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 (Colossians 1:15-20)

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# Honoring Pioneers of Creation

It's always fun to catch up with old friends. We recently asked some pioneers of the creation movement to share with us where they are in their professional, personal, and ministry pursuits. In some cases, we spoke to family members who are carrying on the legacy of a loved one who has gone home to the Lord. Others, unfortunately, weren't able to make a contribution. We also went back to Drs. Henry Morris and Duane Gish's very first entries in what would become today's *Acts & Facts*. You can read their thoughts and hopes on pages 22-23.

In this special edition, we pass along to you, our friends, what these pioneers told us. Many of you will no doubt recall their earlier involvement with ICR's work, as well as their

many contributions to *Acts & Facts* and other resources. They've continued their commitment to creation ministry, while pursuing their passion for honoring the Creator of the universe. These champions of creation established a foundation that ICR continues to build on.

As ICR President Emeritus Dr. John Morris says, "Retirement sure doesn't slow you down...It has been my continual pleasure to study and teach the freeing news of creation, praising the Lord who has done so much for me" (pages 3-4).

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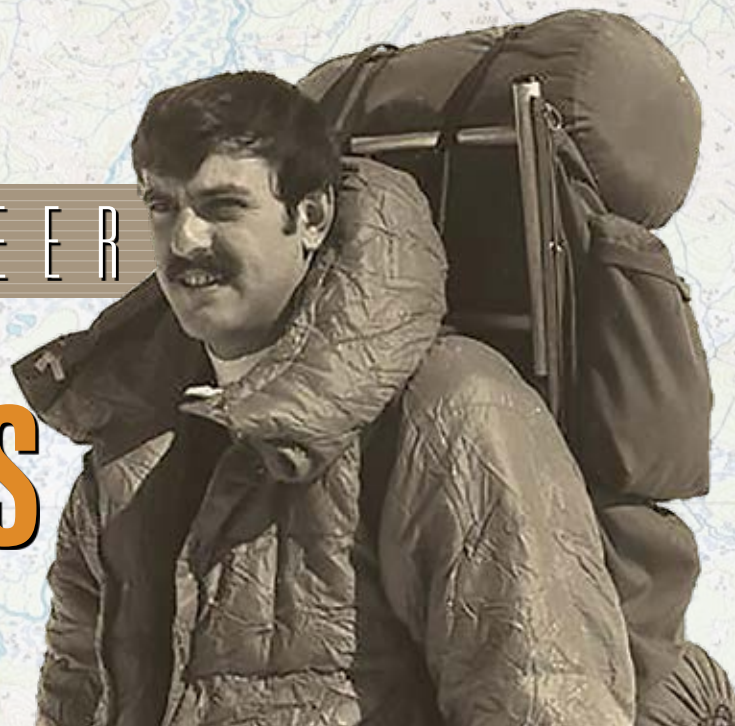
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## CREATION PIONEER

# John Morris

JOHN D. MORRIS, PH.D.



Several years have passed since I retired from the Institute for Creation Research. Let me emphasize “retired.” I didn’t leave ICR. In fact, I’ve always stayed in contact, coming in usually at least once a week, participating where I can, staying in touch with creation research progress.

I had been an engineer working in Los Angeles in the ’70s before getting involved with the fledgling ICR, and this was my “dream job.” In case you never knew, my retirement was for medical reasons. I was diagnosed with crippling multiple sclerosis in 1975 but had been active ever since, climbing mountains and doing geologic research, but becoming less and less capable over time. Recently, however, I was forced to cut back. In 2014, I suffered an unexpected stroke, and after a lengthy rehab it was obvious that I should fully retire. I assure you, my passion for the Lord has not abated, nor my commitment to creation.

Let me fill you in on some of my more recent activities. I am, as always, quite active at First Baptist Church in Dallas, teaching as often as invited in various Sunday school classes. Sunday evening service has been replaced at FBD with Discipleship University, where many teachers and professors teach classes on various subjects. I’ve taught a Creation Matters class for the last four years.

This keeps me fresh with insights from ICR’s research, especially with Dr. Tim Clarey’s work on compiling data from geologic columns worldwide. As ICR president, I championed this long-range project for years but could never get an experienced geologist to take it on. The research by Dr. Randy Guliuza on natural selection has captivated me, as has the DNA research and laboratory investigation on blind



cavefish. It's amazing how many opportunities God has afforded me over the years, and it would be remiss of me not to share such information with those who could benefit. God has also brought speaking and writing invitations from elsewhere. Retirement sure doesn't slow you down.

Meanwhile, Ed Yates, one of the "pillars of First Baptist Dallas," and I have become friends. He loved hearing and reading of my experiences at Mount Ararat, Grand Canyon, Mount St. Helens, and elsewhere.

I gave him several creation books I had written on such subjects.

One day he proclaimed, "Your life should be made into a movie, especially the part about God's miraculous provision for you on Mount Ararat." He approached a local movie producer, and the idea was accepted. The film idea had come up before, but I hadn't been convinced it was a workable concept since the Ark has never been truly found. But this film has taken on a life of its own. Last March, we hosted the producer, director, cameraman, scriptwriter, and possible supporters at a launching/prayer meeting here in Dallas. Needless to say, this does occupy a bit of my "retirement" time.

The film will be a dramatic movie based loosely on events in my life. It'll focus primarily on the time I and two other explorers were struck by lightning in a violent storm near the summit of the 17,000-foot-high Mount Ararat in search of Noah's Ark. I and one other climber were paralyzed from the waist down for hours, lying on the steep snow-covered finger glacier. The other one was unconscious and bloodied, unable to help even after reawakening. All we could do to communicate with each other was holler through the gale-force winds and thunderclaps. We couldn't help ourselves,

and no one was even aware we were in trouble. Prayer was offered to God for His desperately needed intervention.

After what seemed like hours of icy immobility, unable even to unstrap our heavy backpacks, I finally

realized as daylight ended that we were likely headed toward freezing to death that night. But God wasn't through with us yet. In answer to my fervent prayer, He graciously allowed us to recover and continue on up the mountain. That was my "introduction" to creation experiences, and the first of numerous Ararat expeditions.<sup>1</sup>

Soon after that I joined the science staff at ICR, eventually becoming president in 1995 as my father, ICR Founder Dr. Henry Morris, retired. When ICR moved to Dallas in 2006, my older brother, Dr. Henry Morris III, was asked to be CEO while I remained in California. In due course, I joined the faculty in Dallas. It has been my continual pleasure to study and teach the freeing news of creation, praising the Lord who has done so much for me. It is our desire to use the film, should it come to fruition, to praise Him for



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**John and Dalta Morris**

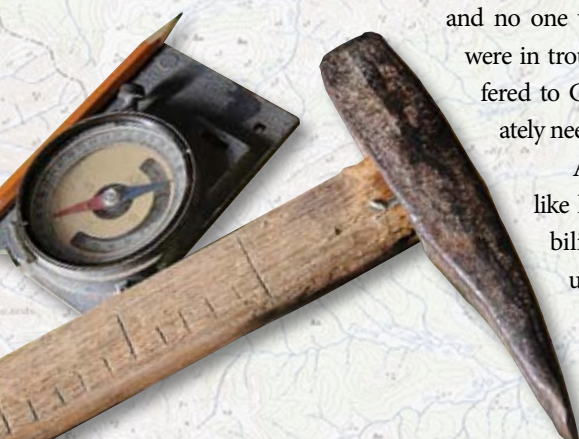
His greatness and goodness.

Meanwhile, I continue to write articles for *Acts & Facts*, as well as *Days of Praise*. Several of my books are being revised, and there are a few more in process. Recently, I was asked to take a position on the ICR governing board, and I am delighted to have a hand in praying for and guiding its future. Perhaps God can use the victories and experiences through which He has brought me to help ICR in the days ahead. 🙏

**Reference**

- 1. For more information about this incident and other of Dr. Morris' Ararat experiences, see *Noah's Ark: Adventures on Ararat* and *Searching for Noah's Ark*, both available at [icr.org/store](http://icr.org/store).

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# JOHN C. WHITCOMB

## GOD'S PROVIDENCE AND *THE GENESIS FLOOD*

DAVID C. WHITCOMB, M.D., P.H.D.

