

Reaching Those in Positions of Influence

President's Column by John D. Morris

ICR's ministry has always been multifaceted, taking the message of both Biblical and scientific creationism to all ages, educational levels, and stations in life. For example, Dr. Gish has debated leading evolutionists on university campuses as well as spoken in church worship services. He has written hard-hitting books on technical science as well as children's books on dinosaurs. God has remarkably blessed this multiplex of thrusts allowing us to see a full-fledged revival of interest in creation. None of these thrusts are optional, but some are more difficult than others.

As I have pointed out in previous President's Columns, our "Back to Genesis" seminars not only teach information the attendees may not know, they mostly teach how to think about information that is already known. We enjoy seeing "the lights go on" in high school students and college professors alike as the Christian/creationist worldview is communicated. Individuals from all walks of life and training have responded.

Sometimes (although not often enough) key leaders in business or science or government are reached. Usually

these hard-working men and women are far too busy to critically examine their worldview. The pressures of the here and now outweigh eternal considerations—but some do respond, and we desire to reach more of these key people who influence so many others.

With that in mind, let me introduce you to my 90-year-old friend, Whitman Daniels, a wonderfully winsome man who has all the intellect and drive needed to live life fully in the here-and-now. Raised in a family that early gave him familiarity with the finer things in life, and educated at Dartmouth College, he was well equipped for the success that came his way. Although he never doubted the reality of God, his scientifically uniformitarian worldview had made reason and the human intellect dominating factors. For his first 61 years that is how it was; he was devoted to the good things in this life—and to some of the bad. Thankfully, his story doesn't end there.

In God's providence, Mr. Daniels' grown son came to know the Lord, and through his wise and tactful witness, Mr. Daniels responded to God's gift of salvation, made possible through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ, Himself the Creator.



But what about evolution? He had never had reason to doubt it, nor really considered its implications, but now he knew it couldn't be true. In witnessing to his peers, he realized that evolution was a major stumbling block to many. As he searched for answers, he found ICR and began to use Biblical science to reach many "successful" but empty souls.

Recently he approached us with an offer to "tithe" his estate to ICR, endowing a program designed to reach key leaders in business, education, science, government, and religion. The income from this endowment would be used to fund programs specifically targeting influential people.

Together we have formulated a plan to host "leaders' retreats" and home meetings and to advertise our materials and meetings in publications typically read by executives and professionals. We are convinced that there is no end to the potential ministry to these influential but very "needy" individuals.

The interest earned by Mr. Daniels' endowment will not initially be extensive. It will increase after his death, but we are fully committed to this vision and intend to move ahead (with his personal participation as long as he is able). He considers his gift to be merely "seed money," which will grow as others, including the beneficiaries, likewise catch the vision.

If this is a vision you share, perhaps you would consider adding to this endowment. Or, if you would like help in reaching your influential peers, maybe we can work together. Already several of the ICR Board are moving to implement one or more of these programs. I am convinced that attention to this focus, in addition to the others already in place, may bear much fruit in the days ahead, as God blesses.

Let me ask that each of ICR's friends pray for this endeavor and the other ministries of ICR as well. Remember that conversion to creation is secondary. Eternal souls are at stake. ❖

New Adventure Book for Young People

ICR's radio programs have become quite popular worldwide. But neither its one-minute daily program, "Back to Genesis," its 15-minute weekly "Science, Scripture, & Salvation," nor its frequent hourly specials are geared for children. Starting now, ICR will move to meet this need also.

Everyone agrees that to reach young people through radio, we must use drama, using adventure to teach truth. Thus, a new program is born—*The Adventures of Jonathan Park*.

ICR's radio department has begun production of this new radio adventure. It involves a Christian family whose scientist father and young son, Jonathan, encounter mystery and danger in their exploration for fossils. The first special will be aired early next year, with a wonderful reception predicted.

Meanwhile, the book on which the first episodes will be based has been published by Master Books. Entitled *Jonathan Park and the Secret of the Hidden Cave* (written by Mr. Pat Roy, ICR's radio director and his wife, Sandy), it is fully illustrated and captivating throughout. Kids of all ages will enjoy this book. Selling at \$8.95, it can be ordered from ICR. ❖



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In May, the Institute for Creation Research produced a special radio broadcast, *The Mystic Invasion*, to commemorate the release of *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*. Following is a listener's comment:

Thank you very much for your very interesting program today about the relationship between evolutionary teaching in our society and the new Star Wars movie . . . these films have indeed been major propagators of evolutionary teaching in our nation and world over the past 22 years. Thank you very much for taking the time and effort to produce your fine program.

