

THIRTY YEARS OF CREATION EVANGELISM AND EDUCATION

September 2000 marked the 30-year anniversary of a modern miracle of God's providence—the educational and evangelistic ministry of the Institute for Creation Research. The idea of a full-time organization of creationist scientists doing research, teaching, publication, and evangelism in the vital field of scientific Biblical creationism would have seemed humanly impossible 40 years ago, but not with God!

From a very small beginning (Dr. Tim LaHaye called it a file folder in Dr. Henry Morris' desk drawer), ICR has grown into a ministry of global outreach and impact. In addition to its unique ICR Graduate School offering nationally accredited M.S. degrees in four key fields of science, the many extension ministries have reached millions of people in many nations with the strong scientific evidence of true Biblical creationism.

ICR scientists have published over 100 books and produced over 50 videos and numerous audio cassettes. One or more books have been translated into over 25 languages. Creation seminars, institutes, and individual messages have been given in thousands of churches and schools. These have included at least 300 formal creation/evolution debates with evolutionary scientists, held usually on college and university campuses, with attendances ranging up to 5000 each. Meetings have been held in every state and over 40 other countries. ICR radio programs are broadcast on over 1500 outlets worldwide. Science workshops at a variety of levels have been conducted for parents, teachers, and students in most states and even some other countries.



Invitation

Join us as we celebrate these 30 years of victory and help dedicate the new ICR building on Sunday, October 29, at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Tim LaHaye, long time friend of ICR, will make a special presentation.



BY DR. JOHN D. MORRIS

ICR has produced a fine online study program on creation, with others in preparation, as well as CD-ROM software for its *Defender's Study Bible* and a number of ICR books. Its unique Museum of Creation and Earth History hosts almost 25,000 visitors annually, and the information-packed ICR web page (www.icr.org) is receiving over a million "hits" monthly.

Much of the information for these meetings and products has come from the original research of ICR's resident and adjunct science faculty. The foundational library research has been extended by laboratory and field research as well as state-of-the-art computer modeling. This work has not only propelled creation thinking, but also has held evolutionary scientists accountable for their claims.

For almost half of these 30 years, ICR had the only full-time creationist ministry anywhere, to our knowledge. Recently, however, there has been a great proliferation of creationist organizations (probably over 100), many or most having been encouraged to spread the creation message in their own regions as a result of ICR's example, literature, meetings, etc. This includes creation organizations or associations in some 25 other countries.

As a result, ICR has received many, many testimonies of people won to Christ, minds converted to the truth of creation, and lives changed and enriched in many ways. Such abundant spiritual fruit "causeth through us thanksgiving to God" (II Corinthians 9:12). And, of course, this fruit is in large measure the product of the faithful support of many Christian friends through all these years for which we are tremendously grateful.

But the evolutionary opposition is still very strong and growing more bitter and desperate. There is still much to do, so please continue in prayer in even greater measure than before. "Call unto me," says the Lord, "and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3). ❖

I trust as you read the preceding article that you joined with us in the celebration of ICR's 30 fruitful years in creation ministry. Truly God has wrought great things, and we give Him all the glory.

We think of the creation movement's beginning as the publication of *The Genesis Flood* by ICR's founder, Dr. Henry Morris, and Dr. John Whitcomb in 1961. At that time there was almost no interest in creation in either scientific or Biblical circles. Theistic evolution dominated scholarly Christian thought, and those who cared about the Bible had retreated into the Gap Theory. This book, however, energized a growing movement, and with the founding of ICR in 1970, the movement came of age. The subsequent, worldwide resurgence of interest in creation evidences and Biblical literalism, has mobilized Christians and astounded critics. While seldom admitted by those in mainstream evolutionary science, we are winning this battle of ideas. Things will never be the same.

But what of the future? Where do we go from here? Since assuming the role of ICR President five years ago, I have

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prayed much about this, and would like to share these plans with you and include you in the process.

