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## ADVENTURES IN CREATION



Let the weak link be strengthened! For years we have been aware that the biggest need in creation materials has been videos for young people, particularly dramatic, entertaining videos which teach creation truth. And now, at long last, we have begun to fill that need.

Announcing two new adventure-packed videos, brimming with both creation truth and humor. Together they form an effective teaching tool that will be loved by kids of all ages. We intend that these be the first two of "The Creation Adventure Series," with more to follow.

The two videos stand alone, but are related. They are built around a debate between two scientists, a creationist and an evolutionist. In the first, the evolutionist places a bumbling student named Marty on the creationist's fossil dig in order to sabotage it. Along the way, Marty and a local kids' creation club learn about how fossils form, how the ani-

mals could all get aboard Noah's Ark, where dinosaurs fit in the Bible,

how we know the Bible is true, etc. At the end of the first video, Marty sees the light. By the end of the second, the evolutionist professor does too.

The videos are of comparable quality to most children's programs on TV. Where the comparison breaks down is that these use an enjoyable experience to teach timeless truths. We hope that ICR supporters will help us get them on public access TV, local religious broadcasts, etc. Already several Christian broadcasts intend to air them before Christmas.

Without a doubt, young people (and their older brothers and sisters) will want to see them again and again—learning as they go.

Sold as a set for \$24.95, ICR is offering them as a Christmas special for \$19.95. They can be ordered by calling 1-800-628-7640. ☎

See sales insert for new action videos introducing Marty and his adventures.



by Dr. John Morris

## ICR Ministry Strategy

The blossoming creation movement in the United States has thrilled us all, but perhaps even more thrilling is the mushrooming interest in other countries. Often, when the education system is not so dominated by evolution teaching and the brainwashing in secularism not so complete, hearts and minds are more open, and the truth of creation received gladly. Over the years God has enabled ICR to assist in the foundation of numerous creation organizations and ministries throughout the world. For instance, just yesterday we received a message from a leader of the large and effective Korean Association of Creation Science, identifying ICR as the intellectual and circumstantial “father” of KACR. Without doubt, many of the scores of local creation ministries here in the states, as well as around the world, would consider ICR in a similar vein. Imagine how thankful we are that God has used us in such a fashion, and how delighted we are that the creation movement is so extensive and so healthy.

Thus it is with great joy that we announce two new ministries, both of which are headed by veteran missionaries who have seen the necessity of the creation message grow in their evangelistic and discipleship ministries.

First, Tim and Holly Nyquist, stationed in Bolivia. Graduates of Christian Heritage College, they were both extensively trained in ICR-style creationism and apologetics. Before long, they found that the educated people in Bolivia could hardly be reached without answers to their questions about evolution. Nearby dinosaur fossil discoveries formed the basis for a small museum that proved quite effective. Now, with the help of his Boliv-

ian co-workers, Tim has written creation study guides in Spanish, translated other books into Spanish, and maintains an active book store and lending library throughout South America. Even though he will continue to receive his support through his mission board, ICR has determined to route all contacts and correspondence in South America through him. His address is: Tim & Holly Nyquist, Casilla 7548, La Pas, Bolivia, or through their email: t&hnyquist@bitSMART.com.

Second, Mr. John Pendleton has maintained a vital creation seminar and literature ministry through his mission’s assignment near Mexico City. He too has both produced and translated creation materials into Spanish. I met him recently at the International Conference on Creationism and grew to appreciate his knowledge of creation and his commitment to its importance. He is a scientist with a B.S. in chemistry before his missions preparation. Since ICR radio programs now are translated into Spanish, we have decided to end each Spanish program with his name as a contact for individuals throughout Mexico and Central America. He can be reached at: Mr. John Pendleton, Priv. La Encantada #114, Zacateca, Zac. Mexico 98086, Tel and fax 011-52-492-2-45-65. Email: pendleto@zac1.telmex.net.mex.

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Our philosophy in these matters has always been to encourage and advise local creation groups as requested rather than start them ourselves. Even though many groups have asked to be a “branch office” of ICR under our administrative oversight, we have declined. We feel that each local group will flourish better with local control, rather than following directions from a chain-of-command out of their area.

