



LETTER TO THE ICR FAMILY

by John D. Morris

Often families send out Christmas/end-of-the-year letters to their family and friends to relate what has happened throughout the year and how God has led and blessed. I would like to do the same with you, the ICR “family,” as we look back on an incredible year. Through it all, our Lord has been faithful and showed Himself strong on ICR’s behalf.

Research

The case for scientific and Biblical creation has never been stronger, but some questions remain to be answered. To address the need in physics and cosmology, we added Dr. D. Russell Humphreys to our full-time staff. He’ll be available for limited speaking, but primarily his duties will focus on research. We look forward to real breakthroughs in this area.

Research on the discovery of billions of fossil nautiloids in Grand Canyon is leading to the publication of a technical paper in a geology journal while the research on radioisotope dating continues. Preliminary indications seem to indicate that radioisotope decay rates have changed in the past. Dr. Steve Austin’s fascinating research on the geologic events of the Sodom and Gomorrah disaster points to major movements along the East African Rift zone (which goes through the Dead Sea) as the means God used to judge these wicked cities.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ken Cumming and the biology graduate students continue to research the discontinuity between “kinds” of animals, both in the present, the fossils, and in the genomes. Genomes are the new major research thrust in creation thinking. Already it has revealed another layer of design and information underlying the genetic code. Dr. Larry Vardiman continues to probe the mysteries of the pre-Flood and post-Flood environments and the nature of the “mega-storms” during the Flood.

The Graduate School houses and facilitates this research as well as the discipling of new researchers. The full-time faculty was joined by eight adjunct professors last summer. Thirty-seven students took courses this summer, a “full” student body for a graduate/research school with our sized faculty. Seventeen other students continued work on their thesis projects, or took courses on-line.

Communication

The Graduate School could be considered ICR’s primary communication tool, but it only directly reaches a chosen few. The Outreach Division, on the other hand, reaches untold multitudes with the creation message.

Several national factors held the number of large seminars rather low, but the smaller type seminars, loop tours, and

speaking engagements numbered nearly 250. Couple these with Good Science workshops, youth camps, and school conferences, and the number of people reached neared 100,000. A good and effective year.

The radio ministry continues to expand. The one-minute “Back to Genesis” program and the 15-minute creation radio “magazine” “Science, Scripture & Salvation” are now heard on over 1700 outlets. Four “Jonathan Park Adventure” radio specials also appeared this year.

Our “public information services” division, which answers the myriads of e-mails generated by the website, was quite busy handling well over 4500 inquiries. Speaking of the website, (www.icr.org) thousands of people from around the world visit this site every day. Each of our science staff were also interviewed often on radio and television, totaling at least 60 interviews we can remember.

Several books and other products were completed this year. *The Remarkable Wisdom of Solomon* by Dr. H. Morris and booklets, *The Amazing Prophetic Claims of the Lord Jesus Christ*, *Impact of the Empty Tomb*, *The Scientific Case Against Evolution*, and videos/CD *Origin of Life Equipping Manual* by Mike Riddle. Many more are nearing completion so next year should yield a “bumper crop.”

Acts & Facts continues to go out each month, bringing up-to-date creation information to 134,954 readers. *Days of Praise* reaches 287,691 each quarter, to individuals who enjoy a daily devotional Bible study. Subscriptions to each of these publications can be arranged online, a blessing now claimed by 8200 and 3000 subscribers respectively. The ICR website, “Updates and News,” now reaches about 5000 creation enthusiasts.

Administration

Financially, this has been a difficult year for ICR. But God supplied every need, and with creative administration, mostly by delaying certain projects and expenditures,

each bill was paid and our policy of no debt was upheld. Praise His Name!

Several major new initiatives are in the developmental stage but these will need financing from outside our normal sources. Thus we hired Dr. Henry Morris III, my older brother, who has a strong track record in business and finance to contact foundations and potential major donors in an attempt to expand the ICR ministry.

In general, the ICR faculty and staff remains in good spirits and good health. This includes the ICR stalwarts, my father, Dr. Henry Morris and Dr. Duane Gish. In both cases their wives are in ill health, minimizing the time they can put in at the office. Both continue to be very productive from home, but please pray for them and their wives.

