

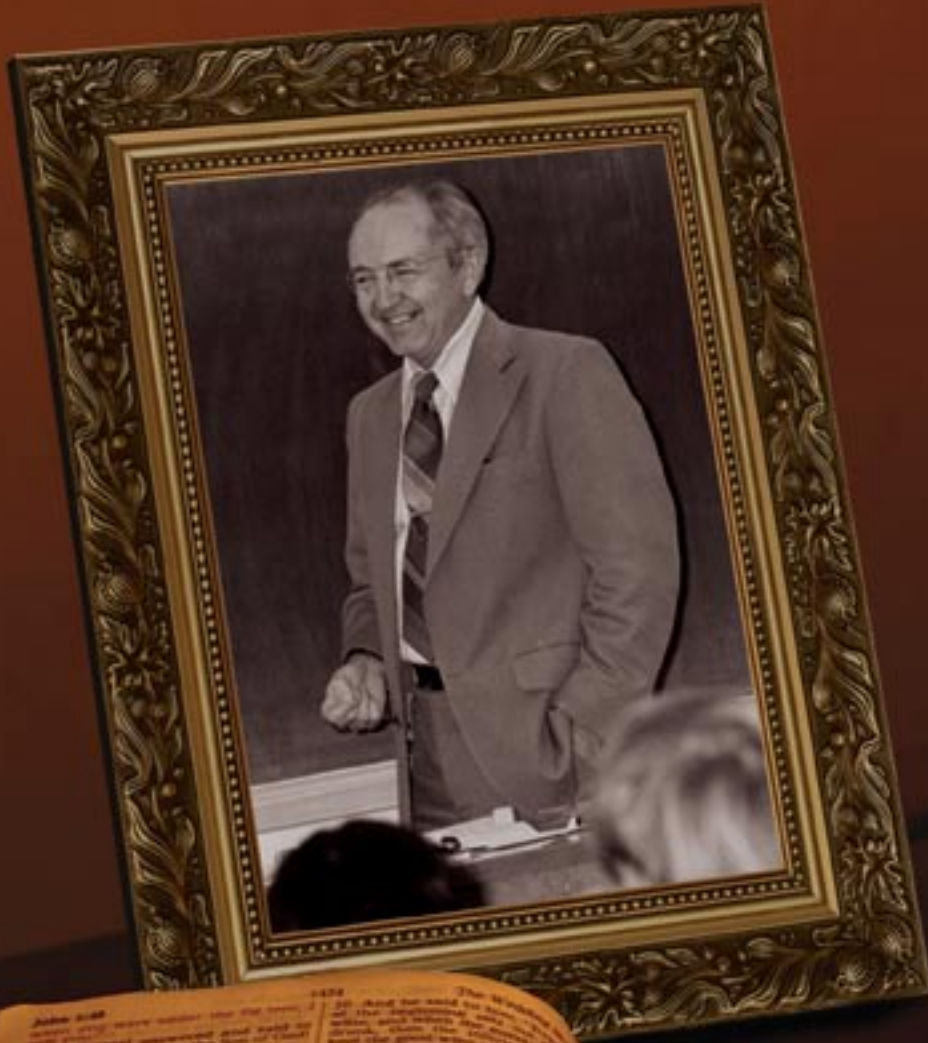
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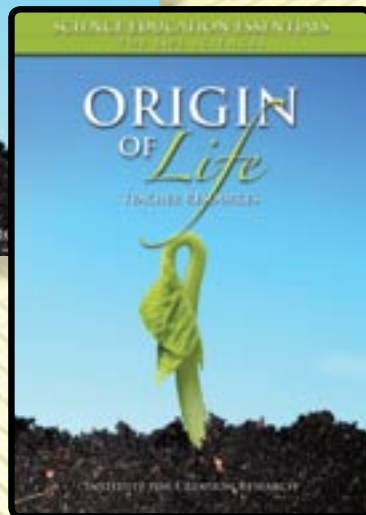
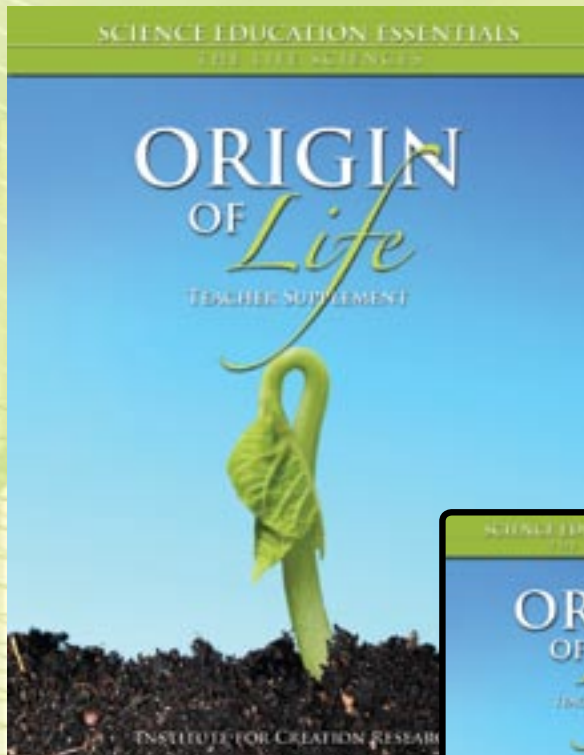
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Steadfast and Resolute

Resolutions at the beginning of the New Year have occasionally been helpful, but are often forgotten within the first month or so, usually because most resolutions have something to do with food!

Making New Year's resolutions is not bad in itself, but we all should be more circumspect about setting down new commitments for the next 12 months. Do we really have plans to fulfill them, or do they just constitute wishful thinking on our part? "I'm going to lose 10 pounds a week" or "I plan to stop drinking lattes every day" or "I definitely will plow through that book within the next six weeks." And the list goes on and on.

Commitments are great, but they must be set forth with more than just a "want to" or else they will fail every time. Think about the resolutions you've made over the years. How many did you actually see to completion? And what was it that gave you victory in each of these?

This January issue of *Acts & Facts* is, in fact, the fruit of a commitment made 40 years ago by Dr. Henry Morris when he founded the Institute for Creation Research. A brilliant academician and researcher, Dr. Morris was at the pinnacle of his career in science as Chairman of the Engineering Department at Virginia Tech, a post he held for twelve years. But while he excelled in university life, Dr. Morris possessed a much deeper commitment to something of far greater value: communicating the wonders of

God's creation. And it was this commitment that led him to San Diego in 1970—leaving behind the prestige of university leadership—to help found Christian Heritage College, of which ICR became the research arm.

Each year in January, we take a look back at what God has done in and through ICR during the past year, and we do so again in this issue. But we also take a look back through the pen of our founder to the beginning of ICR in order to examine not only how and why it was founded, but also to see how that initial commitment has remained true over the past four decades.

And so it will be true in each issue of *Acts & Facts* this year: remembering the blessings of God year after year, but also looking forward to how the Lord is leading ICR in its future work, intent on that one great purpose—communicating the wonders of God's creation.

This is an exciting time for all of us involved in the work of creation science, and I wonder sometimes what our culture would be like today if there never had been an ICR, if Henry Morris had never made that commitment in 1970. I trust it is your prayer along with ours that we all remain steadfast and resolute in our own commitments to communicating the truth to those around us, as Henry Morris began to do through ICR 40 years ago. Thank you in advance for your continued partnership with us.

From all of us here at ICR, Happy New Year!

Lawrence E. Ford
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

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Counting Our BLESSINGS

A year in review, a legacy in perspective

L A W R E N C E E . F O R D

Anniversaries are exciting events, particularly when they celebrate decades of commitment, as is the case in 2010 with the 40th anniversary of the Institute for Creation Research. Our usual “Year in Review” issue has a wonderful new dimension, a celebration not only of the many blessings of 2009, but also a reflection on the working of God over the past 40 years at ICR.

The primary mission activities at ICR involve scientific research, graduate-level and professional education, and diverse platforms for communicating the truth of the creation message through publications, events, and mass media. Below is a recap of just some of the highlights of ICR’s past year. In the pages that follow, our desire is that you get a sense of how and why ICR was founded, and that during the many years of ministry our commitment to the truth of the Genesis record and the authenticity of the entire Bible has remained steadfast.

RESEARCH

Scientific research constitutes the core of ICR’s activity, providing foundational data used in our various educational programs, as well as in our various forms of communication, such as books, conferences, radio, etc. This past year saw further growth in our science department, both in terms of personnel and projects.

Climatology—Dr. Larry Vardiman continued his work on the ICE AGE project, a paleoclimatology research effort looking at the behavior of glaciers during the post-Flood Ice Age, particularly the effects observed in Yosemite Valley. Read his article “Ice Age Glaciers at Yosemite National Park” at icr.org. Dr. Vardiman will also be publishing a new and expanded work on the issue of global warming in 2010.