Over the years the writings of my father, ICR’s founder, Dr. Henry Morris, have firmly established ICR’s perspective, and the creation movement’s direction as a whole, squarely on the Word of God, confirmed by careful science. Consequently, we think of ourselves as a source of information, materials, and research, as well as encouragement, but not control. We have also been a source of manpower, with numerous ICR graduates now at the helm of their own local ministries, either full or part time.

Through the years, we have tried to maintain a long-range focus. Solid scientific research, in-depth leadership preparations through the graduate school, debates on university campuses, thoughtful books which convince those in positions of influence—these are the methods which will win in the long run. Of course, we also hold seminars for laymen and produce materials for children. These are essential, but they are not the key elements in a victory strategy. And God has blessed this long-range mindset.

In some ways, however, we are suffering from this success. As the many other more recent creation ministries begin to fill requests for lay seminars, and to supply the creationist books and videos needed by the church, I am concerned that short-term gains may divert creation’s focus away from a winning game plan.

Of course, each of these other ministries needs and deserves financial support. Their function is important, but keeping our eyes on the goal is crucial. As we approach the end of the year, let me encour-

age you to consider ICR in your giving plans, either as a gift now or in your estate plans. Consider investing in the strides for complete victory. Hard work in the present and strategic preparation for the future is critically needed as long as the Lord tarries. Please consider partnering with us, to His glory. 🙏



Last month, we began a new series on “Science, Scripture, & Salvation,” “The Myths of Evolution and the Media.” Our desire is to expose false evolutionary ideas and how they are passed on to the public, and to build the faith of Christians and challenge the nonbeliever with facts that show God’s Word as truth.

Coming Memorial Day 2000, ICR will present the debut of its new radio drama, “Jonathan Park.” Be watching for next month’s unveiling of ICR’s new children’s web site, where you’ll be able to meet Jonathan, Jessie, and all his friends! For more information about the new web site, make sure to read December’s edition of *Acts & Facts*.

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

- | <u>Weekend of:</u> | <u>Title/Topic:</u>  |
|--------------------|--|
| Nov. 6             | <b>“Myth 2: That there are Transitional Forms in the Fossil Record”</b><br>In the media, each new fossil find is heralded with excitement. However, when new information discredits evolutionary claims, the public rarely hears about it. One of the evolutionary myths propagated by the media—not necessarily by all evolutionary scientists—is that the fossil record contains many transitional forms that prove evolution to be true. In this program, we’ll take a look at this claim and the real fossil record. |
| Nov. 13            | <b>“Myth #3: That the Earth Is Billions of Years Old”</b><br>One of the popular mantras of the   |

evolutionary community is that the earth is billions of years old. This has gained a foothold, not just in the schools, but in the church. Many Christians don't understand how the old ages of so-called "science" fit with the account in Scripture, and therefore change their theology. But are these "scientific" claims founded in real science—or are they based on evolutionary interpretation? Join us as we look at this myth.

**Nov. 20 "Myth #4: That Simple Things Evolve to be Complex"**

One of the best-known and understood facts of science is the second law of thermodynamics—or the law of increasing disorder. It is accepted in all circles that everything, if left alone, runs down. Nothing improves by chance without intelligent effort or work. Nothing that is, except evolutionary processes. But is this really true? Tune in as we look at this myth of evolution's exception to this basic scientific law.

**Nov. 27 "Myth #5: That Scientists Can't Be Creationists"**

We hear it again and again—no true scientist could ever be a creationist. All real scientists must believe in evolution. This is used to discredit both creationism and those who don't believe in evolutionary theory. But is this really true? Are there real scientists with real degrees in real subjects who choose creation over evolution? And what about the scientists of the past? Join us as we take a look at this claim! 🗣️

schoolers in the afternoon. That evening over 600 heard the case for creation and the impact of evolution on society. The next morning Sherwin gave the same set of lectures to a group of receptive inmates at the Arizona State Prison.

