan. He was an audit enrollee in the very first class on creationism taught by Dr. Henry Morris at Christian Heritage College back in 1970, the year of its founding. His passing was in the presence of most of his family, and was honoring to the Lord in a precious way. He was 81 years old.

Bill McCandless often went the extra mile, both for his patients and in his responsibilities with the ICR Board. He has now followed three other ICR Board members—Howard Batchelor, Ed Tizzard, and Sidney Jansma—who preceded him to heaven. We are thankful for all our Board members, but there was indeed a very special place in our hearts, and now in our memories, for Bill McCandless. 🙏



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

**Weekend of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title/Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Oct. 5 Polystrate Fossils**  
Scientists have discovered a type of fossil that sticks straight up through different layers of rock. Evolutionists say these fossils point to millions of years. Could it be that these fossils actually point to a worldwide flood? Stay tuned!
- Oct. 12 Extraterrestrials**  
Some scientists suggest that extraterrestrial life exists on other planets. Some even say that this extraterrestrial life actually went through a process of evolution. Is there evolving life “out there”? Tune in to find out!
- Oct. 19 Origin of the Races**  
Some scientists claim that we have different races of people today as a result of evolution. Creationists say the evidence shows that God created only one race. Can they both be true? Listen in!
- Oct. 26 Allosaurus Find**  
When secular paleontologists uncover major dinosaur fossils, they claim proof of evolution. When creationists find them, they say it proves something totally different. Do dinosaur fossils really prove anything? Find out by joining us! 🙏

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# Stewardship & Trust Services

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*“A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps” (Proverbs 16:9).*

## **Planning for transfer of earthly goods.**

For those of us who seek to follow the Lord's leading in our life, submitting to His example in the transfer of our earthly wealth should not be a very difficult concept. Jesus did not have many earthly possessions—and those few articles of clothing that he did own, were confiscated by the Romans at His crucifixion. But He exercised the one final earthly responsibility remaining to Him when he formally asked the apostle John to take care of His mother Mary (John 19:26–27).

Unfortunately many, if not most, do not make even the simplest plans.

## **Please make a formal, written will.**

If you do not know how or need information about making a will, let us send you some basic information.

## **Please provide for your family.**

There are many considerations here, but the Bible clearly says, *“But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel”* (I Timothy 5:8).

## **Please consider sharing within the Kingdom.**

Without specific instructions in your will or the conscious execution of charitable instruments in addition to your will, the “Romans” (U.S. tax laws) will “cast lots” for your “garments” (John 19:24).

## **Let us know how ICR can help.**

ICR has developed a number of booklets that provide both conceptual and specific information about the transfer of wealth for your family and to the Lord's kingdom. Check the box on the return envelope for Stewardship information or call or drop us an e-mail. We'll get back to you as soon as we can.

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