Geology—Senior geology researcher Dr. Steve Austin continues oversight of the Flood

Activated Sedimentation and Tectonics (FAST) research program. Recently, Dr. Austin held the annual FAST science meeting in conjunction with the Geological Society of America (GSA) convention, where he also led a GSA-sponsored field trip to the slopes of Mount St. Helens. Dr. Austin’s peer-reviewed field guide article titled “The dynamic landscape on the north flank of Mount St. Helens” was published by GSA in 2009.



Biology—Dr. Nathaniel Jeanson, a recent Harvard graduate, has now joined Drs. Charles McCombs, Jeffrey Tomkins, and Randy Guliuzza to round out ICR’s most significant

research team, now tasked with planning a new multi-year science program that ICR will undertake in 2010. Please pray for wisdom as these men work through the many details that comprise this comprehensive project.

During 2009, ICR's National Creation Science Foundation (NCSF) has sponsored nine research grants, including Dr. Steve Austin's Argentina project on the Santa Cruz River, which was published in February 2009. In this project, Dr. Austin demonstrated where Darwin went wrong over 150 years ago in his geological interpretations. Many other projects are still underway, and ICR continues to encourage research-minded supporters to partner with us in this work that is now in its 40th year.



EDUCATION

Education is an imperative at ICR. Now offering three educational programs, ICR has expanded its efforts in training men and women to effectively communicate truth with an unwavering commitment to the authority and authenticity of the Bible.

The ICR Graduate School continues to impact science teachers from around the world. While the new M.S. program is primarily completed online, face-to-face laboratories are conducted throughout the year. This year's labs included biological origins, planetary and stellar astronomy, paleontology, and geology. Students experienced a variety of hands-on science. Several in the program are slated to graduate in June 2010.

A recent survey of graduate students revealed that ICRGS has had and is continuing to have an impact on the creation science movement. Attendees use their degrees and/or the knowledge they gained about creation science at ICRGS to establish their own creation ministries, to promote accurate biblical science teaching in the Christian school classroom and/or while giving lectures, and to further their work with scientists. The response to the survey substantiated that our goals—(1) to prepare science teachers and other individuals to understand the universe within the integrating framework

of a biblical perspective using proven scientific data, and (2) to prepare students for leadership in science education—are being met.

In October 2009, ICR launched a brand-new graduate school called the School of Biblical Apologetics (SOBA), which offers a two-year Master in Christian Education and Apologetics degree. Students currently meet each week at ICR's campus in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Jim Johnson leads this new graduate program and has enlisted ICR faculty, as well as well-known theologians such as Dr. Stan Toussaint and Dr. Eugene Merrill from Dallas Theological Seminary. Read more about SOBA at www.icr.org/soba.



The Creationist Worldview professional certificate program continues to be one of the most popular apologetics study programs at ICR, engaging adult students in some 33 courses over the year-long, self-paced course of study. Check out the video and demo for the Creationist Worldview at www.icr.org/cw.

And finally, as the leading creation science research organization, ICR scientists and faculty launched plans in 2009 for a series of science education teaching supplements called Science Education Essentials. These teacher-friendly units address many aspects of the biblical view of origins and earth history, with the goal to provide science teachers a depth of knowledge on vital science topics and to offer meaningful curriculum material for classroom use. Pilot-tested with real teachers and students, each Science Education Essentials supplement contains a teacher's content book along with a supplement disc containing hundreds of pages of instructions, lesson plans, lab activities, PowerPoints, and other reproduc-

ible material for K-12 science teachers.

The first supplement, *The Origin of Life*, debuted at the many Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) conventions held around the country in October and November. Hands-on sessions were conducted at the Portland, Kansas City, Seattle, Sacramento, and Anaheim ACSI conventions to give teachers practical activities that are biblically and scientifically based. Some 50 curriculum supplements will eventually be produced, including *The Structure of Matter*, *Human Heredity*, *Genetic Diversity*, *Geologic Processes*, and more.



COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications emphasis at ICR comprises the outward-looking activity of the ministry in the areas of Publications, Events, and Media. During the past twelve months, ICR has expanded in each of these areas.

Publications

Acts & Facts monthly magazine continues to be the anchor of ICR communications, offering timely scientific and biblical articles to a readership of over 100,000 each month. In February 2009, ICR presented a special double issue of *Acts & Facts* to highlight the fallacy of the evolutionary message popularized by Charles Darwin, whose 200th birthday was celebrated that same month. This special-edition *Acts & Facts* was distributed additionally to thousands of pastors and educators at conferences around the country, such as the Shepherds Conference, the Jacksonville Pastors Conference, the Moody Pastor's Conference, ACSI International Conferences, and many more.

The *Days of Praise* devotional booklet, distributed to nearly 300,000 individuals each





quarter, continues to be a leading personal Bible study help to many here in the United States, and now additionally in the Russian language through a special partnership with the Slavic Gospel Association.

ICR also published in 2009 a number of new resources, including:

- *Five Reasons to Believe in Recent Creation*—Dr. Henry Morris III
- *Thinking God's Thoughts After Him*—Christine Dao
- *Exploring the Evidence for Creation*—Dr. Henry Morris III
- *A New Theory of Climate Change*—Dr. Larry Vardiman
- *The Origin of Life* (Science Education Essentials)—ICR Faculty
- *Made in His Image*—Dr. Randy Guliuzza
- *Earth's Catastrophic Past*—Dr. Andrew Snelling
- *The Fossil Record*, Teaching Poster
- *Days of Christmas*—Dr. Henry Morris

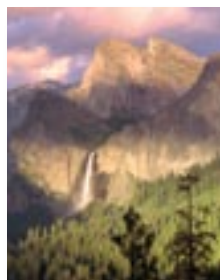


Many more resources will be in print during 2010, including *The Fossil Record* by Dr. John Morris and Frank Sherwin, along with several more Science Education Essentials curriculum supplements.

Events

Communicating creation truth through seminars and conferences has been a hallmark of ICR's ministry since its founding in 1970. Even prior to that, Dr. Henry Morris routinely spoke on college campuses and in churches on the topic of scientific evidence for creation and the Flood.

In 2009, ICR sent many of our faculty and staff throughout the country to speak on these very same issues at churches, Christian schools, education conferences, and pastor's conventions. Of special note were a sold-out creation tour at Yosemite National Park, requests to lead 74 seminars at the ACSI conferences around the United States, and



hosting three major "Demand the Evidence" conferences in Florida, California, and Texas, featuring guests teachers Dr. John MacArthur and Dr. Mac Brunson, along with main sessions taught by Dr. Henry Morris III, Dr. John Morris, Dr. Randy Guliuzza, and a youth ministry session by ICR's Lalo Gunther.

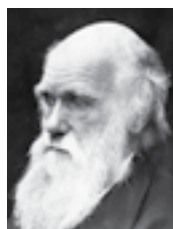
Media

Radio continues to be a major tool for the creation message, as ICR continues to air its three programs around the world on some 1,500 outlets. *Science, Scripture, & Salvation* airs each week, *Back to Genesis* with Dr. John Morris airs each day, as does *De Regreso a Genesis*, the Spanish-language version of *Back to Genesis*. New stations pick up an ICR program every month, and we were able to secure digital satellite distribution for much of our programming early in 2009.



ICR also routinely fields media requests from news media and production studios looking for the scientific perspective of our scientists and staff. Interview requests this past year have come from outlets such as Fox News, *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, Moody Radio Network, American Family Radio Network, many radio talk programs, and a couple of movie studios.

Much of the mainstream media requests in 2009 focused on Charles Darwin and evolution, as the world began celebrating this man and his popularized notion that God had nothing to do with the origin or development of life on our planet. Other requests discussed the rise of Islamic creationism, the fossil discoveries of "Ida" and "Ardi" and dinosaurs with flesh, and dragons and dinosaurs, and ICR's battle with the state of Texas over our application to move the 28-year-old Graduate School from California to Texas.



A highlight of 2009 was the request to have Dr. John Morris lead a scientific expedition on the Galapagos Islands with Vision Forum

president Doug Phillips for the newly released movie *Mysterious Islands* (see ad on page 17).

God has indeed worked in marvelous ways to communicate His truth to literally millions around the world through the ministry of ICR and the many daughter ministries it has birthed over these past four decades. Thanks be to God!