We are most thankful for the large turnout and for the tireless work of Leo and Katie Salwei, Marilyn Hewitt, and Jerry Pottier.

**Toccoa, Georgia**

Mike Riddle and Dr. Duane Gish were the speakers at a "Case for Creation" seminar held at the First Alliance Church on Friday evening and Saturday, September 24 and 25. The seminar and other meetings in the area had been arranged by Dr. Bob Wetmore, a professor at Toccoa Falls College.

This college was the site of a catastrophic flood on November 7, 1977. A portion of the college campus is situated along a small stream just below Toccoa Falls, a beautiful falls 186 feet in height. A number of residences and a trailer park housing faculty and students were situated along the stream which runs through a canyon just below the main campus. During heavy rains the upstream dam broke, sending a wall of water cascading over the falls and down stream, which in a few minutes swept away a number of residences and trailer homes. Thirty-nine faculty and students, including some children, lost their lives. Studies of the rapid erosion and redeposition of sediments and boulders testify to the immense power of moving water.

On Friday morning, Dr. Gish spoke at the chapel meeting of the college and that afternoon Mike Riddle spoke to home school students. Many of the students of Toccoa Falls College, allied with the Missionary Alliance Church, attended the seminar on Friday evening and Saturday. Both Dr. Gish and Mike Riddle also participated in talk shows on Radio WRAF of Toccoa. 🗣️



**Sierra Vista, Arizona**

The First Baptist Church (Dr. James R. Dixon, pastor) of beautiful Sierra Vista was the site for a number of creation presentations by Frank Sherwin on September 17. In the morning, Mr. Sherwin spoke on dinosaurs to fascinated grade schoolers followed by Noah's Ark and the Flood to high



Have you ever thought about planning a creation outreach event in your area? We want to encourage you to prayerfully consider partnering with ICR to spearhead Biblical Christianity's defense against the godless dogma of evolutionary humanism and other compromised origin theories contrary to the Word of God. If you would like to receive general information about any of the following outreach events, please call 619/596-6040 or visit our web site at [www.icr.org](http://www.icr.org).

—Mark Rasche, Director of Outreach

## **Kansas “Sets the Stage” for Teaching the Truth of Creation**

*Christians, we need your support!*

**Come Join ICR for the**

### **“Case for Creation” Seminar**

**on Saturday, November 13, 1999**

**from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

**at Victory Bible Church in Lawrence, Kansas**

**Featuring the following speakers:**

**Dr. John Morris**

**Dr. Paul Ackerman**

**Professor Mike Riddle**

**For directions or more information,  
call 785-242-6531.**

# Creation Presentation Tours



We are offering the following "Creation Presentations" to churches on a first-come, first-serve basis (minimum seating 100). The following is a tentative schedule, subject to change.

## TEXAS TOUR, SPRING 2000

### SCHEDULE FOR MIKE RIDDLE

| Date          | Location                       | Date           | Location                   |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| APR. 1        | GARLAND, TX (OPEN)             | APR. 16 (P.M.) | PHARR, TX (956-686-0017)   |
| APR. 2 (A.M.) | PLANO, TX (OPEN)               | APR. 17        | BROWNSVILLE, TX (OPEN)     |
| APR. 2 (P.M.) | BLUE RIDGE, TX (972-752-5611)  | APR. 18        | HARLINGEN, TX (OPEN)       |
| APR. 3        | SHERMAN, TX (OPEN)             | APR. 19        | CORPUS CHRISTI, TX (OPEN)  |
| APR. 4        | WICHITA FALLS, TX (OPEN)       | APR. 20        | VICTORIA, TX (OPEN)        |
| APR. 5        | AMARILLO, TX (806-353-1488)    | APR. 21        | MISSOURI CITY, TX (OPEN)   |
| APR. 6        | LUBBOCK, TX (OPEN)             | APR. 22        | OFF                        |
| APR. 7        | ODESSA, TX (OPEN)              | APR. 23 (A.M.) | TEXAS CITY, TX (OPEN)      |
| APR. 8        | MIDLAND, TX (915-561-5415)     | APR. 23 (P.M.) | GALVESTON, TX (OPEN)       |
| APR. 9 (A.M.) | SAN ANGELO, TX (OPEN)          | APR. 24        | BEAUMONT, TX (OPEN)        |
| APR. 9 (P.M.) | ABILENE, TX (OPEN)             | APR. 25        | PORT ARTHUR, TX (OPEN)     |
| APR. 10       | OFF                            | APR. 26        | HOUSTON, TX (281-447-8484) |
| APR. 11       | FT. WORTH, TX (OPEN)           | APR. 27        | CONROE, TX (OPEN)          |
| APR. 12       | WACO, TX (OPEN)                | APR. 28        | HUNTSVILLE, TX (OPEN)      |
| APR. 13       | AUSTIN, TX (512-836-3282)      | APR. 29        | OFF                        |
| APR. 14       | SAN ANTONIO, TX (210-344-7145) | APR. 30 (A.M.) | LONGVIEW, TX (OPEN)        |
|               |                                | APR. 30 (P.M.) | TYLER, TX (OPEN)           |