Episode 1: *The Phantom of Extraterrestrials* discusses the popular but mistaken idea of life in space and its roots in evolutionary theory. We also look at the scientific evidence, as well as the Biblical view of extraterrestrial life.



Episode 2: *The Menace of the Force* takes a look at the secular philosophies running through these movies. We examine the “force” of *Star Wars*, and compare it to the Biblical Creator. The origin of this force, as well as the lesson it has for Christians, is also discussed.

This special two-part presentation is now available on CD and cassette. Please contact ICR at 800-628-7640 if you would like to order this special audio presentation.

Furthermore, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the moon landing, we re-released our radio special, *Apollo: Quest for the Moon*. This half-hour program includes interviews with men involved in the early space program and gives evi-

dence that supports a young Earth and the Creator. We have received such a positive response from listeners that we wanted to remind you that this program is available on audiocassette through the Customer Service Department.

This month we conclude our series on “The Pillars of Creation.” Keep an eye on future editions of this column to learn of a soon-release of this audiocassette series.

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

Weekend of: **Title/Topic**

Sept. 4 “Creation: The Fossils Agree”

Almost every week we hear of some new fossil find—whether dinosaurs, plants, or other animals. And many people, even Christians, accept the idea that the fossils prove an old age for the earth and evolution. But tune in to this program as we take a look at what the fossils really tell us!


Sept. 11 “Creation: Catastrophes and Geology”

There’s a popular phrase in geologic circles—“the present is key to the past.” In other words, the slow, gradual processes we see today are those that worked in the past to form the world’s geology. But is there a better explanation? Join us as we learn about catastrophes and their effect on geology!

Sept. 18 “Creation: No Compromise”

Many Christians feel that they must accept secular science, but they do not want to disregard Scripture. As a result, many theologians and lay people have attempted to work out various compromise views that would include both. Do these compromise views work? And are they necessary? Tune in!

Sept. 25 “The Authenticity of the Bible”

For centuries unbelievers have questioned the accuracy and validity of the Bible. Today, as man believes himself to be more “free thinking,” Scripture is censored. But how can we know that our Bible is inspired by God? How can we know if Scripture is true? Join us! 

Northeast, Southeast, and Midwest Speaking Tours for Fall 1999

For the months of September and October 1999, ICR will be sponsoring three separate "Creation Presentation" tours as announced in the last few months of *Acts & Facts* on a **first come first served basis**. The previous tours have been received with enthusiasm.

The next scheduled tours will be (1) the Northeast Tour, September 7–October 2, presented by ICR's Bill Hoesch, a geologist; (2) the Southeast Tour, September 30–October 31, with Mike Riddle, popular speaker and author of ICR's "Creation OnLine"; and (3) Frank Sherwin (popular speaker and biology professor for ICR) presenting the Midwest Tour, October 1–October 28 (on page 5). Meetings will be evenings on weekdays, mornings and evenings on Sundays. There is no charge to churches, but a freewill offering will be taken to help offset some of our expenses. Following are schedules for the three tours (subject to change).

Northeast Speaking Tour!

Final schedule. Call Dolly Willems, Seminar Coordinator, at 619-596-6041 for information about a "Creation Presentation" at the following locations:

Date	Location	Date	Location
Sept. 7	Newark, DE	Sept. 19 (p.m.)	Hamburg, NY
Sept. 8	Milville, NJ	Sept. 20	Off
Sept. 9	Perkasie, PA	Sept. 21	Orwell, OH
Sept. 10	Bethlehem, PA/Allentown, PA	Sept. 22	Pittsburgh, PA
Sept. 11	Off	Sept. 23	Johnstown, PA
Sept. 12 (a.m.)	Highland, NY	Sept. 24	Gettysburg, PA
Sept. 12 (p.m.)	Warsaw, NY	Sept. 25	Off
Sept. 13	Off	Sept. 26 (a.m.)	Woodbine, MD
Sept. 14	Brewerton, NY	Sept. 26 (p.m.)	Kirkwood PA
Sept. 15	Auburn, NY	Sept. 27	Off
Sept. 16	Seneca Falls, NY	Sept. 28	Lebanon, PA
Sept. 17	Groveland Sta., NY	Sept. 29	Lansdale, PA
Sept. 18	Off	Sept. 30	Vineland, NJ
Sept. 19 (a.m.)	Clarence, NY	Oct. 2	Westminster, MD 

Southeast Speaking Tour!