VITAL SUPPORT AREAS

Of course, the three major missions above cannot function without the crucial work of others at ICR, those who facilitate the day-to-day operations of our ministry. Here are some highlights of what's been happening in other areas in 2009:

Donor Relations

In April 2009, ICR began to see the first fruits of our participation in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), a national charitable gifts program for government employees, such as military personnel, postal workers, etc. Henry Morris IV and his staff attended the large CFC convention at the Pentagon in the fall and placed announcements throughout the fall in a special edition of the *Washington Times*. ICR has been unanimously approved to participate in the upcoming 2010 CFC campaign.



Planned Giving with ICR reached new heights in July 2009 with the unveiling of the Gift Legacy website. ICR supporters can now explore a variety of tax-saving plans, build their own custom proposals, and use financial calculators to test various ways to partner with ICR. Nearly 10,000 page-views have been recorded in the first four months of operation. Visit www.icr.org/give for more information.

Dr. Henry Morris III traveled throughout the country in fall 2009 to meet with many faithful partners of ICR, holding informational dinners in California, Oregon,



Washington, Alaska, Colorado, and Florida, and thanking many long-time supporters of ICR for their ongoing commitment to the ministry started 40 years ago.

Each year ICR is independently audited for fiscal soundness, and the ministry once again demonstrated significant reductions in administrative costs, helping many more donation dollars to be used for our three primary areas of ministry.



Internet Ministries

The ICR website continues to expand both in terms of power and impact. Convenient RSS feeds were added to further distribute our Daily Science Updates and *Days of Praise* articles in electronic form. And, for creation advocates on the go, icr.org now includes a "Mobile View" link on the home page in order to display ICR's pages on your cell phone or other mobile device.

A new "Share" button has been added so that visitors can easily share ICR's vast library of thousands of articles with others with just a few clicks, sending timely information to friends and family via email, Twitter, Facebook,

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

and many other social sites. ICR's Facebook presence is now fol-

lowed by 16,000 fans, many of whom are also fans of the Great Scientists Who Honored the Creator, a series of unique pages on Facebook highlighting the men of science who were also men of God. Are you a fan of ICR?

At the end of 2009, ICR began posting relevant videos on our site in order to enhance the viewer experience. These clips include an Introduction to ICR (www.icr.org/discover), the National Creation Science Foundation (www.icr.org/research), and the Creationist Worldview Professional Certificate Program (www.icr.org/cw). Look for more Video on Demand in 2010.

And remember, www.icr.org is a treasure chest of 40 years worth of professional articles on science and Bible topics, all freely available 24 hours a day. Start surfing today!

The Battle for Science Education

In April 2009, ICR filed both federal and state lawsuits in the state of Texas in order to defend our right to move the 28-year-old ICR Graduate School from California to Texas. (The state suit was originally needed because a state agency cannot be sued involuntarily in a federal court.) Many will recall that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) denied this move in 2008 because of that agency's insistence that science can only be defined in evolutionary terms.

The THECB and some of its officials, as defendants, chose to "remove" the state lawsuit



to the Austin federal district court, combining the triable issues from both cases in one federal court, a result not possible apart from the defendants' voluntary "removal." (The Dallas case is now dismissed, due to the Austin federal case containing all of the triable issues.) Meanwhile, ICR continues to appeal the THECB's administrative decision within the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). Both the federal and SOAH trials are scheduled for next summer, and ICR is currently working through a long list of standard pre-trial motions and activities.

As you pray for ICR in these cases, please keep in mind that this effort affects not only our graduate school operating in the state of Texas, but the viewpoint of any non-profit educational institution that may disagree with the state agency officials' beliefs about the age of the earth, a "big bang" or the like. Discrimination of an institution's viewpoint, both on free speech and religious grounds, is at stake here, so please continue to pray for God to guide these important legal matters.

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REFLECTION AND ANTICIPATION

There were many more activities in which ICR was involved during 2009 that we feel were significant to the growth of the ministry or the effectiveness of our efforts. There is no doubt in our minds and hearts that the unique work of ICR continues to be vital to the communication



and defense of truth within a culture that would rather avoid truth or redefine it altogether.

Genesis 1:1 is the ultimate apologetic, if you really think about it. If you cannot open your Bible and believe that "in the beginning God created..." then how will you trust any other miracle described in the Bible? The fact that ICR is a science organization does not negate our unwavering acknowledgement that Jesus Christ is Creator and Lord of the universe and all life. *Real* science is *God-honoring* science. Looking forward to the months and years ahead, ICR is eager to discover how God will use us in understanding, educating, and com-



municating the wonders of His creation. Pray that we will do His work in His way, and for His glory.

And while a number of ministries have had to cut back on projects and personnel, God has allowed us to continue expanding in both of these areas, encouraging us with the prayerful financial support of many faithful partners and allowing us to streamline many of our operations to make the work as efficient as possible, as good stewards of the grace you and many others have contributed toward us through your gifts. We do not take this grace for granted, and we are more circumspect than ever about the resources God has placed in our hands; your ongoing support is needed more than ever. However, we also are prayerfully moving forward with anticipation of His continued blessings on the work He entrusted to us 40 years ago.

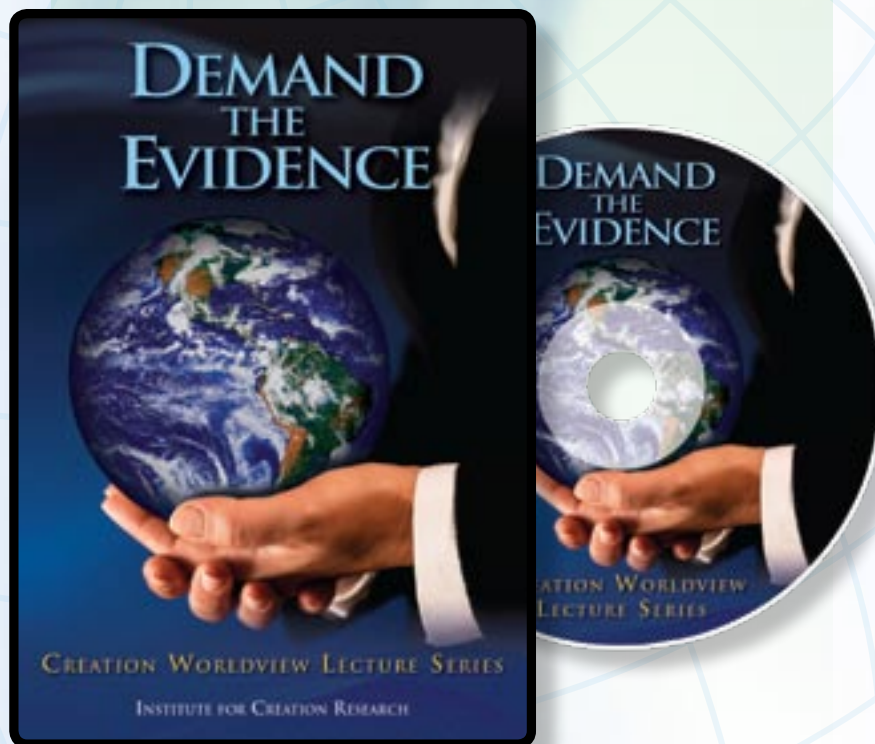
Throughout 2010, look for various special 40th anniversary events and publications at ICR and join with us in celebrating what God has done! ●

Mr. Ford is Executive Editor.

DEMAND THE EVIDENCE

CREATION WORLDVIEW LECTURE SERIES

- Can Genesis be trusted when it says God created the world in 6 days?
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- Is the earth really millions or billions of years old?
- Who has the last word on interpreting what God said and did—scientists or Scripture?



In 2009, the world celebrated the life and work of Charles Darwin, the man who popularized the notion of evolution. Are you prepared to combat this false doctrine and those who would compromise the Word of God?

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January 10

Dallas, TX – Preston Road Church of Christ
(J. Morris) 214.762.3287

January 13

Frisco, TX – First Baptist Church
(H. Morris III) 972.335.9830

January 16-23

Cave Creek, AZ – Arizona Origin Science Association
(Sherwin) 480.540.8953

January 20

Frisco, TX – First Baptist Church
(H. Morris III) 972.335.9830

January 24

Mount Vernon, MO – First Baptist Church
(Sherwin) 417.466.3735

January 27

Frisco, TX – First Baptist Church
(H. Morris III) 972.335.9830

January 27-28

Sewell, NJ – Bethel Prep Classical School
(Guliuza) 856.270.6022

January 29-February 2

Jacksonville, FL – First Baptist Church
Jacksonville Pastors' Conference
888.827.1825

February 1-5

Chicago, IL – Moody Founder's Week Conference

February 3

Frisco, TX – First Baptist Church
(H. Morris III) 972.335.9830

February 4-5

Galveston, TX – Association of Christian
Schools International Conference
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For more information on these events or to schedule an event,
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events@icr.org.

