

The Return



of Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark is back in the news! It's never really been out of sight, cropping up in children's books and Sunday school lessons. There have been several Hollywood-style documentaries on the Ark and the search for its remains that were produced over the years. The first was filmed in 1973 after a filming company polled Americans to determine their interest. The number one interest concerned Noah's Ark. It has been a hot topic ever since.

There are at least three expeditions attempting to find the Ark this summer. One, led by Mr. Jim Hall (former biology professor at Liberty University) includes experienced Ark hunters John McIntosh and B. J. Corban. The second, led by veteran Ark searcher Dick Bright along with seasoned expeditioners Chuck

Aaron and Grant Richards. The groups are in touch with one another, and both are regularly in touch with ICR. A third group, sponsored by the Korea Association of Creation Research, is short on Ararat experience, but has some good contacts and a fresh, academic approach. Political tensions on the mountain may prevent any work from being accomplished, and prayer for their efforts is encouraged.

Perhaps the biggest news is an NBC mini-series called, "Noah," to be broadcast in May. Starring Jon Voight as Noah and produced by Robert Halmi, this four-hour epic has promise. It takes the inevitable Hollywood-style liberties with the Biblical record (pre-Flood villagers fighting with the assembling animals, pirates and sea monsters attacking the Ark, and

pre-Flood environmental concerns), but according to Halmi, the film will point out that “God’s rage with man brought on the Deluge—a lesson I hope will be learned from this ‘Noah’s Ark.’” It will be filmed in Australia on a budget of \$30 million and will be complete with abundant computer-generated effects.

This information is not to be taken as an endorsement of the mini-series. It is to call attention to the vast, enduring interest in the Ark and the Flood account. Christian creationists need to prepare to use it to speak of the real Flood facts as a powerful witnessing tool.

We predict that the anti-creationists will go into a rage over the program, regardless of its content. The Ark and Flood account has been a favorite topic of ridicule for years. Such ridicule has been amply answered in several ICR books, most notably *The Genesis Flood* by Whitcomb and Morris and *Noah’s Ark: A Feasibility Study* by Woodmorappe. This fascinating book examines virtually every problem and presents a feasible solution. Never again can a skeptic claim the Noah’s Ark story is a fable. Both of these books are appropriate for serious laymen.

The point is, understanding the Flood of Noah’s day can be a real strength to the Bible believer, not a weakness. Other resources on the Flood/Ark include *Grand Canyon: Monument to Catastrophe* (both book and video are fairly advanced). The family book, *Noah’s Ark and the Ararat Adventure*, and the children’s book, *Noah’s Ark, Noah’s Flood, Lots of Water, Lots of Mud*, answer many questions. Video instruction for general audiences can be achieved through “The Deluge,” “Noah’s Flood: A Geological Perspective,” and “Mount St. Helens: Explosive Evidence for Creation” (see listing on back page).

Through these resources Christians can be armed to use the current Noah’s Ark craze to accomplish eternal work. ☪

Radio Log

This month on “Science, Scripture, & Salvation—A Creation Radio Journal”:

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

Mar 06 “One Giant Leap for Mankind”

For years evolutionists have been searching without success for the mechanism of evolution. This last November, headlines proclaimed that the mystery had been solved! What was discovered? Tune in to find out!

Mar 13 “Design of the Mouth”

One is amazed at the design around us—pointing to the Master Designer in Genesis. One example of remarkable design is our mouth. It does much more than just receive food. Tune in to learn of the marvelous function and design of the mouth.

Mar 20 “A New Fossil Find”

For decades evolutionists have been looking for man’s primate ancestry. From Java Man to Neanderthal, and Peking Man to Lucy—they have suggested many that have turned out to be false links in their theory. But recently a remarkable new fossil has been unearthed. Will this be the first true missing link? Join us as we

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study the new “ape-man fossil” and learn what this means to creation.