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL CONNIE KOTCH AT 619-596-6040

## UPPER MIDWEST TOUR, SPRING 2000

### SCHEDULE FOR BILL HOESCH

| Date          | Location                | Date           | Location                |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| MAY 16        | ST. PAUL, MN (OPEN)     | JUNE 1         | SIoux CITY, IA (OPEN)   |
| MAY 17        | MINNEAPOLIS, MN (OPEN)  | JUNE 2         | FT. DODGE, IA (OPEN)    |
| MAY 18        | ST. CLOUD, MN (OPEN)    | JUNE 3         | OFF                     |
| MAY 19        | HINCKLEY, MN (OPEN)     | JUNE 4 (A.M.)  | WATERLOO, IA (OPEN)     |
| MAY 20        | OFF                     | JUNE 4 (P.M.)  | CEDAR RAPIDS, IA (OPEN) |
| MAY 21 (A.M.) | DULUTH, MN (OPEN)       | JUNE 5         | OFF                     |
| MAY 21 (P.M.) | DULUTH, MN (OPEN)       | JUNE 6         | DUBUQUE, IA (OPEN)      |
| MAY 22        | OFF                     | JUNE 7         | MADISON, WI (OPEN)      |
| MAY 23        | GRAND RAPIDS, MN (OPEN) | JUNE 8         | OSHKOSH, WI (OPEN)      |
| MAY 24        | BERMIDJ, MN (OPEN)      | JUNE 9         | GREEN BAY, WI (OPEN)    |
| MAY 25        | CROOKSTON, MN (OPEN)    | JUNE 10        | OFF                     |
| MAY 26        | MOORHEAD, MN (OPEN)     | JUNE 11 (A.M.) | WAUSAU, WI (OPEN)       |
| MAY 27        | OFF                     | JUNE 11 (P.M.) | MARSHFIELD, WI (OPEN)   |
| MAY 28 (A.M.) | FERGUS FALLS, MN (OPEN) | JUNE 12        | OFF                     |
| MAY 28 (P.M.) | MORRIS, MN (OPEN)       | JUNE 13        | OFF                     |
| MAY 29        | OFF                     | JUNE 14        | EAU CLAIRE, WI (OPEN)   |
| MAY 30        | MARSHALL, MN (OPEN)     | JUNE 15        | ST. PAUL, MN (OPEN)     |
| MAY 31        | WORTHINGTON, MN (OPEN)  |                |                         |

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL DOLLY WILLEMS AT 619-596-6041.

