

PASSING THE TORCH OF CREATION

A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT!



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Dr. Tim LaHaye



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Dr. Henry Morris

Pastor Chuck Smith, Dr. Tim LaHaye, Dr. Duane Gish, and Dr. Henry Morris are teaming up for one of the most momentous events since the modern creation movement began over 30 years ago. *Passing the Torch of Creation* is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2002, at Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, at 3800 South Fairview Road in Santa Ana, California.

The central theme and purpose of this unique conference is to prepare and exhort future generations to proclaim the truth of creation and stand firm on God's Holy Word. These four senior statesmen will be sharing their lifetime experiences and passing on spiritual and tactical wisdom for the twenty-first century.

Pastor Chuck Smith will be speaking about the vital role of creation evangelism and why it is an essential doctrine for a healthy church. When he first began to minister and hold Bible studies for

young dropouts in the 60s he found that evolution was a major hangup. He began giving away copies of a Henry Morris book and saw many come to Christ. From those humble beginnings has risen the worldwide Calvary Chapel movement.

Dr. Tim LaHaye will be discussing the dangers of Biblical compromise, the necessity of standing firm on God's Word, and how this perspective led to ICR's founding. Dr. LaHaye shared his vision for a Christian college in San Diego with Henry Morris in 1969. Discussions turned to the need for a creationist advocacy and research group. Thus the Institute for Creation Research was birthed in 1970 as the science faculty of Christian Heritage College.

Dr. Duane Gish will be discussing how and why Christians must win the creation debate in the sciences, community, and schools. Dr. Gish was one of the

founding members of the Creation Research Society in 1964, along with Dr. Morris. Their friendship grew until he joined Dr. Morris at ICR in 1972. He has been a major contributor to the creation cause.

Finally, Dr. Henry Morris will talk about the history of the creation movement, where creation stands today, and where we must go in the future. His involvement in creation goes back to the 1940s. He recognized creation and the Flood as the key to evangelism and Christian discipleship in an ever-more secular society. He stood nearly alone for many years until his speaking and writing ignited the now burgeoning movement. He has been referred to as the “father of modern creationism.”

ICR’s President, Dr. John Morris, will serve as the emcee and share some of his own passions and vision. He will discuss the state of the creation movement today and explain how we are poised for major advances in research.

Our host, Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, feels so strongly that this is a significant event, that they have graciously offered their facility free of charge, allowing the entire seminar to be without cost to attend. However, since we expect overflow crowds, pre-registration is necessary to guarantee seating. If extra seating is available, all non-registration participants will be offered seats on a first-come, first-served basis. You may pre-register by calling 619/596-6040. Directions to the church will be sent with your tickets.

The conference will begin at 9:15 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2002. Creation resources and book-signings will be made available before and after the sessions. Book tables will open at 8:00 a.m.

Please pray for good health for our speakers and that through this event our Creator, Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be glorified! 🙏

ICR’S NEW RADIO STUDIOS

The Lord has greatly blessed ICR’s Radio Ministry! Due to the generous gift of an anonymous donor, ICR has built brand new radio studios. This facility will greatly enhance ICR’s radio broadcasts and make audio production more efficient. The new studios include a sound



Left to Right: Cris, Pat, Mike, Cheryl, Tim.

stage (with eight-channel voice-over ability) and thirty-two channels for post-production. The studio also includes four computer work stations.

As many of you know, ICR produces many broadcasts including: “Science, Scripture, & Salvation,” our weekly news magazine; “Back to Genesis,” our one-minute weekday commentary; “De Regreso a Génesis,” our one-minute weekday commentary in Spanish; “Jonathan Park” our twenty-eight minute

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radio adventure; and many radio documentaries. There are several other projects in the future as well.



Recording session for Jonathan Park.

Prior to building the new studios, ICR would often rent outside studios for recording. With our new facility, all pre- and postproduction is being done completely in house. The savings to ICR will be enormous over the years.

Along with new studios, there are also new members on the radio team. The ICR Radio Ministry includes: Cheryl Maggio who works with radio stations around the world to place ICR broadcasts on the air; Mike Gilbert who interviews scientists from many different countries, researches, and writes scripts; Tim McMahon who manages the studio and oversees all broadcast production; Jared Bowling who assists in broadcast production; Pat Roy who oversees the Radio Department and is Executive Producer for the Jonathan Park series; and Cris O'Bryon is the "announcer" of ICR. The team also includes many others who give of their time: writers, directors, and actors.