I feel that Biblical and scientific creation ministry is dramatically on the rise. With the surge of interest in old-earth, semi-creation thinking on the wane, the church is returning to a belief in all of Scripture, once again, and we are poised for major advances. Thank you for standing with us. Together let us accomplish much for the Kingdom—encouraging the faith of Christians, answering questions and satisfying doubts, and pointing the non-Christian to our great Creator/Savior Jesus Christ, and the accuracy of His word. Our Creator deserves our very best. ☩

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CREATION IN THE HEARTLAND AND BEYOND

Creation advocates in Mason City, Iowa, hosted a “Back to Genesis” seminar on November 2–3, 2001, as they had previously hosted two effective seminars. Convinced of the foundational necessity of creation in society and the church, Pastor Bruce Rulapaugh, Dr. Mark Mahoney, and other committee members arranged for ICR speakers to appear the third time in the facilities of North Iowa Area Community College to give the evidence for and relevance of creation.

The weekend started on Thursday evening with an overflow crowd of young people to hear Dr. John Morris lecture on “Noah’s Flood and the Search for Noah’s Ark.” Students from all over Iowa and Minnesota and even from Canada thronged to the auditorium for this high-energy meeting.

Dr. Henry Morris III joined him for the Friday evening and all-day Saturday seminar. Interestingly enough, more than half the crowd came from a large distance, including a large contingent from Manitoba and Ontario provinces in Canada. Many had been to a seminar before or had attended a meeting along a recent “loop tour” and desired more information.

One lady exclaimed: “The seminar I attended eight years ago opened my eyes to the cancer of evolution thinking and started my mind thinking. My thoughts have been jelling for these eight years, and now with this second dose, I fully understand. Thank you so much for coming—and for coming back!”

The message of creation then moved east, to Baltimore on November 9–10 at the facility of Greater Grace World Outreach. Adjunct Professor Doug Phillips joined Dr. John Morris for a “Defending the Faith” conference.

The school assemblies were well attended with Dr. Morris presenting talks on “Dinosaurs and the Bible” and “Noah’s Ark/Noah’s Flood.” In between Dr. Phillips addressed students from the seminary sponsored by the church. The main seminar was likewise well attended with warm Christians from all over the east coast. Numerous international students were present, with several begging ICR to come to their countries with this creation information.

One international student wrote to Dr. Morris, “Thank you so much for taking up God’s call on your life and for staying faithful and true to His word. Through your availability, God is touching hearts and changing lives forever, and only eternity will reveal the impact your portion has had all over the world. I just want you to know that I will be praying for you every day of the rest of my life.”

The seminar was repeated the next weekend in the Houston area at the Champion Forest Baptist Church of Spring, Texas. The committee chairpersons and many in attendance were involved in the oil industry, so interest was particularly high in Dr. Morris’ lectures involving geology. Dr. Phillips’ Biblical and motivational talks stole the show, however, with many seeing the true relevance of the issue for the first time.





One college student offered this testimony. "Ten years ago, as a 12-year-old kid, I heard Dr. Morris give a school assembly talk on dinosaurs to a large group of youngsters. What I heard that day strengthened my faith in God and His word. I felt His call to study to be a scientist. I'm about to graduate from the university now, and soon will enter graduate school. I intend to acquire my doctorate, and hope to work for ICR."

Two attendees, following the search for Noah's Ark lecture offered personal knowledge of its whereabouts. One lady referred us to a Turkish man she knew who claimed to have seen the Ark. The other was a retired military photo analyst, who, while sworn to lifelong secrecy regarding his experiences and the photos he had seen, enthusiastically insisted that Dr. Morris was "on the right track"!

The Christian fellowship and warmth shared at all three seminars underscores the truth that creationists are the nicest Christians. ☪



From California

I just want to thank you for the *Days of Praise* publication. I have read and used this devotional for approximately 12–13 years and I love it. I go to your website and read it at work every morning before I start my work day. Again, thanks, and all glory to God. [Ed. note: Please see www.icr.org/newsletters.html to sign up.]