In many ways, our plans are simply to “stay the course,” improving programs already in progress. My twin goals of research and communication will not change, but they can be extended.

The research thrust at ICR emanates from the ICR Graduate School, and these are times of great strides. Your attention has been drawn to the RATE research on radioisotope dating, and we expect major breakthroughs here. Similarly, ICR’s Grand Canyon research, especially the discovery of an estimated one billion, 24-inch-long nautiloid fossils in the Redwall Limestone, oriented in a preferred direction by a massive underwater mudflow, has the potential of changing the face of geology! Genetic and breeding research has produced stunning insights into the limits of the Genesis “kind,” and undercut evolutionary claims. Computer modeling of paleoclimates during the Ice Age demonstrates the viability of catastrophic thinking and the impotence of uniformitarianism. These and other projects must continue and be extended.



ICR’s book and video ministry will continue as well, with great things expected from the upcoming RATE book and an up-to-date book on flood geology by Andrew Snelling. The popular study tours will also continue, with additional destinations planned for Great Britain and the Galapagos Islands.

Obviously, the outreach ministries of ICR must continue, but America is changing and we will flex with it, to take this timeless message to a changing culture. Therefore, the radio group is adding more adventure drama programs while expand-

ing into foreign markets. The seminars are targeting new areas and freshening their approach. Children’s ministries are blossoming with the rapidly growing home school movement.

One of the biggest cultural shifts is due to the Internet, a powerful tool for education. ICR already has the Creation OnLine course at the high school level, and will soon release “Advanced Creationism” at a semi-technical level. On the horizon is an additional graduate major in “Creation Studies” to be offered completely online. Plans are to expand the breadth and content on our web site, making it a full creation resource with answers to frequently asked questions, creation news, *Acts & Facts*, and *Days of Praise* online, an adventure site for kids, research articles, and archival materials.

Perhaps the biggest unknown for me regards the future of ICR’s two stalwarts,



my father, Dr. Henry Morris, and Dr. Duane Gish. Our prayer is that God would grant each one many more years of good health and vitality, but realistically, we must find ways to continue the writing and speaking

ministries they started into the future, even after they are gone. Obviously, no one person could replace either of them, but the functions they defined are indispensable. A wrong step would be devastating. I covet your prayers for wisdom.

In all things, however, I have great confidence. ICR has never been stronger. The arguments for creation are more convincing, the research is more productive, the opportunities are more wide-ranging, and our powerful Creator God undergirds them all.

Join me in celebrating God’s blessings for the last 30 years and in anticipating even greater blessings in the days ahead, until He returns. ☠

Does the teaching of the Christian/creationist worldview have any effect on students and their lives? Former ICR science education faculty, Dr. Steve Deckard prepared an evaluative instrument to test students' views in this important arena.

Jason Keuning, a recent graduate in Science Education at ICR Graduate School, ran an analysis of an origins study which compared students' worldviews about origins in four Christian college classes: a Creation and Evolution class, an Apologetics class, and two college Biology classes. The first two were taught from a fully creationist, young earth point of view, while the latter two were team-taught by a creationist and a theistic evolutionist. Keep in mind that virtually all the students were from good Christian homes and Christian churches, and all were at least friendly toward a Christian worldview at the start. Test scores before and after training were used to measure the students' change in worldview as a result of this instruction.

In all cases, growth in the Christian worldview occurred, but significant changes were only seen in the first two classes, where students solidified their faith with knowledge. Caution must be used in extrapolating anything more than trends, but the research does show that student worldviews can be improved by straightforward teaching from a creationist perspective.