With new studios, a team committed to the Lord, and a year in which the general public seems to be more open to the gospel than they've been in a long time, the ICR Radio Ministry is reaching the world with the vital creation message! 📻

Radio Log

This month on "Science, Scripture, & Salvation":

Weekend of: Title/Topic:

April 6 "Animals and Communication"
It's not unusual to hear in the media that humans and animals are related. There are some similarities between the two. Communication for instance. Or is it actually evidence to the contrary? Listen and learn!

April 13 "Light"
Light is something we often take for granted. Of course, darkness reminds us how important light is. Light just could not be the result of random chance. What about light? Tune in for the Biblical perspective!

April 20 "Environmental Stewardship"
On this Earth Day weekend, environmental issues are front and center around the world. Some people think that environmental awareness is only a secular concern. Do creationists believe in practicing environmental stewardship? Tune in to find out!

April 27 "The Geologic Column"
The earth's crust does hold the key to understanding past ages of the earth. Some would have us believe that the layers found in the crust were laid down over "millions of years." But what does the evidence clearly say? Join us for this program! 📻

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THE BIG BANG . . . IN IMMUNOLOGY

It would seem the sudden “explosive” appearance of everything—from the universe to invertebrate creatures, to people and their immune system—is the frustrating rule in secular science.

In the Cambrian system of sedimentary rock, for example, complex invertebrate creatures such as corals, worms, trilobites, sea stars, and jellies all explosively appear in a most un-Darwinian manner. Evolutionist Niles Eldredge admits, “The Cambrian evolutionary explosion is still shrouded in mystery.”¹ Creation scientists hardly see this as an enigma, but exactly what is expected based on Creation, the Fall, and the Flood.

People, too, appear abruptly as admitted by secular biologists. “We appear suddenly in the fossil record, or so it seems to many paleontologists.”² In the twenty-first century, so-called human evolution is still “complex and unresolved,”³ the fossil evidence being “fragmentary and open to various interpretations.”⁴

On a smaller scale, the incredibly sophisticated immune system has no Darwinian explanation for its sudden origin. This complex system is an arrangement of multi-level defenses that protects people and vertebrates against bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and viruses. The immune system, and other systems of the body, reveals wondrous design by the Master Designer. Consider for a moment that the secular community does not know how this incredible system evolved—

There is still much debate on how the vertebrate immune system evolved and even less consensus on its relationship to defense systems in invertebrates.⁵

Immunologist and evolutionist Charles Janeway and fellow authors speak of the very sudden appearance of adaptive, or acquired, immunity in an unknown past creature.

In jawed fish and all “higher” vertebrates, adaptive immunity is possible because of what I like to think of as the immunological “Big Bang,” which occurred in some ancestor of the jawed fish.⁶

But it doesn’t stop there. The rays and sharks (Chondrichthyes) have experienced this “Big Bang” in their immune system—

Adaptive immunity appears abruptly in the cartilaginous fish.⁷

While the secular community continues to ponder their origins apart from God, the cry of David can still be heard by those truly searching, “*I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well*” (Psalm 139:14).

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Meeting Highlights

Hobbs, New Mexico

Super Bowl Sunday Dr. John Morris spoke at Taylor Memorial Baptist Church in Hobbs. Years of experimenting with various schedules which would allow members to both attend church *and* watch the game had proven unsatisfactory. Pastor Dean Mathis proposed the idea of having a winter Bible Conference which would be over before kickoff, and the idea was a hit (or maybe a long gainer).

Dr. Morris spoke to the combined Sunday School classes on dinosaurs, then on the illogic of theistic evolution, both Biblical and scientific, at the worship service.

The entire church was invited to enjoy a meal together at noon, followed by two more lectures, one on creation and the other on the Flood. Attendance remained high throughout, with no frustration at missing the game.

Since Dr. Morris was to fly out of distant Lubbock, Texas, early the next morning, the Pastor and his wife drove him to the airport as soon as the sessions were over. They arrived just as the second quarter was starting and enjoyed pizza in his motel room until the last second field goal.

Anaheim, California

Dr. John Morris was privileged to join several nationally known speakers at the *Steeling of the Mind of America* conference on February 9, 2002.