From North Carolina

Thank you for arranging for the Riddles to be with us. They were a great blessing to my people. . . . Please keep us in mind anytime they or any of your other speakers are close enough to come to our church for a service. Thank you and may God continue to heap His blessings on the personnel and work of ICR. ☪

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
by Henry M. Morris, World Bible Publishing Company, 1997, 374 pp.

This is a unique, practical collection of devotionals that could inspire a person to serve the Creator as well as increase his understanding of the creation, both biblically and scientifically.

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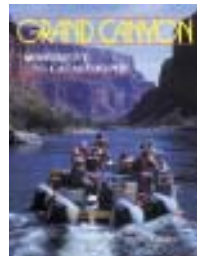
Dinosaurs by Design by Duane T. Gish, Master Books, 1992, 88 large format pages.

From a distinguished creation scientist, an informative and well-presented book for children full of color illustrations. Includes features on various types of dinosaurs, what happened on Noah's Ark, the world after the Flood, and how fossils are formed. Strongly recommended.

Tabernacle Bookshop (England)

Grand Canyon: Monument to Catastrophe ed. by Steven A. Austin, Institute for Creation Research, 1994, 284 pp.

While this volume will be of interest to all, it will be of most value to geologists and biologists. By the time you've finished reading it, you'll be saying to yourself, "I wonder when ICR will be having its next



Grand Canyon tour? I'd like to sign up for it!" In the meantime, get this book and digest it!

Biblical Evangelist ☪

TWO LONG-TIME ICR COLLEAGUES CALLED HOME

ICR scientists and staff were saddened at the recent passing of two esteemed ministry colleagues, but happy to know they are now at home with the Lord.

Dr. Thomas G. Barnes was the first Dean of the ICR Graduate School, serving from its founding in 1981 until his retirement in 1984. He had previously retired after a long and distinguished career as Professor of Physics at the University of Texas (El Paso), where he served for 43 years, including 12 years as Director of the Schellenger Research Laboratories. While still at UTEP he had also been a member of the ICR's Technical Advisory Board from the time of ICR's beginnings in 1970.

In addition, he was President of the Creation Research Society for four years beginning in 1973, succeeding Dr. Henry Morris. He published five books in the field of physics, including a textbook on electricity and magnetism, plus many scientific papers. His ICR monograph, *Origin and Destiny of the Earth's Magnetic Field* (1973) was a classic contribution to scientific creationism. He was 90 years old.

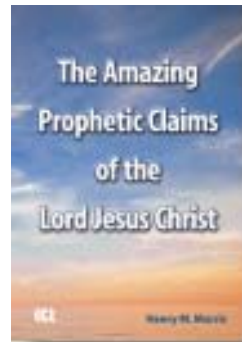
George Hillestad had been closely associated with the creation movement since he came to Christian Heritage College in 1971, first as Director of Development and then as Vice President for Business Affairs. He was one of the founding directors of Creation Life Publishers (now known as Master Books) when it was organized in 1974, resigning from the College soon afterwards to become its General Manager. He served in that capacity until 1984.

Although the company had several general managers after his resignation, Mr. Hillestad continued very effectively in its administration as an active board member. Although the company was started on a shoestring, as it were, and always struggled financially, it was

largely through his efforts that the company was able to continue for over 22 years, publishing and marketing some 75 influential books on creationism and Christian evidences, as well as many videos on creation. He eventually led in the mutually beneficial sale of the company to New Leaf Publishers in 1996, where it has continued to function effectively in this key type of ministry. Mr. Hillestad was 75 years old, and will be missed. 🙏

NEW BOOKLET ON DEITY OF CHRIST

The Amazing Prophetic Claims of the Lord Jesus Christ is the title of a new evangelistic booklet by Dr. Henry Morris, now available through customer service by calling 800/628-7640 or at the ICR website store [www.icr.org/store]. Stressing the remarkable modern-day proofs of the deity of Christ and the truth



of His claims and promises, it can be used both to encourage Christians and also to help convince any who are seeking the truth about Christ and salvation.

Written by Dr. Morris, it is an appropriate booklet with which to begin the new year, with a message that is valid for any time and anyone. The price is \$0.15 per copy or \$0.10 per copy in orders of 100 or more copies and can be ordered direct from ICR. 🙏



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

Weekend of: **Title/Topic:**

Jan. 5 “Life on Mars”

Man has been searching for life on other planets for decades. Currently there’s renewed interest in continuing exploration and research on Mars. Why Mars and why now?


