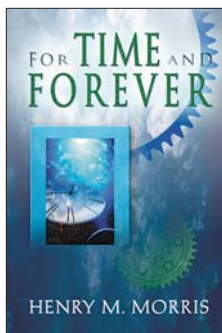


ANNOUNCING NEW BOOK BY HENRY MORRIS

Have you ever wondered why God would have created such a vast universe, most of which could not be seen until the advent of modern, super-telescopes? Is there more out there of which we are currently unaware? What's the purpose? Similarly, undreamed of wonders are regularly being discovered by the new microscopes. Why did God create with such "flair" if the vast majority of people, throughout all time, had no possibility of seeing its majesty?

To address such questions, Master Books Publishing Company has just released a new book by Dr. Henry Morris entitled, *For Time and Forever*. At his age (86), Dr. Morris wryly wonders if this could well be his final book, and so he has tried to present the "big picture," as it were, in this one.


With its subtitle, "The Plan of God," the book explores the tremendous scope of God's purpose in creation, in so far as one can determine this from the Scriptures and the promises therein. Given soon after creation, the worldwide Dominion Mandate



is expounded, then the essentials of the earth's past ages, including the many attempts to thwart God's plan (especially the Satanic lie of evolutionary origins), and on to God's consummation of the ages with the New Earth and the Holy City. The evolutionary concept will be fully dismantled at that time and the saving gospel of Jesus Christ completely triumphant. The possibility of the primeval

Dominion Mandate eventually becoming a Cosmic Mandate is considered, as all of Christ's redeemed ones prepare to serve Him in the ages to come.

We at ICR thank our God for the continued good health He has given Dr. Morris, and we pray these blessings will continue for years to come. All of Christianity has benefitted from his wisdom, his unswerving commitment to God's Word, and his fertile pen. This "big picture" book continues his long tradition.

For Time and Forever contains 256 pages and has a list price of \$12.95. It can be ordered through ICR's Customer Service Department at 800/628-7640 or Master Books. 





President's Column

by John D. Morris

We all love Christmas time. Much more than merely a time of singing and celebration, it's a time of family gathering, of gift giving, of collective thankfulness, of sweet memories, and great anticipation. As often mentioned in this column, I suggest that the grandest understanding of the Christmas "truth," as well as any other subject, comes by placing it in its creation context. It always helps to step back and see the big picture before focusing in on the details.

The Bible presents Jesus Christ as Creator (Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:13–16; John 1:1–3; etc.), the instrument by which the Tri-une God accomplished this great work. But soon creation, through its steward Adam, rejected God's authority, willfully choosing sin over God's holy presence, and received God's just "wages of sin" (Romans 6:23). Thus separated from its loving Creator, groaning under sin's presence and penalty, creation longed for absolution and restoration (Romans 8:20–22), but was impotent to alter its standing.

But "God so loved the world" (John 3:16) that the Creator Himself chose to set aside aspects of His deity and join sinful creation, taking upon Himself the form of sinful man (Philippians 2:6–8). By living a sinless life, a life for whom no death penalty was demanded, He could die as a substitute for those who had rejected Him. Thus, God's holy justice was satisfied, and our sins could be forgiven.

Think of it. The Creator rejected by His creation. The Creator of the entire universe embodied as a single cell, confined to the womb of a young Jewish maiden, and then entering a sin-soaked creation. Think further, of omnipotence choosing hunger, fatigue, and pain on

behalf of those who had turned from Him. Think of the gracious, loving, and merciful One enduring betrayal, scorn, and rejection. And then think of the Creator of life dying and lying in a tomb.

But, of course, the story does not end there. For the Creator of life retook His life three days later, rose from the grave, and offered us eternal life. Some things cannot be fully comprehended, but they can be acknowledged, appreciated, and accepted.

These are some of the thoughts which flooded my heart at Christmas. ☪



Testimonies

From a Museum Visitor

An oasis in a secular city! A blessing! Thank you.