John C. Whitcomb and Henry M. Morris published *The Genesis Flood* in 1961. For the first time, a book presented an in-depth analysis of the biblical and scientific evidences for creation and the global Flood from the perspectives of a theologian and a hydraulic engineer. Few others could have written it, for both men were uniquely qualified for their contributions to the work. Through seemingly unconnected circumstances, God had carefully prepared John Whitcomb for this task.

### A Guided Life

Dr. John Whitcomb's life stretched from June 22, 1924, to February 5, 2020, when he died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 95. Born into the military home of a high-ranking Army officer, John's childhood included living in China from ages three to six, where he became proficient in Mandarin Chinese. His family then spent time in Fort Leavenworth and Seattle, and finally moved to Fort Benning just before World War II.

John was an only child. Beginning with an amah (nursemaid) named Pung in China, he was often relegated to the care of servants or domestic help through junior high school. He wondered why his parents focused on continuous trips, leaving him behind. He was relegated to his room during the social parties they gave as part of Army politics. Furthermore, with career moves every three to four years, it was impossible to develop long-term friendships. His escape was in books, and he became an

avid reader with an interest in international places, people, and maps. For high school, he was sent to McCallie Military Academy in Chattanooga, where he learned self-discipline, as well as publishing and academic skills that led to an early acceptance to Princeton University.

When choosing his freshman classes at Princeton, John picked geology since he loved maps. To his surprise, the class was in evolutionary geology and paleontology and was taught by leading experts, including the authors of prominent textbooks. In God's providence, John was being prepared for his future work. But the most important event of his freshman year was hearing the Bible teaching of a Princeton graduate and retired missionary, Donald Fullerton, who led him to accept Jesus Christ as his Savior. This event changed everything as he passionately

followed and served his Lord for the rest of his life.

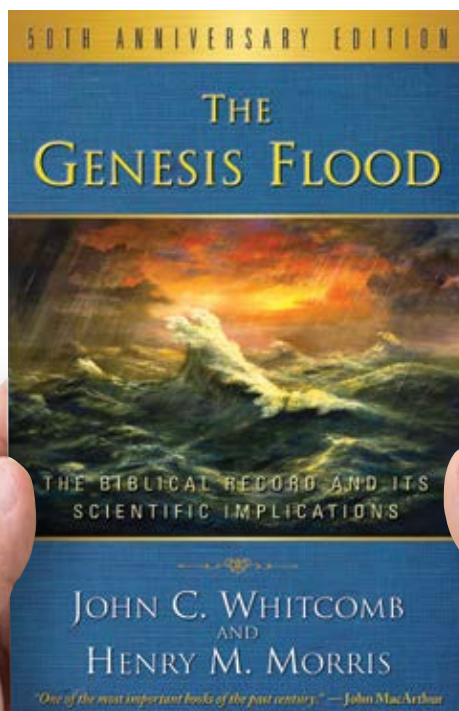
After one year at Princeton, John was drafted into the U.S. Army. Since he tested at the genius level of intelligence, he was given the opportunity to apply for a special occupation force program. In this program, people with skills in international languages and cultures were chosen to backfill the political vacuum left after the conquering army swept through a city, province, or country. But having chosen geology, John was short some language courses. He was instead assigned to a year of engineering courses at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (now Virginia Tech). He bitterly complained to his father that this was "against my will." He didn't want to study engineering! But God had plans for him.

### Theological Preparation

After World War II ended, John returned to Princeton, where he graduated with honors in history. He then enrolled at Grace Theological Seminary with a goal to return to China as a missionary. But this became impossible when Chairman Mao forced communism on the Chinese people and killed dissenters, as well as killing or expelling foreigners, especially missionaries.

John had no other plans, so the president of Grace Seminary offered him a job teaching Genesis, Hebrew exegesis, apologetics, and other Old Testament courses.

Nearly all evangelical Bible-believing Christians of the time had embraced





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the theory of evolution. They taught that evolutionary history fit into a “gap” of millions and millions of years between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. Indeed, John was taught the gap theory in his seminary classes since it was the position held by the seminary professors.

But he was struck by the clarity of the Hebrew text of Genesis 1. It demanded a literal interpretation of six 24-hour days for the creation of the heavens and the earth. He extended this study to the entire Bible, Genesis to Revelation, marking every verse that touched on creation or the Flood. After careful exegesis and hermeneutics, he discovered that the Scriptures had one, and *only* one, narrative—God created the heavens and the earth in six days, and later destroyed the world that then was by a year-long global flood as a punishment for sin.

### A Divine Encounter

On September 3, 1953, John Whitcomb attended a conference of the American Scientific Association (ASA) held at Grace Seminary. The ASA was a group of Christian scientists and engineers who sought to harmonize the biblical and evolutionary narratives. Many papers were presented, with a few dissenting views.

John reported in his diary, “At 9:00 I heard Dr. Henry Morris present a paper on the Deluge Theory of Geology before the ASA. He was criticized by several.” John approached Dr. Morris noting that in his opinion Dr. Morris’ approach and perspective were thoroughly biblical. The two corresponded for a number of months, with Dr. Morris concluding by stating, “Perhaps we can be of mutual help to each other from time to time.”

John Whitcomb determined he would write his Th.D. dissertation on the Genesis

Flood, since to him the geological evidence of the biblical record was overwhelmingly clear. Its title was “The Genesis Flood: An investigation of its geographical extent, geological effects and chronological settings.” While his biblical arguments were compelling, he couldn’t get the dissertation published because he didn’t have a Ph.D. in geology and wasn’t permitted to criticize the experts.


Independently, Henry Morris was working on a detailed book on the effects of the hydrodynamics of floodwaters and the predicted effects of a global flood as described in Genesis. Although he was a devout Christian and student of the Scriptures, he was not a theologian, and his approach to biblical apologetics lacked theological tools and perspectives. Dr. Whitcomb reached out to Dr. Morris, describing his dissertation publication dilemma as the “battle between the elephants and the whales,” where neither dominant mammal could fight in the environment of the other. And thus *The Genesis Flood* was launched.

### A Providential Collaboration

The effort in writing the book took years to complete. It was an amazing experience for both authors, since Dr. Morris was able to understand and critique Dr. Whit-

comb’s chapters based on his knowledge of the Bible, and Dr. Whitcomb was able to understand and critique Dr. Morris’ chapters based on his knowledge of geology from Princeton and engineering from Virginia Tech. The correct arguments and supporting evidences came into focus, resulting in a historically new and compelling answer to the theory of evolution. Their approach was to first ask what did God say? And second, is global geology consistent with a global flood? Third, to show that evolution is a theory without mechanistic evidences!

Sixty years after the publication of *The Genesis Flood*, an assessment of its impact can be made. It dismantled evolutionary theory and caused a pivot from uniformitarianism to catastrophism. The book also caused a change in orthodox theology to articulate a six-day creation and a global flood. (See the Chicago Statement on Inerrancy.) And finally, the book brought confirmation to Bible-believing scientists and engineers that true science is always consistent with clear biblical teaching.

*The Genesis Flood* testifies to God’s providential working in the lives of John Whitcomb and Henry Morris to uniquely prepare them for this task and then bring them together at just the right time. The ongoing work of these men of God inspired thousands of disciples by lifting up the Holy Scriptures as the only divine source of truth, and their legacy of faith continues today. 

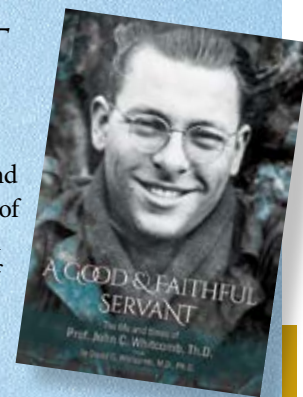


Dr. Whitcomb is the author of the recently published book *A Good and Faithful Servant about his father, Professor John C. Whitcomb, Th.D.*

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John C. Whitcomb co-authored *The Genesis Flood*, a Bible and science masterpiece that rocked the Christian world and sparked modern creationism as we know it. This marked one of many contributions to the Christian faith from a humble man who strove to carefully study, interpret, and teach the Word of God. But, as he told the author of this biography, “This cannot be about me, but about what Christ has done for me and through me.”