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Imagine picking up seashells along a sandy Florida beach, or canoeing down Peace River collecting fossils of mammoths, great white sharks, and a giant sloth bigger than *T. rex*. You can do all that, while learning how your shells and fossils illustrate biblical truths about God's creation. Join ICR's Dr. Gary Parker and his wife, Mary, for a unique adventure in creation science.

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For more information or to reserve your spot,
visit CreationAdventuresMuseum.org,
write to creation@strato.net,
or call 863.494.9558.





REFLECTIONS *on a* LEGACY

Four Decades of Creation Ministry

In 1961, Drs. Henry M. Morris and John C. Whitcomb published *The Genesis Flood*, a landmark book offering persuasive scientific evidence that the biblical account of creation and the Flood could be confidently viewed as reliable and historical. Since then, countless people have been strengthened in their faith by this book and subsequent creationist publications.

Dr. Morris is widely regarded as the father of

the modern creation science movement. This year, the Institute for Creation Research celebrates four decades of the ministry he founded to denounce the errors of evolutionary thought and to proclaim the accuracy, authority, and sufficiency of God's Word. In his honor, we are sharing with you some of his thoughts toward the end of his time with the Institute regarding its importance, mission, and purpose.

— H E N R Y M . M O R R I S , P H . D . —

The Vital Truth of Creation

The conflict between creation and evolution is not merely an argument between two scientific theories of origins. It is a conflict between the only two basic worldviews of life and meaning—one centered in God and His purposes for the world, the other centered around man and his own personal and societal goals.

Evolutionism is a naturalistic philosophy of life and meaning, with human beings regarded as the highest achievement of billions of years of evolutionary development of all things by natural processes. Creationism, on the other hand, assumes that all the basic systems in nature were created supernaturally by God. Each theory is thus precisely the opposite

of the other. The question is: Which theory is true and which is false?

Three Basic Tests

There are three basic tests by which the two theories can be compared—the scientific test, the “fruit test,” and the biblical test.

As far as science is concerned, the scientific evidence is precisely what would be predicted from creationism. There is no known case of macroevolution (from one distinct “kind” of organism to another) in all the thousands of years of recorded history. Secondly, in the fossil record of the past, there is no known *transitional series* of fossils from one kind to another among all the billions of known non-transitional fossils. Finally, the universal scien-

tific law of entropy specifies the “downward” tendency of all things toward decrease of organized complexity. Thus, all the *real* scientific evidence (as distinct from similarities and other circumstantial evidences) strongly favors creation over evolution.

Consider also the fruit test. Jesus said, “By their fruits ye shall know them” (Matthew 7:20). The fruits of evolution include atheism, communism, fascism, and all kinds of harmful behavior and evil philosophy, but not one good fruit in the form of real scientific advance in either living standards or altruistic behavior. Belief in primeval supernatural creation, on the other hand, was the motivating conviction of practically all the founding fathers of modern science, of the American nation, and of the



Dr. Henry Morris in October 2000 at the celebration of ICR's 30th anniversary and dedication of a new ICR building in Santee, California.

original education system of this country. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of primeval special creation. Creationism certainly scores much higher than evolutionism on the fruit test.

Finally, there is not a hint anywhere in Scripture of evolution or the long ages necessary for evolution. On the other hand, the very first chapter of the Bible teaches the special creation of the space/mass/time universe and everything in it. This teaching is emphasized all through the Bible. See my book, *Biblical Creationism*, for discussion of every biblical verse dealing with origins and earth history.¹

There is an abundance of documentation for these conclusions in the three-volume *Modern Creation Trilogy* ("Science and Creation," "Scripture and Creation," "Society and Creation"),² and also in many other books published or distributed by ICR and numerous other publishers. The evidence for the truth of creation and the falsity of evolution truly is overwhelming.

Why Young-Earth Creationism?

In large part because of ICR, there has been a significant revival of belief in creation during the past forty years. But there is still tremendous opposition from the academic, scientific, and political establishments directed especially at any commitment to six-day creation and the worldwide Flood.

Because of this opposition to biblical literalism, many creationists have felt it expedient to focus their arguments only against evolutionary naturalism. Various compromises have been proposed; the one receiving the most attention currently is a revival of what its proponents are calling the "Intelligent Design" movement. However, the evolutionary establishment opposes all such compromise views as dogmatically as it does literal biblical creationism. Furthermore, the evidence for "Intelligent Design" in nature is just as compatible with Islam, Judaism, and many New Age religions as it is with the Bible.

The written Word of God clearly reveals that the true history of the world begins with six literal days of creation followed later by the cataclysmic global Flood of Noah's day. For detailed scientific and biblical evidence proving recent creation and the worldwide Flood, one should also read *The Young Earth*.³

Furthermore, any interpretation allowing billions of years of earth history also means allowing billions of years of suffering and death in the world before there was any sin. This compromise even undermines the gospel itself, making the atoning death of Christ for sin redundant and meaninglessly cruel. It also leaves the advocates of mere "Intelligent Design" without either a scientific or biblical explanation for the fossil sequences and sedimentary layers as arranged in the geologic column.

Thus Bible-believing Christians should take the Genesis record literally if we really want to honor God and His Word and to win people to *genuine* saving faith in our great Creator and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is no other worldview which is true to all the facts of Scripture, science, and history, and there is surely no biblical reason to compromise on such a vital truth.

Reasons for Founding ICR

Initially, ICR was a division of Christian Heritage College (CHC), which had been founded in 1970 as a unique Christian liberal arts college and eventually a university firmly committed in all programs to a specifically creationist (meaning literal six-day creation and global Flood) worldview.

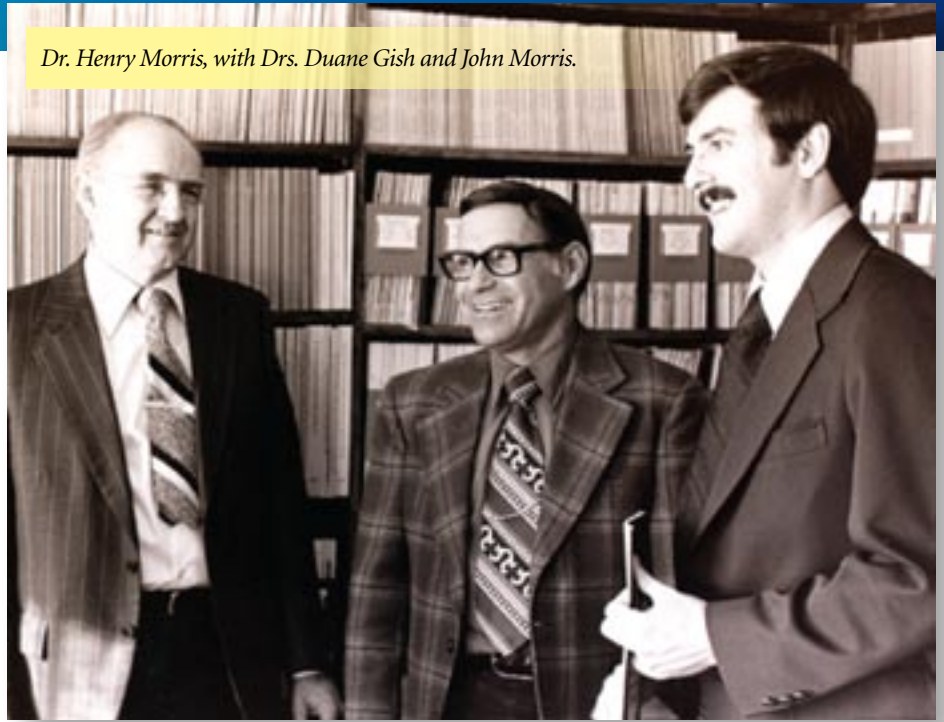
As CHC co-founder, I had argued for this approach as the result of my 28 years of teaching experience in five large secular universities, plus speaking on many other campuses as a result of the impact of the book *The Genesis Flood*. All secular colleges had been structured completely around evolutionary humanism, and all evangelical colleges seemed to have accepted the evolutionary geological ages.

However, the accrediting association would not allow us to offer graduate degrees in science, so we had to do this through making ICR a separate institution. M.S. degrees are almost universally required for science teachers even in Christian schools, and these had to be obtained (before ICR, that is) from secular universities. So the ICR Graduate School was formed in 1980 and has been offering M.S. degrees in four key science areas dealing with origins since 1981. Over a dozen other Christian liberal arts colleges have also started teaching literal biblical creationism in science, but ICR is still alone in offering graduate programs in science.

What ICR's Purpose Is NOT

Because ICR has become internationally known largely because of its books, seminars, etc., I must first emphasize that these are all vital extension ministries, but not ICR's main purpose.

Dr. Henry Morris, with Drs. Duane Gish and John Morris.