Mar 27 “Creation in Missions”

We have discussed the importance of the creation message in evangelism, but it becomes even more vital and powerful when used on the mission field. Join us as we talk to many that have been out in the field—who have seen the importance of the Genesis account of creation in fulfilling the Great Commission. 🗳️

Korea Association of Creation Research Begins West Coast Ministry

ICR is pleased to announce a new thrust by our sister organization in Korea, the Korea Association of Creation Research, which targets the extensive Korean population in California. There are scores of Korean-speaking churches and millions of Korean nationals from San Francisco to San Diego which are hardly (if at all) being reached with the creation message.

KACR, based in Seoul, Korea, established an American chapter several years ago under the leadership of Dr. Charles Choi, but launched its West Coast emphasis in November 1998 with an impressive series of church and university lectures by a number of scientists, including ICR’s Frank Sherwin.



The Korean Association started in 1982 following a series of meetings in Seoul by Dr. Henry Morris and Dr. Duane Gish, and under the able leadership of Dr. Kim Young-gil and Dr. Song Man-Suk, have developed a very effective outreach in Korea. The organization enjoys the active participation of hundreds of scientists and professors and hosts over 100 seminars yearly in Korea. They have translated numerous ICR books into Korean and recently have written others. They have also followed ICR’s lead in constructing a popular museum and in doing original research.

We are blessed to have KACR’s partnership in the work of creation evangelism and are pleased to announce this new West Coast effort. Dr. Choi can be reached in Cleveland at 216-835-9114. The West Coast director, ICR graduate student, Jaeman Lee, can be reached at 619-216-1111. 🗳️



Some Design Features in Hummingbirds

Rod Reid, a graduate student at ICR, researched the design of hummingbirds under the direction of Dr. Ken Cumming. The multitude of precisely balanced design features demonstrates the impotence of step-by-step mutation and natural selection as their causative agent.

The hummingbird seems to have gotten its name from the humming noise that is created when its wings beat at such an incredible rate during flight. John James Audubon said that the hummingbird’s beauty must cause one to “turn his mind with reverence toward the Almighty Creator,” and that the hummingbird is “as a glittering garment of the rainbow.”⁴ John Gould called them “wonderful works of creation.”⁴ The hummingbird is figured

prominently in many Native American Indian accounts of Creation, particularly in stories of the Great Flood, in which it is often depicted as the bird sent out to see if the waters had subsided.⁶

Hummingbirds are nectarivorous, arthropodivorous, and insectivorous members of the avian order Apodiformes, in the family Trochilidae, with 116–121 genera and 319–338 species, depending on the source.^{6,2} They are found only in the new world. These birds have the most rapid wing beat of all, recorded at 200 per second (50–65 kilometers/hour) in forward flight and up to 95 kilometers per hour in dives! Flight is accomplished by a unique rotating of the whole wing with little or no wrist or elbow flexing. A deep keel,⁶ enlarged sternum, and four pairs of ribs (compared to six pairs in most other land birds) creates a powerful and graceful flyer.⁴

A hummingbird can fly through twigs without injury while focusing its attention on a flower and with ease thrust its bill into a tubular flower blown by a gust of wind.¹ Forward and backward flight along with prolonged hovering are accomplished in part by having a short humerus² and by reversing the primary feathers during flight through rotary movements of the shoulder and wrist and in the bones supporting the primaries. Like aerial “oars,” they are able to generate power from both the downstroke and upstroke.⁴



Prolonged flight requires dark, rich, vascular pectoral muscles. These muscles contain large number of giant mitochondria, myoglobin (giving dark color, and en-

zymes. Most birds only generate power in the downstroke with their pectoralis muscles. But the hummingbird uses the supracoracoideus which raises the wings by a pulley-type mechanism with a tendon running through a hole in the bones of the shoulder attaching the sternum. If that isn't amazing enough, they can even fly upside-down, aided by vital organs located in the center of their body and light, small, porous bones, strengthened with a series of struts with completely hollow bones in legs and wings.⁶ They can perch but cannot run and can hardly walk at all.⁵ Truly, hummingbirds are remarkably designed for intricate aerial acrobatics.

Grzimek makes an interesting observation for creationists: “We know nothing about the evolution of hummingbirds in the course of paleontology, nor do we know their origin. Because of their small size and their fragile skeletons, it is not surprising that there are no known fossils of hummingbirds.”³

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Many in the Church see the origins question as something peripheral, an unimportant side issue. But ideas have consequences, and clearly macroevolution has spawned a number of practices which can devastate individual lives and society in general.