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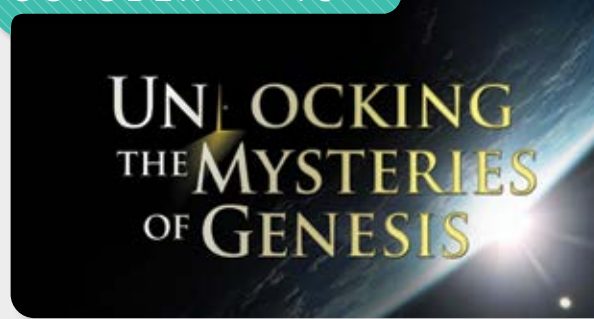


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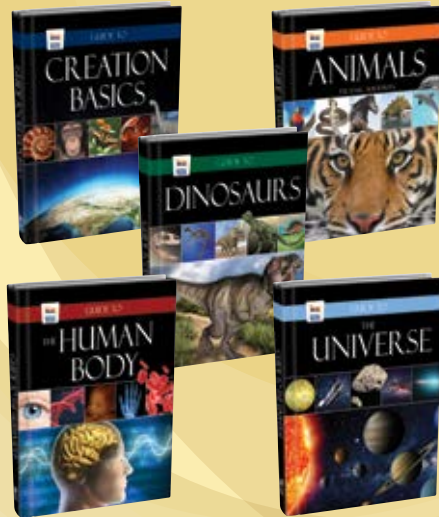


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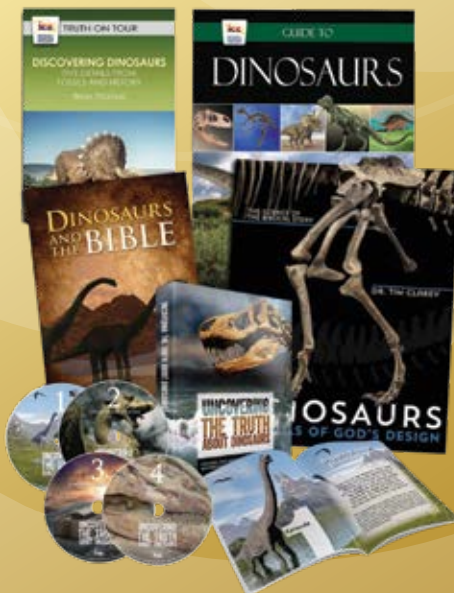
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# John Baumgardner

JOHN BAUMGARDNER, PH.D.

**M**y wife, Mary, and I currently live in central Virginia near Lynchburg and Liberty University, where I serve as research professor emeritus in the School of Engineering. God has blessed me here with several research collaborators who include Liberty faculty, undergraduate students, and graduate students, as well as professionals in industry.

The research collaborations focus primarily on issues relating to the Genesis Flood. One is the physics of how silicate minerals weaken profoundly with increasing shear stress, making catastrophic overturn of the earth's mantle and rapid plate tectonics possible. Another is computer modeling of the repetitive locking and unlocking of an overriding slab against a subducting slab in a subduction zone during rapid plate tectonics and the resulting generation of mega-tsunamis. In addition, we're doing numerical simulation of the erosion, suspension, transport, and deposition of sediment by turbulent water driven by repetitive mega-tsunamis, which allows us to study the continental sedimentation patterns in a global model with realistic continent motion history.

Further projects include numerical modeling of the supersonic steam jets that formed above zones between rapidly diverging seafloor plates during the Flood and modeling of the tectonics of western North America as North America migrated westward during the Flood over the subduction zone of the Farallon Plate, resulting in the temporary appearance of the Western Interior Seaway, followed by the uplift of the Rocky

Mountains at the end of the Flood. Another is of the polarity reversals of the earth's magnetic field during the Flood produced from sudden cooling of the core-mantle boundary by rock recently subducted from the earth's surface. We are also seeking to measure the helium diffusion rates in zircon from sites other than the one investigated in the Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth (RATE) project.<sup>1</sup>

I give glory to God for the dramatic conversion He granted me in Jesus more than 50 years ago at age 26. I also give Him glory for the exhilarating new life in Jesus I have experienced since then and for the calling He extended to me to uphold the truthfulness of His Word in the realm of creation apologetics.

At age 34, startling new insight into the tectonics aspects of the Flood prompted me to undertake a Ph.D. program in geophysics to address those issues at a professional level.

Although I had a master's degree in engineering, I'd had no training whatever in geoscience. But God proved Himself faithful, opening amazing doors and enabling me to earn a Ph.D. in this new field. This included His arranging, as part of my dissertation research, that I would develop a computational tool ideally suited to modeling a global flood cataclysm. This tool was the 3-D spherical finite element planetary mantle dynamics program now known as Terra.

It was God's genius and none of mine that brought this to pass, as I was struggling in my courses at UCLA. God was the one who orchestrated the opportunity for me to do my dissertation research remotely from UCLA at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. It was God who earlier had arranged for me to gain computer programming skills during four years of active duty at the Air Force Weapons Laboratory in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was He who



Los Alamos National Laboratory

arranged my encounter with a brilliant mathematician at Los Alamos who had recently discovered the multigrid method for solving large systems of partial differential equations. It was God who allowed this mathematician to recognize that his new technique was ideal for the model of the earth's mantle that I was seeking to build, which gave him eagerness to work with me as a mentor. His insights as a mathematician, combined with perseverance to debug computer code that God had wrought within me, made us an effective team. Within only a few months, we had a working version of the Terra program.

The improvement in speed that the multigrid method provided, combined with the speed of the Cray-1 supercomputer, made possible for the first time in history a fully 3-D simulation of the flow inside the mantle of a planet like Earth. Experts in the field were then estimating that such a feat was at least 10 years away.

When I presented my results to my graduate committee at UCLA, they were stunned but pleased. Whereas previously I had felt anxiety as to how I might identify a Ph.D. research topic that would advance understanding of the Genesis Flood and also be acceptable to the secular university scientists, God stepped in and resolved that challenge. Not only did I receive my Ph.D. with the strong approval of the department, but Los Alamos National Laboratory also took note of this computational advance. They offered me a position in their theoretical division with the added benefit that I could work half-time on research of my own choosing. I gladly accepted their offer and recognized that again God was opening amazing doors to His surprised servant.

My subsequent 20-year tenure at Los Alamos afforded me time and resources to develop catastrophic plate tectonics as one

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of the key physical processes responsible for the Flood cataclysm. I presented results from Terra simulations with increasing levels of realism at the International Conference on Creationism (ICC) held in 1986, 1990, 1994, and 2003.

Underpinning this work was the experimental fact that silicate minerals weaken dramatically under increasing shear stress, which makes the earth's mantle seriously vulnerable to runaway overturn catastrophe. During my time at Los Alamos, I also served as a member of the RATE project and was



**John and Mary Baumgardner**

privileged to lead the investigation on carbon-14.<sup>2</sup> That very exciting eight-year initiative identified multiple independent and conclusive lines of radioisotope evidence that the earth is merely a few thousands of years old, as opposed to billions.<sup>3</sup>

Upon retiring from Los Alamos in 2004, I joined the scientific staff of the Institute for Creation Research, where I soon began collaborating with Dr. John Sanford and others in the development of the population genetics program that came to be known as Mendel's Accountant. This program can track millions of individual mutations through thousands of generations in large

populations that show clearly that, except for microorganisms, the processes of mutation and selection lead inexorably to genetic decline, never to genetic improvement.

In 2010, I began to focus on the issue of how the fossil-bearing Flood sediment record was formed. I employed a program from my work at Los Alamos that solved for the patterns of flow in a thin layer of water on the surface of a rotating sphere. To this program, named Mabbul, I added models for erosion and for sediment transport and deposition in a layer of turbulent water.

I further added tsunamis from locking and unlocking of overriding plates in subduction zones, as well as moving continents that approximate the earth's continent-motion history from the onset of the Flood to the present. I presented early results from this program without tsunamis or moving continents at the 2013 ICC and a version with these features at the 2018 ICC. I was frankly stunned that this latter version yields a distribution of sediment on the continents at the end of the Flood that is noticeably similar to the actual sediment distribution of today's world.

In 2018, I was invited by the new dean of the School of Engineering at Liberty University to relocate to Liberty as an emeritus research professor, an invitation I gladly accepted. Most of my published work can be found on my website, [globalflood.org](http://globalflood.org). I am profoundly grateful to God for His astonishing faithfulness, mercy, and grace over the past 50 years. 🙏

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# Gary Parker

G A R Y P A R K E R , E D . D .