(1) ICR is NOT a publishing business

We cannot measure our success by book sales. I have written some 60 books myself, so I surely appreciate the importance of publishing substantive books on creation. But that is only an extension aspect of our basic mission.

(2) ICR is NOT a seminar ministry

Although I have participated in many seminars—even before CHC or ICR were formed—and these have been of significant influence in stimulating global awareness of the issue, this also is merely an extension of ICR’s fundamental purpose.

(3) ICR is NOT a church renewal or correctional ministry

Many churches today surely need to return to sound doctrine and practice with respect to biblical creation. I strongly believe in the local church—have served as teacher and deacon in three of them and pulpit speaker in hundreds. My wife and I even started a church (now thriving with a fine new sanctuary) that began with two families and several college students (meeting in our basement). But “straightening-out” churches is not our basic purpose at ICR.

(4) ICR is NOT a children’s or youth ministry

We have great concern for children and young people, but again reaching them is not our main goal. My wife sponsored and taught Child Evangelism classes for many years, and we have seen many children come to Christ. As far as college youth are concerned, I have served as faculty advisor to Christian student organizations in five secular universities (in one, over 50 were saved in one year!).

(5) ICR is NOT an evangelistic ministry

Evangelism is vitally important, but is essentially an indirect result of the ICR mission. We are thankful when people are saved through one of our ICR books or seminars, but this is not our main purpose as an organization.

(6) ICR is NOT a missionary agency

Although a few churches have placed ICR on their missionary budget, and the outreach of our ICR books, seminars, radio, etc., has extended into six continents, this is not our main purpose.

(7) ICR is NOT a political organization

Although we would love to see creationism taught in all schools, we have never sponsored legislation to accomplish this. From the biblical perspective, all education should be under the home, not the government, but we do not try to attain such an ideal with political pressure.

The Distinctive Purpose of ICR

There is nothing wrong with the above activities; all of them are very important, but ICR’s main purpose (note Isaiah 51:1-2) is not evangelism or missions, not books or politics, not church growth or youth ministries.

Our primary ministry is *education!* Especially higher education, including relevant research at the graduate level. This purpose may seem mundane and relatively unimportant to some Christians. Evangelism, missions, political power, personal relationships—all may seem to be more glamorous and worthy of support. But that is not the way God sees it!

God’s first commandment on the created earth was what has been called the *dominion mandate* (Genesis 1:26-28) and this has never been withdrawn or diluted. It was repeated and extended to the survivors of the global deluge (Genesis 9:1-7). This first divine mandate requires what we now would call *scientific research* and then the transmission of the accumulating information about God’s creation to all succeeding generations (that is, by *education!*). Since this was His first priority, it surely warrants our obedience and support even today.

A second worldwide divine mandate is the Great Commission, which could also be called the Missionary Mandate—calling for teaching about God’s redemptive work. It was not given to all mankind (as was the first mandate) but only to believing Christians.

As in the dominion mandate, *education* again is emphasized. Jesus said that we should be “teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). The new mandate thus not only commands preaching the gospel and baptizing believers but teaching *everything* taught by Christ!

This includes everything in His creation, “for all things were made by Him” and He is now “upholding all things” (John 1:3; Hebrews 1:3). As Creator, He had issued the primeval



dominion mandate and this later mandate now implies teaching all things learned under the first mandate, in addition to teaching about His work of redeeming all things.

All true education therefore should be carried out in the context of both creation and redemption, Christ being the Author of both mandates.

Because of its key importance in God's plan for His creation, Satan has sought very successfully to gain control of education—especially higher education. His system of evolution is the key weapon in his control of education and he bitterly opposes all who presume to teach against that system. ICR was founded with this very issue in mind.

The ICR Graduate School therefore has the primary mission of providing true education, in its creation/redemption framework instead of the evolutionary humanistic system which permeates all secular colleges and universities and has led even most evangelical colleges to compromise with it.

Ideally, ICR (or some other Christian educational institution or consortium) should

provide such creation-oriented education at all levels in all fields. This may seem impossible, however, as long as Satan is “the god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4). Nevertheless, the two mandates need to be implemented by means of at least one great creationist university (the very term implies “universal” coverage), which could serve as a model for others (*and perhaps even as a foundation and model for the education system in a future millennium!*).

ICR is not that needed central university of research and education, but we have made a start in the ICR Graduate School with its students and science faculty (full-time and adjunct). Our four science M.S. programs would be the key component in any such future university, or consortium of Christian colleges. There are now a significant number of colleges that have become committed to literal biblical creationism, but none as yet offer graduate science programs except ICR.

Thus, as I envision it at least, ICR has four chief functions at present:

1. Providing M.S. creationist training in the

key sciences related to origins and earth history. Evolution dominates every field today, but those in all other fields do this on the basis that “science” has “proved” evolution (an utterly false concept!). This notion must be corrected.

2. Training science teachers for other Christian schools, including elementary and secondary schools.
3. Winning the “sciences” to Christ. That is, we are developing model curricula which teach the actual facts of biology, geology, etc., in a biblical creationist framework. Also, ICR-sponsored research (e.g., RATE) is resolving supposed scientific problems in creationism.
4. Developing extension ministries (books, seminars, radio, etc.) which can reach many others in all walks of life with the essentials of scientific creationism. In addition, no Graduate School is ever financed solely by tuitions, and ICR does not solicit or accept government grants, but these adjunct ministries also help win supporters. Our primary financial support must come from such concerned Christian men and women.

God has blessed ICR with a marvelous worldwide impact since we started on a shoestring in 1970. No doubt we can improve in many ways and we need your prayers, but we must never forget why we began and where we are going.

Finally, all this should be carried out in the light of eternity and God's ultimate purpose for us in His magnificent, infinite, and eternal creation. ●

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Dr. Morris (1918-2006) was Founder of the Institute for Creation Research.



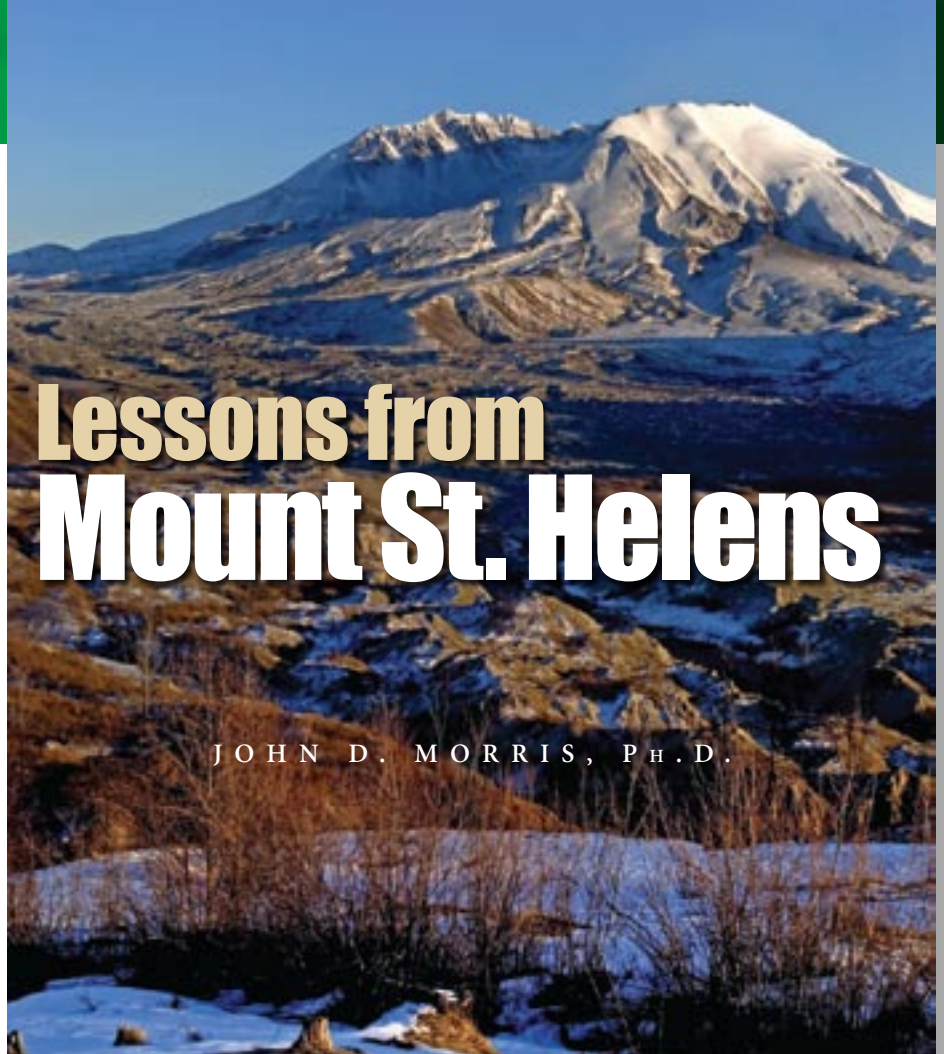
Dr. Henry Morris and wife Mary with Dr. Tim LaHaye, co-founder of Christian Heritage College, and his wife, Beverly.