From New York

A dear friend of mine who I have been witnessing to for quite some time has recently come to the Lord, in part thanks to some of your materials. As is often the case, evolution posed the biggest barrier, and he was impressed by the Duane Gish video tapes. I thank God for ministries like ICR and Duane Gish, whom God has raised up to intelligently present the creationist case without compromising Scripture. ☪

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ICR SCIENTISTS VISIT DEATH VALLEY AND YOSEMITE

Drs. Kenneth Cumming, Steve Austin, John Baumgardner, and Larry Vardiman traveled to Death Valley and Yosemite National Parks in early October to prepare a new ICR Tour. The interests of ICR scientists have recently begun to focus on research topics which could be addressed by field activities in these parks. Thus, both research and teaching could be combined into one activity.

Dr. Cumming and associates are interested in exploring the great age of the Bristlecone Pines in the White Mountains and the Redwoods of the Sierra Nevada. Dr. Austin and Dr. Baumgardner are interested in crustal and mantle processes which form mountain ranges from Death Valley to the Sierra. Of particular interest are giant volcanic calderas and evidence for massive tectonic motions in eastern California and the Sierra Nevada. Dr. Vardiman would like to explore the glacial history of Yosemite and the central Sierra. And, Dr. Andrew Snelling, who visited Yosemite two years ago with Dr. Vardiman, is interested in studying the formation processes of granites in the western Sierra and the radiolites they contain. Most of these processes and surface features would seem to be best explained by catastrophic, young-earth processes coincidental with and following the Genesis Flood.

ICR develops its tours in conjunction with ongoing research to allow our guests to observe and participate in

active investigations. We have only recently begun to explore these new regions and develop research projects. With each tour the knowledge we acquire will become more complete and what we share will be more usable in constructing a model of earth history. Over the next 18 months the ICR scientists involved in this project will be developing materials to be used on this tour. The first ICR tour of Death Valley and Yosemite is expected to occur in the fall of 2006. ☪



THE LEAF [SHALL BE] FOR MEDICINE

Pharmacologist, James C. Calcamuggio, recently completed his masters thesis at the ICR Graduate School entitled, *The Fruit Shall Be for Meat, and the Leaf for Medicine: A Creationist View of the History of Herbal Medicine*. He studied herbal usage from historical records, Biblical references, and fossil remains of plants to determine if the use of herbs supports a hit-or-miss development of medicinal usage over long periods of time or a directed transmission of medicinal knowledge from a common source over a short period of time.

Calcamuggio explored the records of herbal medicine for the timing and sequence of its usage as practiced in several cultures, including China, Egypt, Nigeria, and Mesopotamia. These records are contained in historical books called *herbals* which discuss which plants possess real or alleged medicinal properties. These books describe the plants in question and provide information on their medicinal importance and use. He examined and compared these data with Biblical references, and searched published sources for evidence of fossil remains of plants used for herbal medicine in later

time periods. Typically, these (pre-Flood) fossils were identical to historical and modern counterparts.

Evolutionary scientists knowledgeable in herbs believe that man developed herbal medicine by trial and error over long periods of time. By testing specific attributes of plants the ancients produced a written *herbal* that was specific to a nation or group of people. Each culture injected beliefs, superstitions, religious practices, and cultivated herbs according to their written code.

On the other hand, the similarities between various herbals, the Biblical account, and fossil evidence led Calcamuggio to conclude that the evidence better supports the creationist view of history. The patriarchs likely transmitted acquired knowledge about plants used for particular medical problems to succeeding generations eventually reaching Noah and his descendants.

When the population dispersed at Babel, each group isolated from one another by geography and language. Soon, diverse variations in religious beliefs, superstitions, and cultural characteristics were produced. One characteristic that remained constant, however, was the knowledge about which herbal plant to use for a specific medical condition. This knowledge was passed down from generation to generation and continues to be found in the written herbals around the world today. Calcamuggio concludes that the history of herbal medicine supports a young-earth, God-directed, Biblical worldview. 🌿

ALPHA OMEGA INSTITUTE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Dave Nutting speaking about geology.