In rural south Florida where I grew up (Arcadia, DeSoto County), where my wife, Mary, and I had the first of our four children (all born within five years 60 years ago), and where I found out I was not cut out to be a high school science teacher, Mary and I have been operating our nonprofit Creation Adventures Museum. Serving especially home and Christian schools, church groups, students, and families from at least 22 states and four foreign countries, we emphasize outdoor activities to highlight the links between God's world and God's Word. We point out the striking evidences of God's perfect and *purposeful* creation, marred by death brought on by mankind's sin (corruption), nearly destroyed by Noah's Flood that preserved megasequences<sup>1</sup> of fossils testifying to God's global judgment (catastrophe), until

*Mammoth*



Christ returns to bring eternal life and joy to all “who have loved His appearing” (2 Timothy 4:8).

After Mary rejected my 40th anniversary present (a trip to the Holy Land Experience in Orlando), God fulfilled her dream: a red brick house with a circular drive on 5.5 acres just an eight-minute walk above fossil-rich Peace River and a wooded nature park. A mile upstream, Mary helped to excavate what turned out to be three mammoths, a young one and two adults! We were helping Tom DeRosa of the Creation Studies Institute in Fort Lauderdale, where the originals are, but we have stunning replicas of a five-foot-long femur, a huge jaw with teeth, and a

four-foot-long tusk.

These replicas are displayed in our museum under the heading Missionary Mammoths in the room where fossils Mary and I have collected from four continents are displayed in cases labeled Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Christ! Included are Ediacaran jellyfish from Australia, a *T. rex* tooth from Canada, sea lilies (crinoids) from Indiana, trilobites from Sweden, and insects from Japan. Our spacious oversize garage is where multiple hands-on workshops take place. Kits Mary prepared give students hands-on experience with fossil identification before they head out on canoe trips, fossil and shell hunts, or learn lab techniques such as plaster jacketing. I get to integrate the kits and displays Mary developed with Scripture and scientific evidences from my doctoral work and writings involving DNA, genetics, paleontology, and ecology.

The development of creation museums was a major dream of the Institute for Creation Research founder Dr. Henry Morris. Not long after I was invited onto the ICR staff in 1975, Dr. Morris made me director of the museum, which then consisted only of Clifford Wilson's archaeological artifacts. I was busy developing courses for the ICR Graduate School's new M.S. in biology, and training to do creation-evolution debates by Dr. Morris and Dr. Duane Gish. Since Mary was pushing the museum idea, I finally said, “Write up what you've been telling me about museums, and I'll submit it to Dr. Morris.” She did, and I did, and Dr. Morris



loved it. Marrying the Lord's choice for your spouse comes with lots of benefits.

While Mary developed ICR's museum in San Diego, I got to help Dr. Richard

Bliss began developing ICR's

two-model science supplements for

public and Christian schools.<sup>2</sup> My

first independent writing for ICR

was *Dry Bones and Other*

*Fossils* (1979). It was actually done originally as an ICR radio program with scripted dialog between parents (Mary and me) and our four children (Dana, Debbie, David, and Diane, then about 12, 11, 9, and 7). On my college speaking trips and debates, many students asked me to sign that book while telling me what it meant to their young Christian lives.

In 1980, ICR published *Creation: Facts of Life*, an expanded summary of the basic debate presentation I used for over 25 years. Periodic updates to *Creation: Facts of Life* allowed me to add additional scientific support for the creation-Fall-Flood-salvation

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record of Earth history, but earlier claims by evolutionists were often deleted to make more room to discuss their latest mistakes!

The Lord richly blessed my live debates and talks at universities on five continents. Students regularly stayed for three to five hours asking personal, spiritual, and scientific questions. For the three times my opponents didn't show up, I gave the talk

and answered questions like the enthusiastic evolutionist I once was. Then, to the relief of my sponsors, I answered myself—building on concepts in *The Genesis Flood* and a chemist-led Bible study that I first used as a “cheap date” with Mary.



Gary Parker

A major financial setback at Christian Heritage College in San Diego forced Mary and me to move to Clearwater Christian College (CCC) on Tampa Bay. I was part of an ICR team doing a very successful seminar series there, and CCC even wanted to develop a Creation Science Center! With the help of eager students, Mary immediately developed displays, aquaria, and even a “creation cave” that attracted local teachers and students to her creation programs and provided teacher training programs for college students in the education department.

Our field trip excursions included a week of snorkeling/scuba diving in the Florida Keys, swimming with manatees, fossil-hunting canoe trips on Peace River, and, in May, a month-long motorhome trip



Manatee

to Grand Canyon, the San Diego shore, the Mojave Desert, Yosemite Park, and glaciers. Once Mary and I and two CCC student volunteers did an all-summer motorhome trip with Mary's mobile fossil workshop and my creation lectures on a 10,000-mile trip from Florida to California, western Canada, Kansas, Texas, and back. The spiritual rewards were fabulous, and the two students with us are still involved in effective teaching ministries. PTL!

While working at CCC and our Creation Adventures Museum in Florida for 30+ years now, we also continued to work part-time with ICR. I taught summer courses, often with a field trip component, while ICR offered its M.S. degrees. Mary and I both continued writing (the *Fossil* book, our “current again” *Life Before Birth*, Mary's new genre-initiating *The Complete Zoo Adventure, a Field Trip in a Book*, and my high school science series commissioned by ICR, *Building Blocks in Science, ...Life Science, ...Earth Science*. I'm totally thrilled right now to be adapting Dr. Tim Clarey's game-changing megasequence-based Flood geology masterpiece, *Carved in Stone*, as a textbook for grades 9-12, and the first textbook draft is now complete.

I also have, waiting in the wings, a booklet titled *Natural Selection: Sales Pitch, Satanic Seduction, or Rock Solid Science?*<sup>3</sup> It's partly my apology for using the popular but hugely mistaken assertion “Natural Selection, Yes; Evolution, No.” It's intended as a prelude or follow-up to the eagerly anticipated paradigm-shifting work of ICR's Dr. Randy Guliuza, which clearly and convincingly focuses adaptation on design features within organisms (vs. environment).<sup>4</sup>

When Scripture and science are thus reunited, can great blessing be far behind? 🐡

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Dr. Gary Parker earned his Ed.D. in biology with a cognate in paleontology from Ball State University.

# Russell Humphreys



D . R U S S E L L H U M P H R E Y S , P H . D .

**A**fter I retired in 2008 from being an associate professor for the Institute for Creation Research, I moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee. From my home office there, I have continued to do independent research, writing, and speaking on various topics in creation science. In 2018, the Creation Research Society made me a Fellow, which I regard as a very great honor. A year later I retired from its board of directors, a victim of the very age limit I had voted for a decade earlier! I'm still an active member of the society, publishing in its technical journal and speaking at its annual conferences.

For the last few years, one of my research projects has been a third cosmology. I've never been fully satisfied with my first or second one,<sup>1,2</sup> nor with any of the other creation cosmologies, because they all—including mine—weren't sufficiently based on Scripture. But Genesis 1 contains three strong clues that for the first four ordinary-length days on Earth, the speed of light in the heavens was very high, while the speed of light on Earth was normal. One of the scientific consequences of this would be that during the fourth day on Earth, billions of years' worth of events would take place in the

heavens. I've spoken on this at several conferences,<sup>3</sup> and a creationist journal plans to publish an article on it in December 2022.<sup>4</sup>

What I'm working on right now is an explanation for the great increase of carbon-14 in the earth's atmosphere during the Ice Age after the Genesis Flood. The ratio of carbon-14 to ordinary carbon went from about a half-percent of today's ratio right after the Flood (from fossils buried in the year of the Flood) up to almost today's ratio by the time of Moses (from radiocarbon dates of historical artifacts). According to the chronology in the Hebrew text of the Bible, this drastic increase happened within a thousand years after the Flood. Fossils from the period of increase show evidence of its rapidity.