Readers of *Acts & Facts* know of ICR's long-standing research interest in Mount St. Helens, the volcano in Washington state that erupted on May 18, 1980. Attendees of many ICR seminars have likewise been introduced to the fascinating lessons learned there. This eruption provided remarkable insight into the great Flood of Noah's day, for it produced geologic products and landforms that mirror those stemming from the Flood. Its results included:

- up to 600 feet of water-deposited sediments, which look strikingly like those found worldwide in the greater geologic record;
- a deep, eroded canyon through those sediments that has been dubbed the "Little Grand Canyon";
- fresh basalts that are dated by radiometric means to be over two million years old;
- a log mat of about four million trees, a forest that was catastrophically ripped from the ground and is now floating in a nearby lake;
- a thick peat layer accumulating under the mat that is poised to become a coal deposit;
- upright floating logs that have the signature appearance of the petrified forest at Yellowstone National Park.

The comparison between a recent volcanic eruption and the Flood may seem tenuous, until one realizes that the Flood, while dominantly a hydraulic cataclysm, was also triggered and energized by a tectonic convulsion of earth's surface. The first mechanism God used to judge the earth was when "all the fountains of the great deep [were] broken up" (Genesis 7:11), sending tsunamis and mudflows across the continents, no doubt accompanied by mega volcanic eruptions. This was followed by an upwarping of the ocean bottom, spilling its contents onto the continents. Then came the months-long downpour of rain.

Consider that most of the damage done by the 1980 Mount St. Helens eruption was water related, not volcanic. The glacier on the



Lessons from Mount St. Helens

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mountain's summit suddenly melted, sending avalanches of water and debris cascading down the mountainside, depositing thick, water-saturated sediments on the lower slopes and throughout the drainage basin.

ICR has found that there is no better "first dose" of creation material than the lessons learned at Mount St. Helens. It has often been an individual's introduction to creation thinking, made all the more powerful because the eruption was so well observed. Earth features that had been considered to have taken long ages to be accomplished, were seen to happen rapidly, almost instantaneously. It also has been a conviction to those Bible-believing Christians who had thought it necessary to compromise Christian doctrine with the millions of years demanded by evolution. The Flood has always been the key to understanding earth history, for, on the authority of the Word of God, where could you go on earth and not encounter a flooded terrain? To eliminate the Flood from one's thinking guarantees an incorrect evaluation.

ICR's Dr. Steve Austin has been the lead

scientist on our work in the area, having often journeyed to the mountain to conduct research. He has also led numerous ICR tours to Mount St. Helens, which informed many tour participants of the evidence there. Co-author of the attractive book *Footprints in the Ash* (available from ICR), he has delivered numerous professional lectures and published several technical articles on its details. Just this fall, he led a field trip of professional geologists into the blast zone in conjunction with the Geologic Society of America's annual meeting, which we reported on in our December issue.

Also located at Mount St. Helens is the 7 Wonders Museum, operated by Lloyd and Doris Anderson, who lead creation-based tours of the mountain.¹ We rejoice to see so many ministries working so diligently to take the message of creation to all who need to hear. ●

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1. For more information and ministry opportunities with the museum, visit www.creationism.org/sthelens.

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TAPIR TESTIMONY TO CREATION

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One odd-looking member of God's creation is the tapir. Its most distinctive feature is a highly flexible proboscis (trunk) that is able to move in all directions. Generally, tapirs stand about three feet high at the shoulder, are about seven feet long, and weigh anywhere from 330 to 700 pounds. Their short fur coats range in color from grayish-black to reddish-brown.

Zoologists have classified tapirs in four species, two American and two Asian. They have a good appetite—some tapirs can eat up to 85 pounds of vegetation per day! Tapir varieties fill different ecological niches. In South America, there are both lowland and mountain tapirs.

All baby tapirs are designed with stripes and spots to camouflage them from predators. Adults in danger flee into the brush, submerge themselves, or deliver a nasty bite from powerful jaws. Tapirs love the water—it provides protection from predators, succulent vegetation, and relief from the heat. Tapirs have

been known to totally submerge themselves, allowing small fish to pick external parasites from their porcine bodies.

What was the origin of these nocturnal and solitary creatures? It would seem from the evidence that tapirs were created as tapirs, as would follow from the Genesis account. They are little different from others of this same perissodactyl group (odd-toed mammals) found in Eocene and Oligocene sediments.

For example, tapirids such as *Heptodon* show up in the early Eocene looking very similar to modern forms, but they differ in size and have “not so much of a flexible nose or proboscis as seen in living tapirs.”¹ Other tapirs (some would say “true tapirs”) appear in Oligocene rocks. Genera such as *Miotapirus* in Miocene strata were just like today's species. The *New World Encyclopedia* stated, “The earliest fossil tapir dates to the early Oligocene (about 30 million years), and Eocene rocks from as early as 55 million years ago contain a wide range of tapir-like

animals, and *they have changed little since.*”²

Evolutionist Barbara Stahl claimed that “tapirs had emerged by Oligocene time from one of a number of primitive Eocene stocks and spread over North America and Eurasia. Since that time, they have changed hardly at all.”³ Paleontologist E. H. Colbert stated only that *Protapirus* of “Oligocene times” is a “probable descendent of *Heptodon*.”⁴

In his textbook *Vertebrate Paleontology*, paleontologist Michael Benton displayed a skull of *Heptodon* and wrote rather diffidently, “Early tapirs, such as *Heptodon* from the Eocene of North America (Figure 10.36(a)), probably looked rather like the contemporaneous horses.”⁵ Note that Benton is not calling *Heptodon* transitional to modern tapirs, as some evolutionists do. Instead, he calls it an “early tapir,” using words like “probably” and “rather like” to give it a horse-like appearance. (Some evolutionists believe tapirs may have evolved from the *Hyracotherium*, a “primitive” horse.)

In June 2007, “a complete skull of a fossil tapir (*Perissodactyla*: Tapiridae)” from the Late Pleistocene was discovered.⁶ The authors called it a new species, but it is still obviously a tapir.

Despite the evolutionary word games, it is evident that tapirs (including *Heptodon* and *Miotapirus*) have always been tapirs, just as Genesis indicates. ●

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Why Do Animals Play?



A 19th-century poet spoke of “nature red in tooth and claw,”¹ and the sometimes gruesome deaths that became integral to the concept of Darwinian evolution certainly occur. But sometimes animals play. If nature is inexorably locked in a battle for the survival of the fittest, where did frolicking come from?

Humans are probably most familiar with the playful behavior of dogs. Some breeds seem to have a greater affinity for playing, but dogs are generally fond of frolicking, either with people, other dogs, or even other animals. In a *National Geographic* video documentary series “Unlikely Animal Friends,” Surya the orangutan met Rosco the hound dog at a river park, and the two “carry on like long lost friends,” wrestling, running, hugging, rolling, and being silly.² Did God engineer this behavior as an instinct, or is it an accidental byproduct of natural forces?

Many animals play, and possibly all mammals do. Squirrels scamper, kangaroos kid around, monkeys are renowned clowns, and even turtles seem to engage in slow-motion silliness. Nor are sea creatures immune to fun. Sea otters spend an inordinate amount of time twirling about, seemingly to just express their joy in being able to do so.

Crows play pranks on other creatures, and even team up to play. One report stated that a group of crows “would fly toward each other, drop the tin plate and a member of the other team would swoop down and catch it in mid air, turn and fly back toward the other

BRIAN THOMAS, M.S.

team, drop the plate and continue this game while they were being very vocal. What fun it was to watch.”³

Animal play “has challenged students of behavior for a long time.”⁴ Researchers typically presume a Darwinian history of life in which all traits, and even behaviors, evolved in response to selection. However, experts in animal play behavior admitted in 1998 that this question remains unanswered: “What exactly does play do for a young animal?”⁵ An even more fundamental question is: Does play really do anything to help a young (or old) animal become a fitter survivor, especially considering the energy and risk that it involves?

If the answer is negative—if animals play perhaps for enjoyment and not to enhance their survivability—then it would come as no surprise that researchers still do not have an answer to their evolutionarily-biased question. With such blinders on, they are no nearer the true answer, despite decades of “much previous and subsequent speculation.”⁵ If animals play just to be silly, then Darwinism is at a loss to explain the behavior’s origin. If they evolved by purely natural forces, as mainstream scientists believe, then every creature’s features should

be purely pragmatic. Fun does not fit this formula.