One of the fruits of evolutionary teaching, is the unscriptural and unscientific idea that man is a highly evolved animal, having slowly evolved from lower forms of life over vast eons of time. Tragically, this is the only model the public hears. So, while the secular community warns of “creationist know-nothings,” it would be well to see what the alternative, evolutionism, offers.

“... we should come to terms with the idea that we belong to a highly specialized group of bony fishes.”

J. G. Maisey of the American Museum of Natural History, 1996

“In the past ten years we have come to realize humans are more like worms than we ever imagined.”

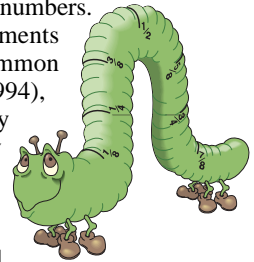
Bruce Alberts, National Academy of Sciences, 1998



A very real problem in society today is suicide of young people in distressingly high numbers.

It is clear that when they are taught statements like the above, and that they “... share a common heritage with earthworms” (*Biology: Visualizing Life*, 1994),

ideas of a meaningful life quickly fade. Despair sets in as they ask if there is no greater purpose to life? The evolutionary worldview answers in the negative. “Evolution is random and undirected . . . without either plan or purpose . . .” (*Biology*, Prentice Hall, 1992). These last two quotes come from taxpayer-purchased high school textbooks. Liberal syndicated columnist Barbara Reynolds said it best when she wrote: “One philosophy preaches happenstance with mayhem as a conclusion; the other, divine order. One suggests the survival of the fittest; the other, a commitment to serve the weakest and sickest among us” (August 31, 1993).



All people need to be told of the value they have in God’s eyes and that He has a plan and purpose for their life. Such is the wonderful message of the Gospel, and the message of creation. 🏠

DATES NOW OPEN FOR FALL 1999 “BACK TO GENESIS” SEMINARS!

Will you prayerfully consider partnering with ICR and other local volunteers to bring an area-wide creation seminar to your area? Fall 1999 dates are now available for “Back to Genesis” seminars. **Call early to get your choice of dates.** If you are interested in pursuing this, we will send you a complimentary copy of our new “War of the Worldviews” video. To receive more information, please contact ICR’s Director of Seminars, Mark Rasche, at 619-596-6043.



ICR Meetings

- “BACK TO GENESIS”**
- Mar 26-27 Ft. Lauderdale, FL** (J.Morris/Doug Phillips) Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, 5555 No. Fed. Hwy. 954-771-8841, ext. 284.
- Apr 16-17 Rapid City, SD** (J.Morris/Gish) Howard Johnson Convention Center, 2211 No. LaCrosse St. (I-90, Ex. 59). 605-342-0019 or 605-343-0722.
- Apr 23-24 Chicago (Lake Zurich), IL** (J.Morris/D. Phillips) Quentin Rd. Bible Baptist Church, 60 Quentin Rd., Lake Zurich. 800-784-7223.

- “CASE FOR CREATION”**
- Mar 1-3 Wenatchee, WA** (J.Morris/Doug Phillips) M-T-W. Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 508 No. Western Ave. Call 509-663-4032.
- Mar 5-6 Rancho Santa Fe, CA** (J.Morris/Sherwin) Horizon Christian Fellowship, 6365 El Apajo Road. 619-756-5599.
- Apr 26-30 Arlington, TX** (H.Morris) Arlington Baptist College. Creation Bible Conference. 817-461-8741.
- Apr 30-May 1 West Bridgewater, MA** (J.Morris/Sherwin) New England Baptist Church, 560 N. Main St., 508-584-5188.
- May 14-15 Golden Valley (Minneapolis area) MN** (Gish/Sherwin) Golden Valley Lutheran Church, 100 Turners Crossroad So. Contact 612-519-0918.