# Seminars & Speaking Engagements



## ***BACK TO GENESIS 2000***

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| April 7-8 | New Britain, CT (J.Morris/Gish) TBA        |
| May 12-13 | Omaha, NE (J.Morris/Sherwin) 402-496-7833  |
| May 19-20 | Yakima, WA (J.Morris/Sherwin) 509-575-3720 |

## ***CASE FOR CREATION 1999***

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| November 13 | Lawrence, KS (J.Morris/Ackerman/Riddle) 785-242-6531. |
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## ***CASE FOR CREATION 2000***

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| March 24-25      | Laurel, MS (Gish/Sherwin) 601-649-8570  |
| March 31-April 1 | Boone, NC (Menton/Sherwin) 828-264-5907 |
| May 19-20        | St. George, UT (Chittick/Riddle) TBA    |

## ***GENESIS PRESENTATIONS 1999***

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| November 5  | Tijuana, B.C., Mexico (Sherwin) 011-52-66-835651. |
| November 13 | Wabash, IN (DeYoung) 219-563-1223.                |

## ***GENESIS PRESENTATIONS 2000***

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| February 4-5     | River Falls, WI (Sherwin)   |
| February 11      | Denver, CO (Gish) 303-457-3259  |
| July 31-August 5 | Salmon River Raft Trip (Sherwin) 888-201-3638<br>odysseyfun@hotmail.com |
| August 18-20     | Edwardsville, IL (DeYoung) 618-692-9863                                 |

### **OPEN DATES FOR SEMINARS AND SPEAKING!**

Are you interested in hosting a creation event in your area? To host a seminar, call **Connie Kotch** at 619-596-6040. To invite a creation speaker to your area, call **Connie Perna** at 619-596-6042.

# Children's Creation Events



## *GOOD SCIENCE WORKSHOPS 1999*

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

- November 6 Indianapolis, IN (D'Armond) K-6. 317-856-1296 or 317-839-7592.  
November 13 Bartlett, IL (D'Armond) Mini 7-12. 630-289-4378 after 3:00 p.m.

## *GOOD SCIENCE WORKSHOPS 2000*

- January 25-29 Ft. Worth, TX (Willson) K-6, HS, AD. 817-346-7090.  
Feb. 29-March 4 Beaver Falls, PA (Willson) K-6, HS, AD. 724-378-9496.

## *CREATION SCIENCE CAMPS 2000*

- April 17-20 Idyllwild, CA. Contact Jennifer Kepler, 909-659-2605.  
April 24-27 Idyllwild, CA. Contact Jennifer Kepler, 909-659-2605.

**11-14 year olds study God's created world through activities based on the six creation days.**

## *DISCOVERY DAYS (San Diego Pilot Study)*

- November 6 Saturday Class (Deborah Khalil) Grades 4-6  
November 8 Monday Class (Deborah Khalil) Grades 4-6  
November 6 Saturday Class (Debbie Brooks) Grades 7-12  
November 4 Tuesday Class (Debbie Brooks) Grades 7-12  
November 2 Thursday Class (Debbie Brooks) Grades 7-12

**Enrollment only open for Grades 4-6, Saturday class.**

### **OPEN DATES FOR CHILDREN'S OUTREACH!**

Are you interested in hosting a creation outreach event for children? To host a *Good Science Workshop*, call Kathryn Stanley at 619-448-0900, ext. 6013. To host a *Creation Science Camp* or to get information on ICR's local *Discovery Days* classes, call Debbie Brooks at 619-596-6024.




## New Book by Dr. John Morris

The ICR family well remembers that for years, in each issue of the daily devotional booklet, *Days of Praise*, one favorite old hymn was featured. ICR President, Dr. John Morris, would establish the Scriptural backing for the words of the hymn, and thus turned their words into daily Bible studies. The series was quite well received, and in all, some 28 hymns were studied over seven years.

These studies have now been compiled into one volume. Entitled, *How Firm a Foundation in Scripture and Song*, it includes all the original devotionals. For each hymn, Dr. Morris has added either a study of the hymn's history, or some touching way God has used it or its concepts in his own life or ministry.

In fact, by the time Dr. Morris has discussed his childhood salvation, his return to the Lord after years of rebellion, his experiences on Mt. Ararat in search of Noah's Ark, his time in graduate school, his ministry through music in several churches and his present work in ICR, you will recognize this book as a selected autobiography of his life.

Each hymn study is preceded by the hymn itself, in case the reader is not already familiar with it. The book itself is designed to open and lay flat, facilitating ease of use. To make it even more special, beautiful renditions of more than half of the hymns have been recorded on a music CD (also included) performed by musical groups at Bob Jones University.