On the other hand, the research also shows that the mere fact that a course is taught in a Christian college is not enough. It shows that confusion and uncertainty reign when two disparate points of view about origins are taught simultaneously. Christian parents and leaders, as well as students, must always be on guard for error, even in Christian settings. ❀

Manitou Springs, Colorado

Dr. Duane Gish spoke on August 16–21 giving creation science lectures to students attending two different sessions at Summit Ministries of Manitou Springs, Colorado. Manitou Springs is situated at the base of Pikes Peak and is just two miles from the Garden of the Gods and is a companion city of Colorado Springs. Students, mainly high school and college age, attend sessions lasting two weeks. Lecturers include Dr. David Noebel, the founder and president of Summit Ministries and other well-known evangelical scholars. The instruction, utilizing especially Dr. Noebel's book, *Understanding the Time*, informs the students of the pervasive influence of Freudianism, Marxism, Darwinism, and other humanistic, anti-Christianisms in American society today. Students attending Summit Ministries come away with a keen awareness of the anti-Christian influences, both explicit and subtle, that afflict modern society and are armed with sound Scriptural knowledge to resist these influences.

Japan Tour

ICR zoologist Frank Sherwin was privileged to speak extensively throughout northern Japan during the month of August. His translator, Minoru Usami, is the head of the Japanese creation science group. A student in ICR's graduate school, Minoru was a gracious host and chauffeur, giving an excellent translation of subjects that were sometimes quite technical. Minoru's father, Dr. Mosami Usami, is a leader in the creation science field in Japan and a proficient and admired surgeon.

Frank spoke on the important issue of origins plus a number of lectures regarding parasites and the Fall. While the evolutionary community does not know

the origin of parasites, creation scientists are putting together a theory of parasite origins based on Genesis 3:17,18. Japanese believers were interested not only in this theory of parasite origin, but also their complex, non-Darwinian life cycles.

Minoru and Frank spent several days at the offices of constructionist Seiji Nishimura, a builder of churches throughout Japan. His company, “Glorious,” in Osaka, also serves as a mission outreach, bringing students in from all over the world to help build houses of worship.

Students of the Kyoto International Chapel Camp heard Frank’s testimony, as well as scientific evidence for creation. Popular American hymns and choruses were sung both in English and Japanese on the beach in the evening.

One of the highlights of the 17-day tour was spending a morning at the Museum of Parasitology in downtown Tokyo, followed by a trip to the top of the Tokyo Tower. Other side trips included visits to several castles, including the oldest and largest, the incredible Himeji Castle.



Frank spent two days doing a mini-seminar at a church in beautiful Sendai pastored by a Ph.D. in botany, Keyoshi Takahashi. He is a firm creationist, and has published research in the prestigious journal, *Nature*. In addition, Pastor Takahashi’s wife, Hiroko, has an advanced degree in pharmacology.

The Japan tour was blessed by the Lord, giving safety while traveling, articulate translators, and wonderful fellowship in Christ. 🍷

Radio Log

Want to find out about radio stations in your area carrying “Science, Scripture, & Salvation” or our one-minute “Back to Genesis” program with Dr. John Morris, President of ICR? Maybe you’d like to share these programs with friends and family living in a different city or state. Access our Radio Log at www.icr.org/radio/radiolog.htm

Weekend of:	Title/Topic:
Oct. 7	“Vestigial Organs”
Oct. 14	“The RATE Project”
Oct. 21	“Church Fathers”
Oct. 28	“Dinosaurs’ Soft Parts”

Over a century ago evolutionists pointed to numerous organs in the body they deemed no longer useful. They called them vestigial organs. This list has vanished as knowledge of our bodies has increased. Are there any organs we no longer need? Listen and learn.

Evolutionists use radioisotope dating to “prove” the earth is billions of years old. An international team of scientists has been working on the RATE (Radioisotopes And The Age of the Earth) Project to demonstrate the earth is only thousands of years old, as recorded in Genesis. These scientists share their latest research. Tune in!

Many Christians believe it took God millions of years to create the earth and everything in it—instead of six, 24-hour days. But the early church fathers believed in a literal interpretation of Genesis. Were they wrong? Listen to find out!