Because the source of carbon-14 today is high-energy cosmic rays hitting the earth's upper atmosphere, the big increase seems to have been caused by a burst of cosmic rays roughly 10 times more frequent than today's rate. My thought is that this was caused by a burst of solar activity (sunspots, solar flares, etc., without a great increase in luminosity), caused in turn by an increase of nuclear fusion reactions in the sun's core. That would be caused by the same phenomenon that



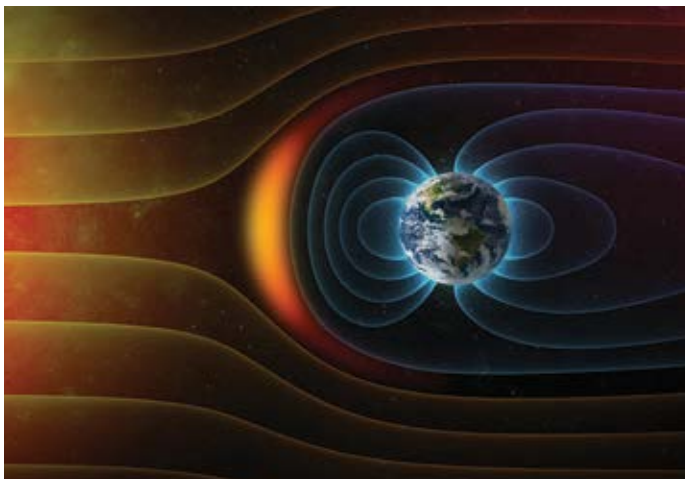
caused the great acceleration of nuclear decay rates during the year of the Genesis Flood, documented by the Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth (RATE) research initiative funded by ICR and CRS.<sup>5</sup> I hope to submit an article on the cosmic ray burst before the end of 2022.

In 2014, I published an idea I had been working on since September 1969, just a few months after Christ saved me out of atheism.<sup>6</sup> The article presents scriptural and scientific evidence that gravity results from an acceleration of space (a physical material we don't perceive) in a fourth spatial direction (which we usually don't perceive). It's a visualizable picture of what underlies Einstein's general theory of relativity, and it solves five puzzles about that theory. It also offers a possible explanation for the cosmic microwave background radiation.

Also in 2014, I published another idea on something that had puzzled me for a long time—where do Precambrian rocks, conventionally dated between 4.5 and 0.5 billion years old, fit into the biblical timescale?<sup>7</sup> From the magnetization of rocks that the Apollo astronauts brought back, I found good evidence that the Precambrian on the moon was between the biblical Fall and the Flood. From the data showing that the whole solar system suffered the same acceleration of nuclear decay that RATE showed happened on Earth, I reckoned that the Precambrian on Earth was also between the Fall and the Flood. That is, the Precambrian was the antediluvian age. The article also discussed various difficulties that people have imagined with that idea. Part of the solution to those puzzles was biblical and scientific evidence that land and sea reversed their roles during the Flood.

I've also worked on a number of other research projects over the past 14 years. They include:

1. How a biblical view restores reality to quantum mechanics.<sup>8</sup>
2. The location of Noah's Ark.<sup>9</sup>




**O**n each job, God gave me invaluable, often hands-on knowledge of many different areas of science. But working with fellow creation scientists, both with RATE and ICR, was the most joyous and rewarding part of those experiences. I hope that these research results will help believers give glory to God, as I do.

3. A mathematical critique of the “dynamo” theory of magnetic field origins and maintenance for the alleged billions of years.<sup>10</sup>
4. Following up on my Bible-based theory of magnetic field origins, especially new observations from the planet Mercury.<sup>11</sup>
5. A new explanation, both scientific and biblical, for the accelerated heat loss from the earth's interior during the Genesis Flood.<sup>12</sup>
6. Writing a popular-level (i.e., readable) book with my co-author Mark De Spain summarizing all my articles on planetary magnetic field origins, polarity reversals, predictions, and present observations.<sup>13</sup>

7. Defending and developing my work on the helium diffusion project of RATE, including presenting new evidence on argon diffusion at the same geological site.<sup>14</sup>
8. Showing how magnetized limestone in Italy points to a young earth.<sup>15</sup>

A lot of this research has its roots in the seven years I worked for ICR, as well as in the 22 years I worked for Sandia National Laboratories and the six years at the General Electric High Voltage Laboratory. On each job, God gave me invaluable, often hands-on knowledge of many different areas of science.

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I've lived in Santa Clarita, California, since 1992, but I grew up in the San Fernando Valley. My parents were godly servants of the Lord in the Valley for over 60 years. It was during my teen years in biology class that the Lord awakened my mind to the urgency of the creation-evolution issue. My biology textbook also provoked my father, who became alarmed at its one-sided evolutionary bias. It prompted him to research biochemistry and write an influential book, *Evolution: Possible or Impossible?*, which was endorsed by Dr. Henry M. Morris.

Continuing my parents' work after their promotion to heaven, I serve as president of the nonprofit they founded, which the board renamed Master Plan Association. The name encapsulates two themes important to my parents' work: God is the Master Architect of the universe, and He has a Master Plan for each individual. This association oversees two of my current ministries.

One of the ministries was sparked in the '80s while I was pondering events in a Sunday school class one day. I noted the city-oriented events on the calendar—a bowling night, a concert, and such. "Can't God put on a better show?" I thought. On a whim, in the spring of 1984, I began a creation-oriented hiking ministry, Creation Safaris. After 400 trips and 2,500 miles of hiking, Creation Safaris is still helping families learn about the wonders of God's creation up close and personal.

In the 1980s and '90s, I took creation presentations to churches and camps, using slide projectors. (These days I appreciate using PowerPoint with less equipment.) At one of those early shows, Lad Allen

came up and introduced himself, and we became friends. In 1997, he invited me to join the board of Illustra Media as they started a new film company to pick up where Moody Institute of Science left off. For 25 years, it's been an honor and privilege to work with Illustra's stellar production team as a science advisor and proofreader for their high-quality productions.

As you might know, the late 1960s saw a revival of biblical creation, prompted largely by *The Genesis Flood* written by Drs. Henry Morris and John Whitcomb. During that time, the Institute for Creation Research, the Creation Research Society, and the Bible-Science Association led the charge. We had a local chapter of the Bible-Science Association in the Valley, where I served on the board, most often as president, for 25 years (1982–2007). I continue to assist the group under its current leader, Dr. Ross Anderson of The Master's University.

It was a privilege to know Dr. Henry Morris and also Dr. Henry Morris III. Many know about Dr. David Wismer's profound influence on ICR's board. After leaving work with the Youth Center, I was seeking new employment. Through a friend, I interviewed for a job without knowing anything about Dr. Wismer. I was hired and worked at his company, Wismer Associates, for 15 years—including the years when Henry Morris III worked for the company after he had served as a pastor in the Valley and before he joined ICR's leadership team.

By 1996, with two bachelor's degrees in science behind me (one from Bob Jones University and one from California State), and experience with information technology at Wismer Associates, I was hired at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. I worked at JPL for 14 years,

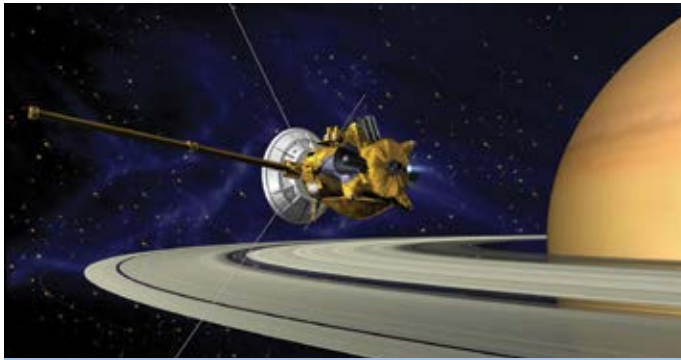
## CREATION PIONEER

# David Coppedge

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Artist's concept of Cassini orbiting Saturn

Image credit: NASA, Jet Propulsion Laboratory

most of the time for the *Cassini* mission to Saturn. I became team lead of the system administrators on *Cassini*, a title I held for nine years. I also led tour groups for visitors and spoke as a *Cassini* outreach speaker to astronomy clubs and civic groups. ICR allowed me to write some articles on space science for *Acts & Facts* during those years.

In 2000, due to amazing things I was learning at NASA, I began writing science news articles, which led to a website, Creation-Evolution Headlines (CREV.info). It grew to have an international reach. I continue reporting almost daily about news of interest to creationists, exposing the weaknesses of Darwinism and deep time, and celebrating the awesome wonders of creation. I know that Dr. Randy Giuluzza and other ICR staff members are readers of the site, and I value their encouragement. My unplanned experience as a “science reporter” has led to interviews on radio, including some on ICR’s radio programs.