ICR has never produced a book like this before, nor has anyone else, as far as we can tell. Its uniqueness suggests it will have a good ministry. It can be ordered from ICR at 1-800-628-7640, complete with CD, for \$11.95. 



## Creation Science Camp

After the success of the first "Creation Science Camp" held this past spring in Idyllwild, California, ICR decided to host a family camp, held alongside our biannual Mount St. Helens tour. This varied, of course, from the camp held in April due to the geologically rich area around Mount St. Helens. The focus of the creation activities included hands-on science that related to each day of the Creation Week, as well as lessons on catastrophism.

On a rainy August 29, instructors Deborah Brooks and Suzanne Clark, with their aide Rebecca Manning, met the 26 campers at Cispus Conference and Learning Center, located just south of Randle, Washington. After setting up campsites (or settling into the dorms), the participants were divided into two groups according to their grade levels.

Each day held a variety of activities that included group devotions led by Pastor Ben Jaquith from Tigard, Oregon. Both in the morning and the evening, he encouraged parents and young people to take a Biblical stand on a variety of character issues that directly affect families and the Church. In addition, participants enjoyed hands-on science activities centered on the days of creation. Each group also learned more about creation by enjoying the beauty of the area on educational hikes on the Cispus trails. One of the highlights, of course, was the lessons during the day-hike at Spirit Lake on catastrophism and the Flood.

Although the schedule was very full, the activities enabled parents and students to learn and observe the geology and biology produced by the God-created "laboratory" at Mount St. Helens. More importantly, it gave them a greater understanding of God's creation and the worldwide flood found in Genesis. It is our prayer that the camp and its activities glorified Christ, the Creator.

We are looking forward to many more creation family camps in the future. If you would like more information about scheduling similar camping activities in the summer of 2000, please contact Debbie Brooks at the Institute for Creation Research. ❄️

## Adventures and Mis-Adventures in Grand Canyon Revealed in New Book

Each year for the last 15 years, ICR scientists have led tours into Grand Canyon. The discoveries that the ICR staff has made over the years have been well-chronicled in these pages. What have not always been explained, or should we say, admitted, have been the numerous (and humorous) unexpected adventures along the way.

But now each experience can be lived vicariously through Dr. Larry Vardiman's new book, *Over the Edge*. In it he describes the "moleskin choir," Dr. Gish on a mule, Dave McQueen the "dead" boy scout, the evolutionist's "mole," and others. All previous tour participants will want this book to relive the memories, and all who wish they could have gone will now be able to "be there" as well.

As with all of ICR's publications, clear creation teaching is paramount. Vardiman uses humorous instances to explain the message of the Canyon, i.e., Creation, the Fall, Flood, and God's control of all creation. What a wonderful way to learn! What a wonderful Christmas present.

Just published by Master Books, it is available from ICR at 1-800-628-7640 and sells for \$9.95, and would make an excellent Christmas gift. ❄️

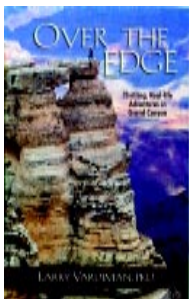
## 1999—A Great Year at Mount St. Helens

"Weather" . . . have you ever noticed how close it sounds to "whether" . . . as in whether the weather will allow us to do as we have planned?

Weather that will allow our guests to see and enjoy the sites that are so important is always one of the many things we pray about as we plan our field study tours—especially those to the Pacific Northwest. Somehow, we can't shake the memory of the year we had to mail pictures of the mountain to our guests as it had been so socked in that they had never even had a *glimpse* of the mountain they had come to see. Yet even as we have those memories, we are reminded of God's faithfulness!

On the Saturday before the tour began, the reports were very encouraging. It was bright and clear at the mountain—but, don't expect that to last, we were told. Sure enough, by the time we arrived at the mountain on Monday for our first glimpse, there in all its glory was . . . FOG! Fog as far as our eyes could (couldn't) see, and we were told to expect much of the same on Tuesday and Wednesday (our last day at the mountain) . . . maybe we will have to send pictures again this year. "Oh, Lord," we prayed, "please open the clouds so we can see." And do you know what happened? The clouds began to reveal a faint outline of the base of the mountain. It was *wonderfully* encouraging! We went to sleep Monday night thinking of the great fellowship we had enjoyed in the Lord and confident that He would make all things beautiful.