Jan. 12 “Archaeology and the Bible”

Archaeologists have been excavating sites in the Holy Land for decades. What exactly have they found? Does the evidence support or deny the historical account of things described in the Old and New Testaments? Listen and learn!

Jan. 19 “Endangered Species”

When it comes to endangered species, most of us would agree that we should be concerned with the maintenance of these near-extinct animals. But did you know that our belief about origins affects our perspective on endangered animals? Don’t touch that dial!

Jan. 26 “Genome Project Update”


Do humans have a genetic disposition towards sin? In other words, can our sin nature actually be found in our genes? Tune in to find out! 

ICR INTRODUCES DR. ARLO MOEHLLENPAH




ICR welcomes to its family of speakers Dr. Arlo Moehlenpah, who joins us following a productive career in science and education.

Dr. Moehlenpah received his Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1970 from Washington University. His career included both industrial research and teaching. His long-time interest in creation led him to write the helpful book, *Creation versus Evolution: Scientific and Religious Considerations*, to augment his blossoming speaking load. He retired from teaching in 1999 settling in southern California and making himself available to the ICR ministry.

An engaging speaker with a knack for involving the audience in his talk, Dr. Moehlenpah will be the featured speaker on a “loop tour” in Missouri and Illinois in April. We trust that God will bless his efforts and his affiliation with ICR. 

ICR TOUR TO ENGLAND

Plans are being finalized for ICR’s first tour to England in the Fall of 2002. A 12-day tour is planned for mid-September. We hope to spend seven days in London, three days in Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, one day in Bath, and one day in Oxford. Visits to major museums and geologic sites are intended to help understand the development of the Enlightenment, the Scientific Method, the Industrial Revolution, Darwinism, the British Empire, and Colonial America.

The purpose of the tour will be to obtain a better understanding of the British culture and why it so readily accepted Darwinism. America has adopted many of the same ideas and has begun to experience the same consequences. Watch for future announcements in *Acts & Facts* about **The England Tour**. 

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Biblical Foundations for Stewardship

“Both riches and honor come of thee . . .” (I Chronicles 29:12).

This portion of *Acts & Facts* is dedicated to challenging all of us to be faithful as “stewards” (I Corinthians 4:2) of what God has allowed us to use. Let us review the foundational principles upon which the Bible builds the responsibility of stewardship.

Foundational Principle #1 God is the Creator and Owner of all things.

The teaching of God’s creative ownership is absolutely clear in Scripture. Psalm 24:1 claims the Lord’s ownership of the earth *“and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”* Psalm 50:10 is the famous verse about God owning *“the cattle upon a thousand hills.”* *“All things,”* Paul says, *“were created by Him, and for Him”* (Colossians 1:16).

Foundational Principle #2 God is the Source and Foundation of all wealth and power. *“Both riches and honor come of thee . . .”* (I Chronicles 29:12), and *“The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts”* (Haggai 2:8). Indeed, *“. . . He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things”* (Acts 17:25), as well as *“Every good gift and every perfect gift”* (James 1:17).

Foundational Principle #3 God is the Ruler and Sovereign over all authority. Christ’s commission to His disciples was based on Him having *“all power”* (Matthew 28:18). I Chronicles 29:11 and 12 say in part: *“Thine, O LORD, is the greatness . . . for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; . . . and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.”* He is the *“KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS”* (Revelation 19:16).

Foundational Principle #4 God delegates authority and we are to manage His resources. The initial authorization was given to Adam and Eve (Genesis 1:18) and later to Noah (Genesis 9:1–7). The parables of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30) and the Pounds (Luke 19:11–27) reinforce our responsibility to “steward” God’s resources for His glory.

It is easy to forget our “stewardship” responsibilities in a world that lauds monetary success and accumulation. Our goal should be to build “treasures in heaven” (Matthew 6:20) through our good stewardship on this earth. There are only two things now present in this earth that are eternal: the souls of men and the word of God. How have we used our resources to invest in these eternal things?

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