With my involvement at Illustra, it’s understandable that I wanted to share some of their DVDs at JPL, especially *The Privileged Planet*, which includes interviews with four JPL scientists who were filmed on campus with NASA’s permission. Starting around 2005, I’d occasionally loan a DVD to coworkers who knew me. Most gave good or neutral comments; only a couple were antagonistic.

This continued off and on about once a month for a few years, until I shared one too many. A non-scientist lady on the *Cassini* team reported me to my boss, who was an apostate churchgoer turned evolutionist. Even though we’d been cordial for years, this lady told my boss she felt “harassed” by my “personal views,” which made her feel “uncomfortable.” To my boss, the word harassment flipped a switch in

his mind, giving him an opportunity to punish me. He ordered me to stop my DVD sharing, which I did. But he reported me anyway, and it led to me being investigated, warned, demoted, and ultimately fired.

That chapter in my life is most thoroughly told in Jerry Bergman’s book *Censoring the Darwin Skeptics* (2019). Under advisement from many, including pastors, the Discovery Institute, and the Alliance Defending Freedom, we took JPL to court. After a five-week trial, a lone judge ruled against me with no explanation. That same month, I received a cancer diagnosis.


Creation groups including ICR stood by me in those hard times. The Discovery Institute has allowed me to write five to 10 articles a month for *Evolution News and Science Today*, which helps sustain me financially after the loss of my JPL job. I also

receive some income from Master Plan Association for my work on Creation-Evolution Headlines. When Social Security kicked in, I had enough to live on.

So, even though I became a cancer patient about the time of my court loss in 2013, the treatments, covered by Medicare and insurance, are working to keep me healthy with a good quality of life. I’m rejoicing in good days now with the freedom of being able to work from home. I cherish my friendships with the ICR staff. We are all in this fight together.

Looking back, I see God’s providence leading me at each step from the time I felt the urgency of the origins issue as a teenager. Most of my creation ministries were not well-thought-out plans or life decisions. They were prompted by a statement from a friend, an incident that triggered a thought, or a door that opened unexpectedly.

This is how the Holy Spirit works; we feel His prompting,

we look back at His guidance, and He gets all the glory. I’m so grateful for all the friends I’ve met in my journey, including the staff at ICR. One thing I can assure readers of from my personal experience—of those involved in the origins issue on all sides, biblical creationists have all the joy. 

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# CREATION PIONEER

# Larry Vardiman

L A R R Y V A R D I M A N , P H . D .

**D**uring my second year in graduate school at Colorado State University, I received a phone call from Pastor Siemen's secretary at First Baptist Church in Fort Collins, Colorado. She asked, "Would you be willing to serve as chauffeur for two visiting scientists who are scheduled to hold a conference at our church two weeks from now?"

I thought, Do I have the time to spare from my studies in atmospheric science and my research to drive these guys around for a weekend? "Who are they?" I asked.

She said, "The first speaker is Dr. Henry Morris, a hydraulic engineer and former head of the Civil Engineering Department at Virginia Tech University. He's now president of a new college in San Diego called Christian Heritage College. He and Tim LaHaye, the pastor of Scott Me-

morial Baptist Church, started the school in 1970 based on the belief that the Bible is reliable, including its teachings about a young earth and a global flood.

"The second speaker is Dr. Duane Gish, a graduate of the University of California in biochemistry and a research scientist with Cornell University and the Upjohn Company. He's the vice president of Chris-

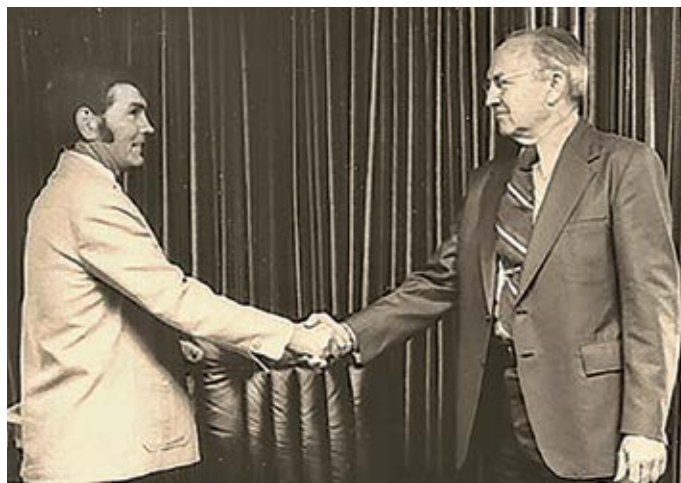
tian Heritage College and travels widely debating evolutionary scientists around the world."

"I never heard of them," I said. "What topics are they going to speak about?"

"The brochure that I'll be placing in the bulletin lists the following topics," she said. "The Bible Is Reliable, The Age of the Earth, The Fossils Say No, The Genesis Flood, Dinosaurs and Man, and Design in Creation."

"You've got to be kidding," I exclaimed. "Those are the topics I've been wrestling with for the past 15 years trying to decide if the Bible's really true or not. I've got to hear what they have to say. And yes, I'll be their driver. Sign me up!"

"Okay," she replied. "You'll need to pick them up at Stapleton International in Denver on Friday and take them to fly home Monday."



*Dr. Tim LaHaye and Dr. Henry Morris*

"I'll have to skip a couple of classes," I said. "But I'll make it happen. By the way, who suggested that I drive for them?"

"Pastor Siemens said that Dr. Glen Hultgren told him you'd be the perfect one to drive them around. You and he have been talking about these issues."

"That's right," I said. "He helped me think about some of those same questions. He's a chiropractor trained in medicine and science, and came to the conclusion that the Bible and true science are not in conflict.

"It seems to me that God's at work here. I met with Dr. Hultgren just last week after several months of study and discussion, and decided that I'm going to believe in a literal grammatical understanding of the Bible and resolve any apparent conflicts by researching the science rather than assuming the current teachings of science are true and resolve conflicts by revisiting the Bible. And now Dr. Morris and Dr. Gish show up to help me understand how the Bible and science can work together. Amazing!"

And boy, did they. They described how God created the world and the people in it, in ways I'd never heard before. They showed how man was a special creation of God, not a random, chance process of evolution from fish to Gish.

They described how a world that rebelled against God was judged by a global flood. It resurfaced Earth's crust and produced layers of fossils that Darwin and others interpreted to support evolution.

They provided evidence that the earth is thousands of years old, not billions. That dinosaurs lived at the same time as man. That the world's population was reduced to eight souls in the Flood and has grown to billions within the last few thousand years.

During the 10 years following the Institute for Creation Research's creation conference, I studied and became a full-blown

creation scientist myself. I completed my Ph.D. and worked as a research scientist in cloud physics, developing techniques for increasing runoff in the Colorado River Basin and the Central Valley of California.

On my own time, I began doing creationist research on the earth's climate before the Genesis Flood and understanding the Flood and the Ice Age. Dr. Morris introduced me to Jody Dillow, one of Charles Ry-

sibly have had. Most scientists never get to work on significant discoveries. I was constantly on the cutting edge of understanding how God did things. ICR gave me the opportunity to work on the Flood, the Ice Age, global warming, and the age of the earth.



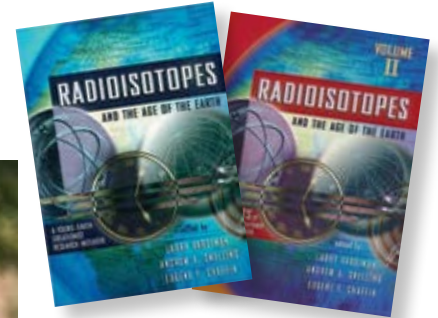
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rie's students at Dallas Theological Seminary. I assisted him to model a vapor canopy.

In 1982, I left my position as field director of the U.S. Department of Interior's Sierra Cooperative Pilot Project to teach full-time at Christian Heritage College and the Institute for Creation Research Graduate School in San Diego. This was the beginning of a 30-year career as a young earth creationist research scientist, professor, speaker, and writer.