ICR's primary goal over the years has been to influence those who influence others with the creation message, while not neglecting the non-technical audience. Today, scores of creation-based ministries look to ICR as their "mentor." Truly, this is a wonderful time to be a Bible-believing Christian creationist.

That was the theme of the 25th Anniversary Celebration of one of the most productive of these "daughter" ministries. Dave and Mary Jo Nutting, both graduates from the ICR Graduate School, head up the fine work of Alpha Omega Institute (AOI) of Grand Junction, Colorado, reaching churches and schools across the American west.

ICR President, Dr. John Morris, was pleased to be the keynote speaker at the celebration. As he put it, "It's a blessing to see AOI arrive at such maturity. They have become a full-fledged colleague in creation ministry, and are themselves developing other creation speakers to reach out further. God is good."

In addition to a strong speaking ministry, they are preparing user-friendly Vacation Bible School and Sunday school curriculum, designed to foster awe of the Creator through hands-on science experiences. Look for these materials in ICR literature as they become available.

Indeed this *is* a wonderful time to be a Bible-believing, Christian creationist! 🌿





AMMONITE EVOLUTION?

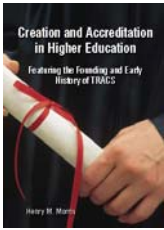
“Cephalopods of Subclass Ammonoidea and especially the Mesozoic forms known in the vernacular as ‘ammonites’ are amongst the most abundant and well known of all fossils.”¹ Ammonites were a subclass of cephalopods (squid, octopus) with coiled shells, complex sutures (lines of fusion), and septa (a partition or wall between two cavities). Fossilized remains of ammonites may be found in virtually every country in sizes ranging from nine feet across to less than a half an inch. Ammonites may have been the favorite food² of the marine reptile called the plesiosaur. The ammonites were free-swimming creatures (called nekton) of the open ocean, falling prey to plesiosaurs as they cruised the seas both before and during the Flood. According to secular science, the ammonites became extinct along with the dinosaurs 65 million years ago. But what of their *origin*? Were they created or did they evolve from an unknown non-ammonite ancestor?

Creation scientists see ammonites as always having been ammonites, complete with their intricately working parts. Evolutionists are puzzled by their regularly coiled shells,³ certainly not a problem for the creationist. Is there variation among these creatures? Certainly, within the created ammonite kind. For example, ammonites—big or small—are found in the fossil record from the Early Devonian to the Upper Cretaceous, but always as ammonites. The sutures in the shells were found to be more elaborate in the Late Paleozoic and Mesozoic, but there is no significant change. There are no intermediate or part-way ammonite forms in the fossil beds—no unambiguous line of evolutionary descent. For example, non-creationist Richard Milton writes of a hundred-foot section of clay in Folkestone, England, containing ammonites:

Museums and private collections are full of them, preserved in beautiful detail including an iridescent pearly shell. They come from a section of clay perhaps 100 feet high, which presumably, in uniformitarian terms, represents millions of years of sedimentation. Yet among the tens of thousands of specimens dug up by collectors, no one has ever found a specimen that is part way between *Hoplites dentatus* and *Euhoplites lautus* or between *lautus* and *Mortonicerias inflatum*—or between any of the fourteen different ammonites.⁴

Here’s the point. When one searches through specific sections of the sedimentary rock, no evidence of macroevolution is found, be they ammonites or people. Furthermore, the complexity of these creatures doesn’t match the Darwinist prediction that states they should become more complex as one goes up the sedimentary rock layers.⁵ One reads of ammonite extinctions (e.g., *BioScience*, v. 52, no. 5, p. 446) which fits well with the creation/Flood model, but virtually nothing of their *origin* (macroevolution).