GOOD SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

(For K-6; Adults [AD]; & High School [HS])

- Mar 2-6 Hattiesburg, MS** (Willson; K-6, HS, AD) William Carey College, Kresge Rm. 601-268-6356.
- Mar 29-Apr 1 Idyllwild, CA** (Willson; ages 11-14) Idyllwild Pines Camp & Conf. Center. 909-659-2605.
- Apr 29-May 1 Muscle Shoals, AL** (Willson; K-6, Mini HS, AD) First Baptist Church of Muscle Shoals.

- Contact 256-446-6515.
- Mar 6 South Bend, IN** (D’Armond) Curriculum Fair (workshop leaders—a creation topic).
- Mar 12 Lake Villa, IL** (D’Armond) Home sch. Creation overview. Jennifer Vehlow, 847-546-7711.
- Mar 27 Port Huron, MI** (D’Armond; K-6; Ad) Terry McDonough, Contact 810-982-3630.
- Apr 17 Peoria, IL** (D’Armond) PACHE Home School Convention.
- Apr 24 Highland, IN** (D’Armond) Lake County Home School Curriculum Fair.
- Apr 25 Galesburg, IL** (D’Armond) Creation Seminar, Mark Howerter.

“GENESIS PRESENTATIONS”

- Mar 7-10 Winnipeg, M.B. Canada** (Chittick) Kil-Cona Park Alliance Church. Contact Pastor Kenneth Johnston.
- Mar 7 San Diego, CA** (Hoesch) Mountainview Comm. Church. Pastor Hendricks, 619-674-6180.
- Mar 8 Ames, IA** (Gish) Iowa State University—Debate. Memorial Union, The Great Hall. Contact Tim Borseth, 515-292-2789.
- Mar 12 Colton, CA** (Gish) Colton First Baptist Church. 909-825-3670.
- Mar 14 San Diego, CA** (Sherwin) Mountainview Comm. Church. Pastor Hendricks, 619-674-6180.
- Mar 27 Albert Lea, MN** (Drs. Don DeYoung, John Meyer, Lane Lester, and David Kaufron) 6:00–9:30 p.m. Albert Lea Sr. High School Auditorium. Contact 507-256-7211.
- Apr 25 Arlington, TX** (H.Morris) Pleasantview Baptist Church. 817-483-7100.
- May 1-2 Washington C.H., OH** (DeYoung) Grace Community Baptist Church. Contact Mark McFadden, 740-335-7466.
- “CREATION PRESENTATIONS” TOURS**
- Apr 7–May 2** Bill Hoesch **Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada.** 619-596-6041.
- May 10-30** M. Riddle **Washington, Idaho, Montana.** 619-596-6040. ☎

Stewardship & Trust Services

**“Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel”
(I Corinthians 9:14).**

We all know that it takes money to operate a Christian ministry and that the key to a fruitful ministry is God’s blessing.

If the fruit of that ministry is not what it should be, perhaps Christians should be more sensitive to the Biblical principles summarized in I Corinthians 9:14. Are there inconsistencies between the words we use when we acknowledge Christ as Lord, and our methods in raising (or giving) funds to proclaim God’s truth? Considering the large sums of money that are being spent by Christian organizations today, and considering the general condition of the world, are we somehow missing God’s full blessing?

From the beginning, God Himself has been the provider for His work. Everything that He made was for our needs! From this, I believe that man-centered efforts to “raise funds for the Kingdom” may be an invasion of His domain.

All ministry should either directly or indirectly be involved in “preaching the gospel.” According to I Corinthians 9:14 (above), those who “preach the gospel” have the right (and responsibility) to expect God to provide for them through those who benefit from their teaching.

Since Christ came to seek and save those who were lost, and men are saved through the preaching of the gospel, it follows that ministries that do this are His agents toward the saving of souls. They, therefore, should expect God to provide for them through those who benefit from their teaching and those who desire to see it flourish.

That is why ICR “raises funds” the way we do. The fact that we do not send out “crisis” appeals (or lengthy appeals) for money is not because we have a surplus of funds. It is because we desire to let God be our provider. It is true that His provision usually comes through gifts from friends like you, and we trust that your gifts come as the result of the Lord’s prompting rather than our promoting. Doing it God’s way, we believe, will make all the difference in the world . . . to the glory of His Great Name!

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