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The most fulfilling work I did at ICR was to manage the RATE project involving one of the most important issues in science and the Bible—the age of the earth.<sup>1</sup> The team of Steve Austin, John Baumgardner, Gene Chaffin, Don DeYoung, Russ Humphreys, John Morris, Steven Boyd, Andrew Snelling, and I were guided by God to discover three major evidences for a young earth. See our final report in *Thousands...Not Billions*.<sup>2</sup>

I feel so blessed to have worked with Henry Morris, John Morris, Henry Morris III, and the staff in San Diego. After retiring from ICR in 2012, I taught at Shasta Bible College until a double brain hemorrhage paralyzed the right side of my body.

But I'm not done yet. Jeannette, my wife of 57 years, and I moved into senior living in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and started a new career. I've written 24 Maurice Bordeau murder mysteries. Two of my latest stories are *Christmas with Darwin* and *Israel Besieged*. If you'd like to read about my fictional detectives, you can find my books on Amazon.com. 📖

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# Don DeYoung

D O N D E Y O U N G , P H . D .

I first met Dr. Henry Morris in 1973 when he spoke in chapel at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana. With a growing interest in creation studies, my family and I spent the 1979-1980 sabbatical year in El Cajon, California, where time was divided between the Institute for Creation Research and Christian Heritage College (now San Diego Christian College).

It was a valuable year of research, speaking opportunities, and writing Impact articles for *Acts & Facts* magazine. One ICR highlight was a weekly “brown bag lunch” program where we shared current projects. There was also a daily prayer time for ICR staff, with Dr. Morris often giving *Days of Praise* devotions. I have rich memories of Dick Bliss, Duane Gish, Henry Morris, Don Rohrer, and other ICR friends. Visitors passed through the ICR facilities nearly every day, including supporting families as well as outspoken critics of creation. All

were treated with respect.

Dick Bliss was a special ICR colleague and a joy to know. As a free spirit, Dick was a challenge to the ICR administration. However, he brightened everyone’s day. One evening after a joint speaking conference, Dick said, “Don, let’s order the biggest pizza we can find!” During another seminar, Dick was demonstrating the chemical light produced by fireflies. He mixed the large beakers of chemicals too rapidly, which resulted in an instantaneous blinding green flash. The audience cheered the activity, although they couldn’t see clearly for a time!

During the summers of 1995 through 2002, I taught in the ICR Graduate School at the Shadow Mountain location in El Cajon. Courses included astrophysics, electricity and magnetism, and quantum mechanics. These were pre-PowerPoint years for teaching, with the use of an overhead projector and whiteboard. A typical class size was six

to eight graduate students, with informal discussion and area field trips.

One day we “skipped class” and toured the Mount Palomar Observatory. Another day we explored the geology of San Diego’s Torrey Pines area. Summer ICR faculty colleagues included Gene Chaffin, Wayne Frair, John Morris, and Gary Parker. The California Department of Education didn’t approve of the ICR curriculum, and much legal debate followed.

My own academic journey includes B.S. and M.S. degrees in engineering from Michigan Tech University, and a Ph.D. in nuclear and solid state physics from Iowa State (1972). I also earned an M.Div. degree in 1983 from Grace Seminary, with emphasis on Greek and Hebrew languages. Early on I realized that secular science alone could not explain the origin of life or the physical laws. In contrast, biblical creation provides a refreshing and compelling worldview.

Summer ICR activity was in parallel with a faculty career at Grace College teaching physics, math, and engineering. My Winona Lake neighbor and mentor was pioneer creationist theologian John Whitcomb. I took John’s seminary courses, and we coauthored *The Moon* in 1978, today in a fourth edition. Over the years there have been hundreds of speaking opportunities at summer camps, churches, and college campuses.

One highlight has been 12 summers of Bible-science teaching at Gitche Gumez Bible Camp in Upper Michigan. On the negative side, there was the abrupt cancellation of Bible science conferences due to faculty opposition at the University of Leon, France, in 2001 and Lehigh University, Pennsylvania, in 2007. Commitment to the biblical worldview is strengthened by such experiences.

Whenever possible, I illustrate creation concepts with object lessons and also involve the audience. For variety, I have impersonated cre-



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ationist pioneers, including Isaac Newton and Michael Faraday, with their appearance and style. One favorite demonstration of the earth's air pressure is showing a shelled hardboiled egg sucked into a narrow-mouth glass jar by reduced pressure, then afterward having the egg forcefully ejected from the jar by increased pressure. Over the years, my wife, Sally, has prepared dozens of hardboiled eggs for this activity. A personal teaching and writing ambition is to put science concepts on the "bottom shelf" for clear understanding by everyone, young and old.

During 1997 to 2005, I joined seven colleagues in the research program called Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth (RATE), jointly sponsored by ICR and the Creation Research Society (CRS). Larry Vardiman skillfully chaired this project while we gathered and analyzed data. RATE uncovered discrepancies in traditional radioisotope dating and explored other areas of creation interest.<sup>1</sup>

CRS is also a career-long interest. I served on the board of directors during 1986 to 2022 and as board president for 22 years with this group of talented, science-minded colleagues. CRS has always maintained a close friendship with other creation ministries, including ICR. This is no surprise, since Henry Mor-

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ris helped form CRS six decades ago in 1963.

A personal academic adventure during 1990 to 2007 involved teaching offenders inside Michigan City and Kokomo, Indiana, prisons. Select inmates were invited to take Grace College courses for credit in pursuit of a B.S. degree in Bible or business.



*Don and Sally DeYoung*

Typical class size was 30 students, with every session tentative due to sudden prison lockdowns. My courses included math, biblical creation, and astronomy. Students fondly named this third course "stars behind bars." One offender, a long-term prison resident, reminisced with tears about how his dad long ago taught him the evening stars. As you can imagine, stars are not visible from inside a prison. I admire the inmates for their ambition to explore creation while serving time.

My current Grace College teaching is limited to two courses, astronomy and origins. Grace blessings include emeritus faculty status, the freedom to write books on the Bible and science, and sabbatical travels. This includes an extended stay in the Kingdom of Tonga in the South

Pacific while teaching in a Christian school and enjoying the southern stars. As an additional blessing, the campus science building has a designated "Creation Cove" area where we conduct fossil workshops for area students.

My wife, Sally, and I have been married 56 years as of 2022. We are blessed with three married daughters, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, all living in Indiana. Each is familiar with biblical creation, which has been part of our family life. Our retirement residence is a condo in Grace Village, Winona Lake. This resort town has a rich history of Bible conferences. Winona Lake is the hometown of evangelist Billy Sunday (1862–1935), and also where Billy Graham's ministry was ignited.

Sally and I also enjoy get-aways at a nearby lake cottage. Current hobbies include speaking and writing, stained glass art projects, bird watching, and kayak fishing. Some of our family also does backpacking and rafting, especially in the Grand Canyon. We have twice done round-trip, rim-to-north rim canyon hikes, called R3, a double crossing of the canyon in a single setting. We have also backpacked Catalina Island, Mount Rainier, and elsewhere.

Current creation research includes biomimicry, the exploration of present-day creation details to discover useful ideas and solutions to technical problems. A classic example is Velcro, based on the stickiness of the cocklebur. Biomimicry interest led to the 2009 book *Discovery of Design: Searching Out the Creator's Secrets*, along with the personal website [DiscoveryofDesign2.com](http://DiscoveryofDesign2.com).

All the experiences described here have been life-enriching. Thanks to ICR for past, present, and future years of ministry, enriching lives for God's glory. 🙏

**Reference**

1. For more information on the RATE project, visit [ICR.org/rate](http://ICR.org/rate).

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*Dr. Richard Bliss with a team of teachers*

# Henry M. Morris and Duane T. Gish

## *Advancing the Cause of Christ*

The following excerpts by Dr. Henry Morris and Dr. Duane Gish were taken from the first issue of the *Creation-Science Report* (Volume 1, Number 1, January–February 1972). This publication was the precursor of *Acts & Facts*, and a lot has happened in the 50+ years since this report was published. The Lord Jesus Christ has opened doors of opportunity and showered provision on ICR's ministry from the very beginning—blessings that are still with us today!



the Center, as well as items of significance to our work from around the country. Various members of the Center's staff and board members, as well as interested friends, will be reporting on their work and activities in the extension of scientific creationism.