Could creation suffice as an alternative explanation? What kind of God condones playing? According to the Bible, it is the God of creation.

Psalm 104:25-26 states,

So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

Exactly what kind of creature the leviathan is or was is no longer known, but it was apparently “made to play,” which can also be translated “fashioned for sporting jest.” Animal play, like those overdressed peacock feathers which bothered Darwin so much, adds to a long list of features that appear to have been designed not for survival, but to display attributes of the Creator.⁶ ●

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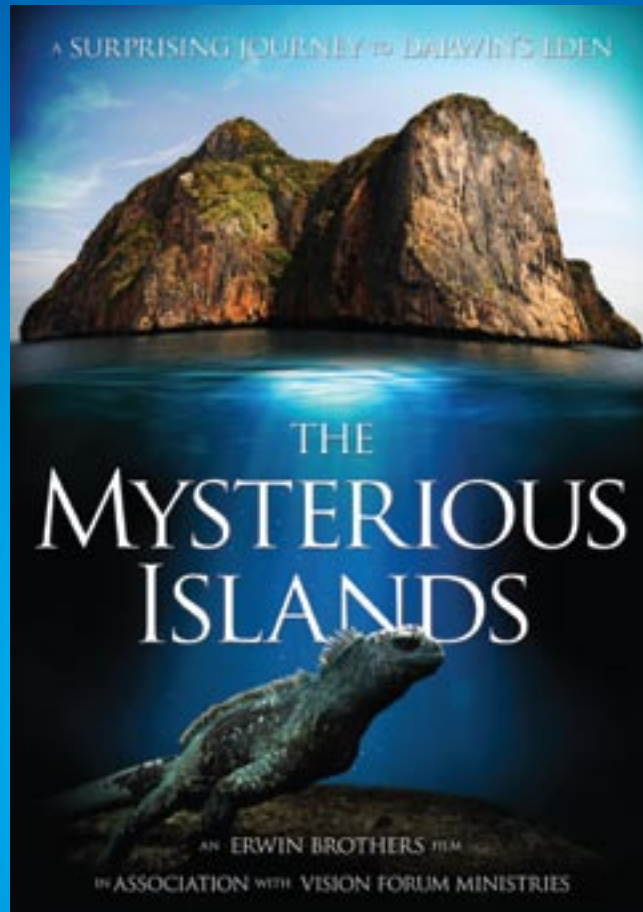


THE MYSTERIOUS ISLANDS

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— DOUG PHILLIPS



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- God creating everything in six 24-hour days.
- Adam and Eve were real people.
- God cursed a perfect world as a judgment for sin.
- Noah constructed an Ark by which two of every kind of air-breathing, land-dwelling animal were saved along with Noah's family from a global flood.
- The confusion of languages at the Tower of Babel produced the language groups that are found around the world today.

By the end of *Earth's Catastrophic Past*, readers will have their faith restored in Genesis as real, literal history, and be convinced that the scientific evidence, correctly discerned and applied, is indeed consistent with God's record of our origins and history found in Genesis 1-11.

Andrew A. Snelling is a research scientist and technical editor who earned his Ph.D. from the University of Sydney, Australia, in 1982. After working with the Creation Science Foundation of Australia, he joined the Institute for Creation Research in 1998 as Professor of Geology. He was a principal investigator in the 8-year, ICR-led RATE (Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth) research project, to which he made major contributions in rock dating studies using radioisotopes and in studies of radiation halos (radiohalos) and tracks (fission tracks) in various minerals. Dr. Snelling currently resides in Australia and serves as Director of Research at Answers in Genesis, as well as Editor-in-Chief of *Answers Research Journal*.



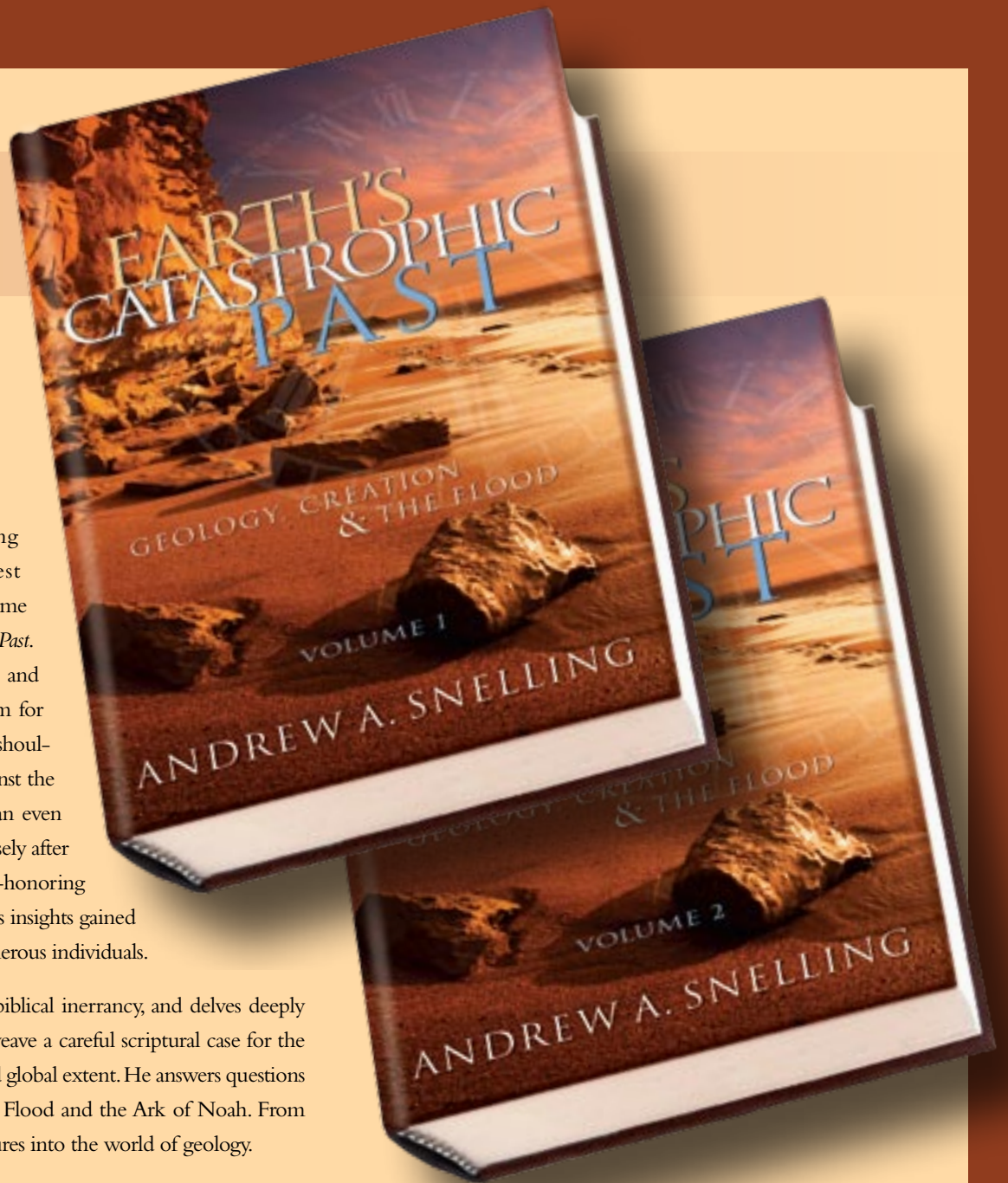
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— R.A.

I should tell you how much the [*Days of Praise*] devotions help me—in a house of unbelievers and scoffers, I can check in to the new Scripture teaching and be strengthened for the day. Then I use the Scripture to strengthen my grandson who is the only other faithful [one] in the house.

— His 86-year-old child, J.N.

I look forward each month to *Acts & Facts* and read every article.... As the economy has slowed and our income decreased, our giving to a number of Christian organizations has decreased proportionately. One exception is ICR. Even though our gifts are not large, we feel the work of ICR is important [and] we have decided not to decrease our gifts to ICR.

— C.S.

You have taught me to see the world in a new light, not just as merely a bunch of trees and grass and stuff everywhere, but as the magnificent handiwork of GOD, the infinitely wise Creator of the universe, and that makes it ten times more beautiful than it ever was before.

— J.K. (*future chemist*)

The [Demand the Evidence] conference was very empowering, encouraging and liberating. It was such a blessing to come and learn the strong evidence to support a biblical view of creation. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your hard work! I look forward to digesting much of your literature in the future.

— T.T.

Editor's Note: Those who were unable to attend a Demand the Evidence conference in their area last October and November can have access to the same powerful information through our new DVD set featuring video presentations of the speakers. Please see the ad on page 8 for more details.