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NEW BOOKLET ON CREATIONIST COLLEGE ACCREDITATION NOW AVAILABLE

An informative booklet on the problem of accreditation for creationist colleges has just been released by ICR. The author, Dr. Henry Morris, has been involved in higher education as a professor and administrator for over sixty years—about half of that time in secular universities and half in Christian colleges.

Entitled, *Creation and Accreditation in Higher Education*, the booklet especially features the formation and early history of TRACS—the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools—which is the only recognized creationist accrediting agency for Christian schools. It serves all types of post-secondary schools (liberal arts colleges, Bible colleges, seminaries, etc.). TRACS is now approved both by the U.S. Department of Education and also by the secular Council on Higher Education Accreditation. The Institute for Creation Research Graduate School is an accredited member of TRACS, along with many other creationist Christian schools.

The fascinating saga of the TRACS background, formation, and 13-year effort to achieve the recognition finally obtained in 1991 is chronicled by Dr. Morris, a founder and former chairman of the TRACS board. He also outlines the foundational importance of scientific Biblical creationism in all higher education curricula. *Creation and Accreditation in Higher Education* can be ordered direct from ICR for \$.50 per copy. This 32-page booklet can be ordered through ICR's Customer Service Department by calling 800/628-7640. 🌿

Radio Log

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

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



- Dec. 4 Pets and Our Health**
Many of us enjoy having pets. But did you know that they can improve your health? Recent scientific studies show that owning pets can lower blood pressure and stress. No wonder dogs are known as “man’s best friend.” Tune in!
- Dec. 11 Star Gazing**
As we gaze into the night sky, we often feel a sense of wonder at the incredible creation of God. Star gazing can be a fulfilling activity for many people, but how does one tell all those different constellations apart? Stay tuned!
- Dec. 18 Characters in a Christmas Play**
During the Christmas season, we often display nativity scenes and enjoy plays depicting the advent. But have you ever studied the characters of the first Christmas, or considered the special way they were used of God?
- Dec. 25 The Miracle of Christmas**
That first Christmas, over 2,000 years ago, in a little town called Bethlehem, was full of miracles. From the prophecies of old to the virgin birth, the greatest of these miracles was God our Creator coming to earth to be our Savior. 🌿

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TEMPORAL VERSUS ETERNAL

“ . . . the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (II Corinthians 4:18).

This country has just come through one of the most bitter elections in our history. Iraq is in turmoil, Iran and North Korea are threatening, doomsayers and naysayers abound—and the morality of this “Christian” nation is in the worst shape in many decades. Is there hope? Can the Lord’s people do anything to confront and abate the issues?

“SALT” HEALS AND “LIGHT” EXPOSES

Those terms that Jesus uses are no mere metaphors about the impact of the Christian witness. The gospel is “power” (Romans 1:16), and the “light” of truth (John 3:21) exposes the “darkness” of evil (John 3:19). We are commissioned to be “ambassadors” (II Corinthians 5:20) and to “persuade” men (II Corinthians 5:11)—not a simple task of evangelization! It is an all-encompassing mission to reconcile men to God. Our role is to “capture” the thoughts of men, bringing them into obedience to Christ (II Corinthians 10:3–6).

ICR IS POSITIONED TO LAUNCH A MAJOR INITIATIVE

ICR is unique among parachurch organizations. We have been doing research to combat the “virus” of evolutionary science which spreads the “disease” of atheistic naturalism throughout society. The information we have uncovered is accurate, demonstrative, and powerful. But, we lack the resources to get the message out to the many. Yes, there’s more research to do and work for the technical experts for many years to come. But we have the “ammunition” now for a major assault!

HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP

However, we need significantly more funds to mount an assault against the horrific error now dominating our schools, colleges, seminaries, and universities. We have the science. We need the exposure. We know the answers, we must communicate more effectively. Help us expand the “salt” of a Biblical worldview and turn on the “light” of creationist science.

This is the time of year when we consider significant gifts. Please evaluate your assets and share something special—something eternal for this vital work.



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