It is hard to realize that the Creation Science Research Center [which became the Institute for Creation Research] began, along with Christian Heritage College, only in September 1970. The Center

now has a full-time equivalent staff of sixteen people, not including many other scientists, writers, secretaries, and others who have worked for us in connection with special short-term requirements.

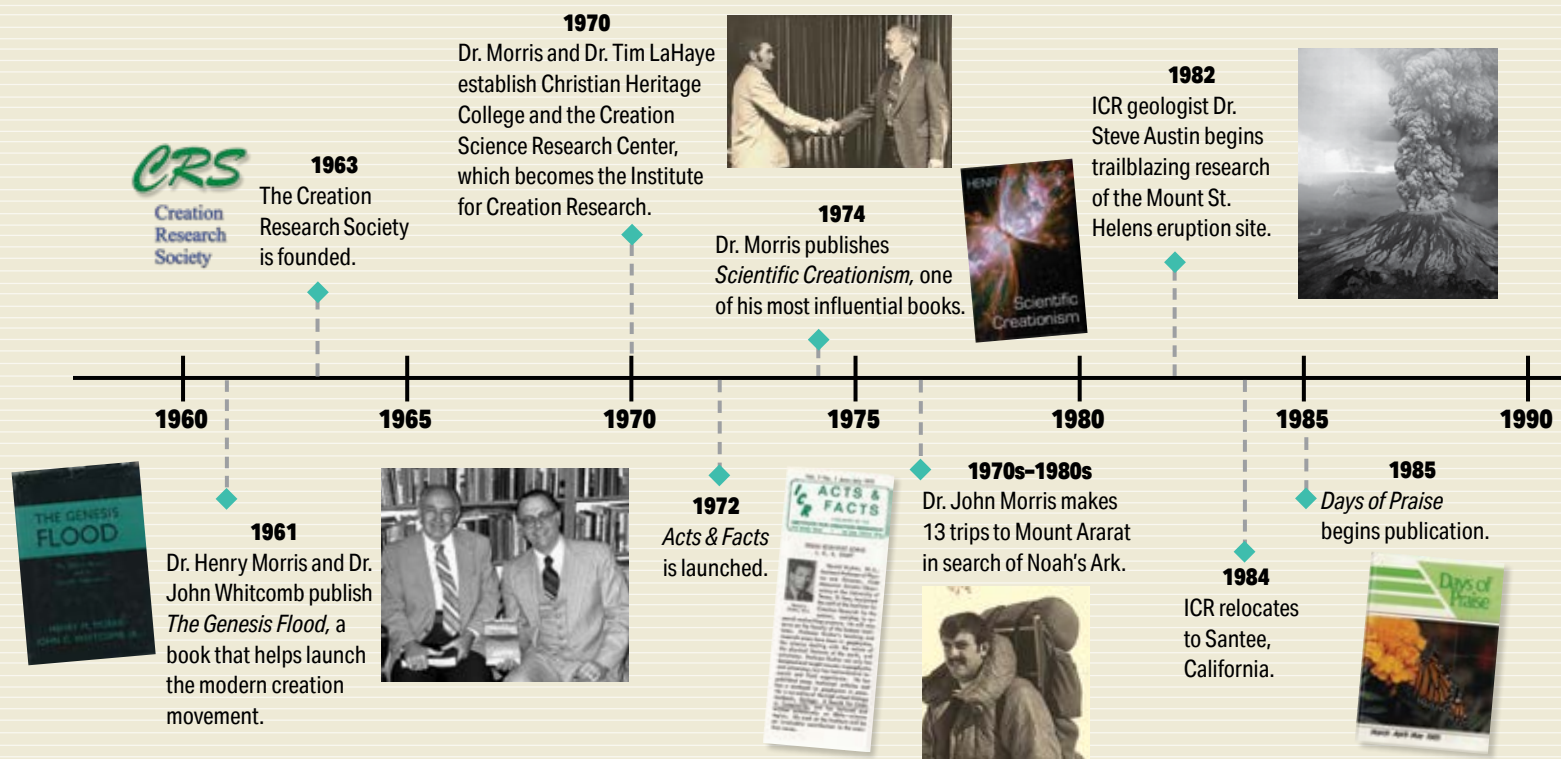


Doors of need and opportunity have been opening more rapidly than we can possibly enter. We need wisdom and discernment, as well as personnel and resources, in order to recognize and follow the Lord's leading in all these matters.

I am writing this in my home state (Texas) while on a speaking assignment for the Center. Since beginning this work 16 months ago, I have been privileged to speak in 14 states and five Canadian provinces. Dr. Duane Gish, our Assistant Director for Re-

**Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.**  
Director

This is the first issue of what we trust will be a bi-monthly booklet of news from





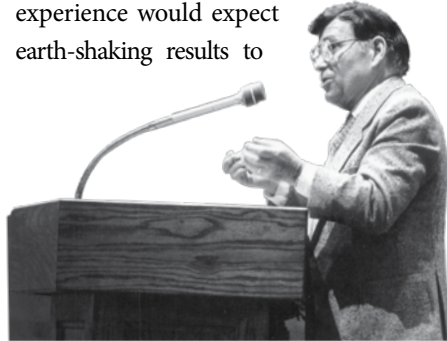
search and Publications, and Kelly Segraves, Assistant for Extension, have also been traveling and speaking extensively. This is indicative of the wide interest and concern, as well as of the needs, everywhere.

The future is challenging. We are looking forward with real anticipation to what the Lord will do through this work this year, if we are faithful. Obviously, we need your prayers.

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**Duane T. Gish, Ph.D.**

Assistant Director for Research and Publications

I am sure that no one with research experience would expect earth-shaking results to



emerge from a research program under way less than a year... It may be hard to visualize what kind of research can be done in creation, a Super-natural process completed long ago....



Tens of millions of dollars are spent each year on research conceived within a philosophy of secular humanism, a philosophy we know to be dead wrong. Christians can no longer neglect or delay research that can be so instrumental in advancing the cause of Christ.

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The Lord Jesus Christ led Dr. Henry M. Morris to found the Institute for Creation Research in 1970. Through the years, God has prospered the ministry through dedicated creation pioneers like Drs. Duane Gish, John Morris, John Whitcomb, John Baumgardner, Russell Humphreys, Gary Parker, Larry Vardiman, Don DeYoung, Richard Bliss, Steve Austin, Andrew Snelling, and many others.

ICR's situation today—our goals and need for provision—is much the same as it was a half-century ago when Dr. Morris penned, “We need wisdom and discernment, as well as personnel and resources, in order to recognize and follow the Lord's leading in all these matters.”

We invite you to partner with us today, and together we'll advance the cause of Christ. Visit [ICR.org/donate](https://www.icr.org/donate) to see the many ways you can support ICR's work. 🙏

**1995**

**1996**  
Dr. Morris retires, and Dr. John Morris, the founder's second son, becomes ICR's president.

**2005**  
The Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth (RATE) project is completed. Seven scientists spent over seven years researching the physical evidence that supports what the Bible says about the young age of the earth.

**2006**  
ICR founder Dr. Henry M. Morris goes home to be with the Lord. ICR purchases its Dallas campus.

**2007**  
Dr. Henry M. Morris III is appointed CEO of ICR.

**2013**  
Dr. Duane Gish goes home to the Lord.

**2014**  
The 12-episode *Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis* DVD series is produced.

**2019**  
The ICR Discovery Center opens in Dallas, Texas.

**2020**  
ICR celebrates 50 years of ministry. Dr. Henry M. Morris III retires, and Dr. Randy Guliuzza is appointed President of ICR. Dr. Morris goes home to be with the Lord in December.

**2021**  
ICR starts development of a theory of biological design. Major research on blind cavefish is initiated to explain biological adaptation.

**2022**  
The Digital Media department is launched to pilot ICR into a greater realm of communication.

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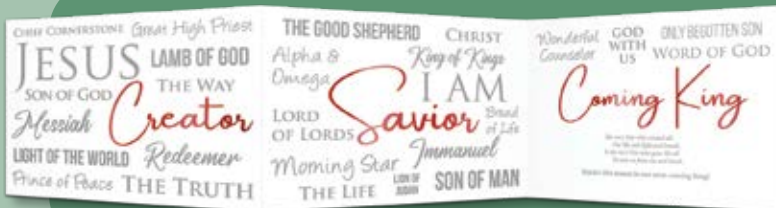
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