Fossilized bones aren’t the only parts of dinosaurs being discovered. Scientists recently discovered a fossilized heart! Is it possible these delicate organs were fossilized and preserved over millions of years, or were they buried so quickly in Noah’s Flood they didn’t even decay? Tune in for the truth! 🍷

THE GEOLOGY BOOK

A new book has just been published by Master Books which promises to have a wonderful ministry. *The Geology Book* by ICR President, Dr. John D. Morris, follows in the tradition of *The Weather Book* by Michael Oard, and *The Astronomy Book* by Jonathan Henry, teaching the facts of science in the context of Biblical Christianity and creationism.

The Geology Book starts by identifying rock and mineral types and the depositional environments responsible, then recognizable features on land such as the different types of mountains, plains, mesas, etc. This section should be of great practical use on family outings.

The next section of the book centers on geologic processes, including depositional, volcanic, erosional, and tectonic. Throughout this section, the evidence for rapid, catastrophic processes in the past is stressed.

A chapter entitled, "Great Geologic Events of the Past," begins to put all that has been learned into Biblical perspective, showing that the Creation, the Curse, the Flood, and the Ice Age have dominated the past. Then the book looks forward to the coming new earth and ends with a clear gospel presentation. An appendix closes the book with answers to "Questions People Ask" on things like plate tectonics, Grand Canyon, petrified wood, origin of coal and oil, fossils, etc.

Written at a level the whole family can enjoy, *The Geology Book* contains over 200 color photographs and drawings throughout its 80 pages. Home schoolers will want it for their middle school earth science study, and public school families will want it for an antidote to the evolutionary thinking their students receive. It can be ordered from ICR for \$15.95. ❖



From Utah

I and my family have benefited very much from the message you communicate. I am a former theistic evolutionist, and it has been wonderful to see God convince me of the veracity of Genesis, mostly through your work.

From Canada

I have been on your mailing list now since June 1976, and I am pleased that I can say that in all that time you have not (like some organizations) deviated from Scriptural truth. Your work and ministry has been very helpful to me, and your books have been very important both in my own life and in helping me to explain creation and witness to others about Jesus.

From Kentucky

For many years I have intended to write to you to heartily commend you for your faithfulness to our Lord and your scholarly work in exposing the evils of evolution. As a scientist I have profited much by your work, as have my students; I became a theistic evolutionist in the 1940s. Your writings caused me to reexamine that error and reject it along with a "local flood." I am sure I speak for thousands of scientists around the world when I say that I am eternally thankful for the work of ICR.

From Indiana

You will never know what a help your many writings have been to me. . . . In 1997 I withdrew from a 30+ year active career in banking to do full-time study in God's Word. God has used you as my instructor in Christ to move closer and deeper in Him.

From Singapore

Thank you for the *Days of Praise* we just received. The *Days of Praise* is very Scriptural and divinely thought-provoking. We praise God that we have found *Days of Praise* for our Spiritual enrichment. ❖



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“To my loved ones who know Christ as their Savior and Lord, rejoice with

me in the certainty that I am with Him in whom I have placed my trust and that the Lord will meet your needs in my absence from you, We shall one day be reunited at His feet. Truly, all *is* well with my soul.”

This preamble to my will and trust first appeared in this column in March of 1988. There was such an overwhelming response to our offer to send several other examples to anyone requesting them, I thought it would be good to offer them again.

If you would like a collection of testimonies that you would be free to use or modify to meet your needs, simply write “Will Testimonies” on the enclosed envelope. If you would like our Christian Wills Guide to help you collect the information you will need when seeing an attorney to prepare your will, you may ask for that, too. Both are available at no cost; however, gifts are always appreciated.

As the Lord prompts you to express the additional testimony of your love for Him through remembering His word in your will, you may do so by indicating the full legal name of the ministry and the city and state where located. In the case of ICR, that would be: Institute for Creation Research, Santee, California.

If the Lord leads you to include ICR in your plans, won’t you let us know? We would like to thank both Him and you!

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