Mr. Bill Perkins of Compass International lives out his burden to see Christians strengthened in the faith, with minds prepared to meet the host of challenges which present themselves.


Dr. Morris was asked to speak on the evidence for creation, young earth and Noah's flood seen through the analogy of Mount St. Helens. When it erupted in 1980, up to 600 feet of water-borne strata were deposited, burying countless trees and animals. Since that time, wood is petrifying, fossils are forming, a deep canyon has been cut, a "mature" landscape has appeared, and peat is metamorphosing into coal—all processes which are thought to require millions of years to accomplish.

Other speakers spoke on current events, on the cults, on false doctrine on dinosaurs, and on Islam. The truth of creation was welcomed by many who had never heard a credible presentation on it before.

Sacramento, California

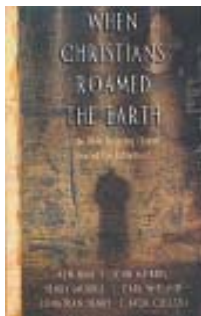
Sacramento is the State Capital of California. A recently formed ministry has begun to reach the elected politicians, their staffs, lobbyists, and their families with the message of Christ as Lord and Savior. On February 4, Capitol Ministries, founded by Mr. Ralph Drollinger, asked ICR President John Morris to speak at a banquet for State Senators and Assemblymen along with others.

Nearly 200 people gathered in the Sutter Room across the street from the capitol building to hear of the scientific and Biblical case for creation and against evolution. Many in attendance were non-Christian, yet the message was clear and well received.

A surprising number of elected officials in California are mature Christians. Bible studies are being conducted within both parties. Discipleship is occurring. The evening was not only one of creation ministry and a Christian challenge, but a solemn reminder to pray for those in positions of responsibility and influence. Capitol Ministries has similar efforts in several states with many more about to commence. 



AN IMPORTANT NEW BOOK



Seldom does a really significant book appear with the collected wisdom of many, but just such a book does now exist, with chapters written by many of the well known leaders in the creation movement.

Entitled *When Christians Roamed the Earth*, it chronicles societal rejection of the Christian/creation worldview, the horrid results of accepting the naturalistic/evolution worldview, and the desperate need for Christians, in all of society to return to right thinking as demanded by Scripture and mandated by good science. Consider the chapter titles and brief descriptions below.

- I. *The Conflict of the Ages*—Dr. Henry Morris shows how the creation/evolution worldview conflict has dominated history.
- II. *Biblical Authority and the Book of Genesis*—Ken Ham explains the necessity of accepting Genesis' accuracy to the Biblical worldview.
- III. *The Fire Building*—Dr. Jack Cuozzo, neanderthal researcher discusses the difficulties encountered as a Christian in a world of unbelievers.
- IV. *The Denial of the Obvious*—Dr. John Morris presents the intuitively obvious truth of the creation model, and how it was discarded.
- V. *Culture Change: The Creation Background*—Dr. Carl Wieland exposes evolution's cancer throughout modern society.
- VI. *Ye Shall be as Gods*—Dr. Jonathan Henry exposes the repetitive lie of Satan, first to Eve and now to us.

This 192-page book is destined to be widely read and applied in areas of influence. You can order a copy from ICR by calling 800/628-7640 or on the web (at icr.org.bookstore). The cost is \$11.95. ☞



From New York

“*Acts & Facts* is a great help. Back in 1998 I was struggling with my secular education and my faith. By the grace of God I was led to an ICR creation presentation in New York. The presentation was a milestone in my growth as a Christian; thank you very much! I think many people have come to Jesus following the 9/11 disaster and many of them may soon struggle as I did with their past education of evolution and the truth of the word of God. Your ministry must continue and be there for them! God bless you.”

From Texas

“The value of your teaching to my life and ministry is beyond measure. God has graciously committed to you a veritable treasure of insights. Time and again, the Lord has spoken exactly what was needed to keep me going in the vineyard.”

From Mississippi

“God has enabled you to produce very needed writings. Every book of yours that I get I have considered a classic in my library and I keep them in a place where I can quickly use them for reference to relevant passages.”

From Indiana

“*The Genesis Flood* . . . was the first book I ever read with science illuminating the Scriptures. It led directly to my receiving Christ three years later. And, it directed me to a life-long delight in God's word, as well as His creation.” ☞

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May our gracious Lord minister this bondage-breaking truth to your heart and mine.

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:19–33).

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