Tuesday morning . . . "Lord, where is the sun?" Doing all we could do—continuing on in prayer and with the activities we had prayed over for months—we boarded our buses and headed for the mountain. Have you ever noticed how beautiful forests are . . . even when it's drizzling rain? We had that privilege, but upon breaking into the blast zone, where tens of thousands of trees had been leveled by the blast on



May 18, 1980, it was again obvious that unless the Lord did something, we were going to have to send pictures again this year. Then, there it was, a piece of the mountain here, and a piece there—then more of it appeared until . . . Mount St. Helens! WOW, thank you, Lord!!! Gloriously clear weather was ours for the rest of the tour. We were able to participate in

every adventure we had planned, as we enjoyed the area that spectacularly reminds us of God’s awesome power.

In all, 108 of us will remember the lessons learned at Mount St. Helens as we enjoy sweeter fellowship with our Lord, having been stirred again to remember, through the things He has done, the great promises and provision that are ours. 🧩



## ORIGINS ISSUES

### Bad Science in Kansas Science Textbooks

by Frank Sherwin

In regard to the Kansas school board decision and resulting massive disinformation campaign waged against those who question the dogma of macroevolution, it might be well to simply look at some of the clearly unscientific statements made by taxpayer-paid public school biology textbooks (some of which are used in Kansas).

*When compared with the caecum of a horse, the caecum and appendix of humans is thought to be vestigial.* (Oram, *Biology*, 1994, p. 311.)

The caecum is a blind pouch found as the first portion of the large intestine in most mammals. The trouble for neo-Darwinian theory is that some mammals have a caecum, but then, some don’t (e.g., some primates don’t). Why does the author compare the caecum of a horse to the appendix in people? Why not a chimpanzee and people? It is now known, according to evolutionists themselves, that the appendix in people is not a vestigial organ, but is in fact fully functional as part of our immune system.

*The first nucleotides, amino acids, and sugars could have been formed during this period. There have been experimental results that support this hypothesis.* (Schraer & Stoltz, *Biology*, 1995, p. 590.)

Amino acids, strung together in a precise sequence form nucleotides which are the “building blocks” of the molecule of life, DNA (genes are segments of DNA, which are composed of a series of nucleotides). While amino acids can be synthesized, nucleotides have *never* been made in origin of life experiments. Thus, there are no “experimental results that support this hypothesis”! Clearly, the textbook includes badscience.

*If today’s species have come from more ancient forms, then we should be able to find remains of those species that no longer exist. Scientists have found such evidence in the form of fossils.* (Towle, A., *Modern Biology*, 1993, p. 219.)

We certainly find remains of many species that no longer exist, but did basic categories arise through the alteration of previously existing ones? Scientists should hesitate to be so dogmatic. There might be a better explanation for the fossils, i.e., sudden creation of each basic category. Indeed, it was editor Montgomery Slatkin of *American Scientist* who said in 1994, “The fossil record has always been a problem.” Evolutionist A. G. Fisher said in 1998 in specific regard to fossils, “Both the origin of life and the origin of the major groups of animals remain unknown.”

We of ICR do not question science, but we do reject the strange idea of neo-Darwinism that is presented as fact in virtually all secular biology textbooks found in American public schools. Such unscientific indoctrination must change. The new freedom now allowed in Kansas provides for refreshing alternatives. 🧩

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## AS WE GATHER FOR THANKSGIVING

*“ . . . let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.”*

Colossians 3:15–17

“Thankfulness”—the fruit of a life:

Restored to the Lord

Immersed in His Word

Well invested for His name’s sake!

As we gather, may we encourage one another unto this privileged and God-honoring lifestyle for which we have been uniquely equipped and to which we have singularly been called.

Have a wonderful time of thanksgiving!

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