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In Six Days

The Bible clearly states that God created everything in six literal 24-hour days. Although some people try to mix the truth of Scripture with evolutionary views, God's Word hasn't changed. Just why is the timeframe of creation important to us? Please take a moment and join us as we discuss this vital issue!

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 9

Progressive Creation

While it's not unusual for non-Christians to buy into the lie of evolution, what about Christians who choose to believe the faulty science of evolution over the Word of God? Sadly, many are being deceived by a mixture of evolutionary teaching and biblical misinterpretation called "progressive creation." Get the facts this week on *Science, Scripture, & Salvation!*

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 16

The Importance of Being Human

Evolutionists continue to propagate the lie that mankind evolved from animals, saying that survival of the fittest got us where we are today. Furthermore, they contend that we're nothing more than glorified apes. But the Bible tells us that we are "wonderfully made." Listen in as we talk about The Importance of Being Human.

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 23

Time

Time is an abstract concept that we really can't explain. We can't see it or feel it, we just experience it. Time is something we can't escape from, but what is it, and when did it begin? Why not call a "time out" and join us as we discuss the mysteries of time.

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 30

Animals of the Ice Age

Fossilized and frozen remains of animals that died during the Ice Age can be found throughout the Northern Hemisphere, where a unique array of animals inhabited the land. Their stories unfold from the ice, rocks, and hills in which they are found. Warm up to these creatures this week on *Science, Scripture, & Salvation!*

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The Silent Multitude

H E N R Y M . M O R R I S I V

One of this issue's featured articles is devoted to ICR's accomplishments of the last year, and it is always a bit breathtaking to see the scope and depth of ICR ministry activities. Knowing how small our staff is in comparison to the work that is produced, I for one can only marvel at God's mighty hand on our ministry, and humbly thank our supporters for honoring the Lord through their labor alongside us.

God's past provision to ICR through the financial help of our supporters is not an insignificant thing. ICR, like virtually every other church and Christian ministry, experienced a decrease in overall support as we endured the past global recession. Yet during this time, the Lord continued to present us with new opportunities to proclaim His truth. So while many ministries were suffering, we felt compelled to follow the Lord's leading by *increasing* our outreach programs and hiring new staff, trusting in Him to provide through His people.

This, of course, is antithetical to common business sense. When times get tough, a *reduction* in programs is expected in order to weather the downturn. But while there are certainly "business" aspects to our organization, ICR is, first and foremost, a ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. And as His ministry, we must follow His clear leading and step out on faith—regardless of whether or not current donation levels make good business sense.

This is not to say that ICR is frivolous with its resources. On the contrary, ICR diligently holds itself to principles of biblical stewardship by not going into debt or spending what we do not have. And as a testament to God's grace and provision, ICR has finished "in the black" (as my grandfather liked to say) every year we have been in operation.

Yet, this is where God's people play a vital part in ensuring the

continuation of our unique and crucial ministry. ICR has been blessed with many fellow laborers who, by sharing some of their resources, will equally share in the everlasting rewards of "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:4). In a very real sense, this small band of faithful donors are truly partners with us, and we look forward to a time of great rejoicing with them when the Lord finally reveals the eternal impact our efforts have had for the cause of Christ.

Many of our readership, however, have not yet financially supported our work with a portion of what God has given them. We realize there are those who are unable to help, and as part of our ministry we joyfully provide our material as long as the Lord enables. But the bulk of this quiet majority, for one reason or another, simply have chosen not to participate.

For those in this silent multitude, please remember that ICR exists to proclaim the truth of our Creator expressed in His perfect Word. Using scientific research as the basis to uncover and communicate the wondrous evidence of His matchless creation, ICR is uniquely positioned to counter the evils of evolutionary thought that keep many from a saving knowledge of our Lord. You will not find another ministry that does what ICR does, and does it as well as ICR can. Much more could be accomplished if more saints took up the battle cry and partnered with us to reach the world for Christ.

So consider this a spiritual challenge from your fellow warriors on the battlefield. God's blessing awaits. ●

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God's Omniscience

The *omniscient* God knows all that can be known given the sort of world he created...in our view God decided to create beings with indeterministic freedom which implies that God chose to create a universe in which the future is not entirely knowable, even for God.¹

I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. (Isaiah 46:9-10)

One of the more recent debates among evangelical theologians is the extent to which God “knows.” The contrast between the two statements above is sufficient to expose the difference. The Scripture insists on an *omniscient* (knowing everything) God, though some would suggest otherwise.

God's omniscience is observable.

Several passages insist on a “clearly seen” body of evidence among the created universe. Romans 1:18-25 and Psalm 19:1-4, the classic passages, speak of “knowledge” and “speech” that demonstrate God's eternal power and divine nature. The text of God's Word has much to say about the infinite mind of the Creator.

...to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:2-3)

The infinitely complex nature of this universe has become more observable over the past few decades. From the vast majesty of the stellar host to the microscopic beauty of living things, we are becoming more and more aware of the incredible design, order, and interrelated purposes of our world. Indeed, the “Intelligent Design” movement gains its momentum from these very facts.

God's omniscience requires functional perfection.

Everything revealed about God, both in the universe and in the Scriptures, shouts the message that God is a God of order, purpose, and will, with no hint of randomness. God does not “react” to circumstances. He is never forced to change His mind about His reason for doing something. He does not alter His plan for eternity, nor does He get confused about His design, His pleasure, or His purpose.

The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. (Psalm 33:11)

Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his

good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself...being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will. (Ephesians 1:9, 11)

God's omniscience must produce perfect purpose and order.

God's omniscience demands that God create absolutely and only the best—whether at the scale of the universe or of the molecule. He could not and would not “experiment.” Since He knows, He must do. He could not and would not produce an inferior product. He must create, shape, and make only that which is good.

God's omniscience is in absolute conflict with evolutionary mechanisms.

Evolution from simple to complex life over deep time requires both experimentation with creation and the creation of inferior forms. In evolution, there is no permanent “good.” Atheistic evolutionary scholars have long understood that the philosophy (as opposed to the “science”) of evolutionary naturalism requires the use of processes and the sanction of activities that are the opposite of God's nature.

The evolutionary process is rife with happenstance, contingency, incredible waste, death, pain and horror...[Theistic evolution's God] is not a loving God who cares about his productions...[He] is careless, wasteful, indifferent, almost diabolical. He is certainly not the sort of God to whom anyone would be inclined to pray.²

Perhaps the more sad commentary is that only Christian scholars compromise their position on the creation of the world. The evolutionists and atheists do not. ●


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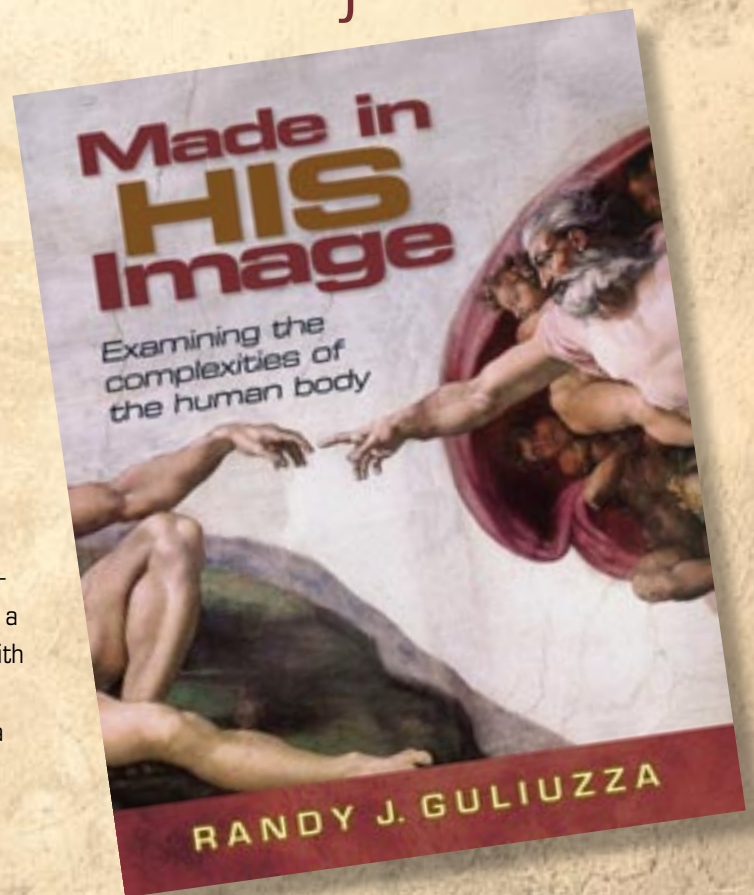
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