Dates still open. Call Connie Kotch, Seminar Coordinator, at 619-596-6040 to schedule a "Creation Presentation" with Mike Riddle for your church or for additional information.

Date	Location	Date	Location
Sept. 30	Blue Ridge, VA	Oct. 16	Pascagoula, MS
Oct. 1	High Point, NC	Oct. 17 (a.m.)	Ocean Springs, MS
Oct. 2	High Point, NC	Oct. 17 (p.m.)	Moss Point, MS
Oct. 3 (a.m.)	Morganton, NC	Oct. 18	Off
Oct. 3 (p.m.)	Cowpens, SC	Oct. 19	Brinson, GA
Oct. 4	Off	Oct. 20	Tallahassee, FL
Oct. 5	Seneca, SC	Oct. 21	Tallahassee, FL
Oct. 6	Fountain Inn, SC	Oct. 22	Live Oak, FL (Open)
Oct. 7	Anderson, SC	Oct. 23	Branford, FL
Oct. 8 (a.m.)	Lilburn, GA	Oct. 24 (a.m.)	Jacksonville, FL
Oct. 8 (p.m.)	Marietta, GA	Oct. 24 (p.m.)	Jacksonville, FL
Oct. 9	Cumming, GA	Oct. 25	Off
Oct. 10 (a.m.)	Fayetteville, GA	Oct. 26	Savannah, GA (Open)
Oct. 10 (p.m.)	Douglasville, GA	Oct. 27	Columbia, SC
Oct. 11	Hoover, AL	Oct. 28	Lancaster, SC
Oct. 12	Hoover, AL	Oct. 29	Florence, SC
Oct. 13	Montgomery, AL	Oct. 30	Columbia/Sumter, SC (Open)
Oct. 14	Atmore, AL	Oct. 31 (a.m.)	Orangeburg, GA
Oct. 15	Mobile, AL	Oct. 31 (p.m.)	Rock Hill, SC 



During devotions with my children the other night, my four-year-old son asked if I would read about Noah and the Flood since they had discussed this during a recent Vacation Bible School. I turned to the Genesis 7 paraphrase in his illustrated children's Bible story book. To my surprise and concern, it said: "Then the animals had to be collected. Noah's family had to work very hard." But the Scriptures clearly and plainly tell the reader that Noah and his family didn't have to "collect" any of the animals! Genesis 6:20 says: "Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind; two of every sort *shall come* unto thee, to keep them alive."



Then I got my daughter's children's Bible (a different version) and read, "We don't know how Noah found all the different animals and birds. . . ." Again, Noah didn't have to "find" the animals according to verse 20!

It's no wonder many Christians don't have a ready answer to those who mockingly portray Noah as some overworked hunter who had to painstakingly trap two of every kind of animal throughout the world. Let's be especially careful when reading Christian books and Bibles for children to our little ones. 🌟

Midwest Speaking Tour!

Dates still open. Call Connie Perna, Seminar Coordinator, at 619-596-6042 to schedule a "Creation Presentation" with Frank Sherwin for your church or for additional information.

Date	Location	Date	Location
Oct. 1	Kansas City, MO (Open)	Oct. 15	Aurora, IL
Oct. 2	Mound City, KS	Oct. 16	Off
Oct. 3 (a.m.)	Marshall/Boonville, MO (Open)	Oct. 17 (a.m.)	Palatine, IL
Oct. 3 (p.m.)	Columbia, MO (Open)	Oct. 17 (p.m.)	Warrenville, IL
Oct. 4	Off	Oct. 18	Rockford, IL
Oct. 5	St. Peters/St. Charles, MO (Open)	Oct. 19	Ottawa/Peru, IL (Open)
Oct. 6	St. Louis, MO (Open)	Oct. 20	Galesburg, IL
Oct. 7	Godfrey, IL	Oct. 21	Burlington, IA
Oct. 8	Wayne City, IL	Oct. 22	North Liberty, IA
Oct. 9	Taylorville, IL	Oct. 23	Off
Oct. 10 (a.m.)	Decatur, IL	Oct. 24 (a.m.)	Des Moines, IA (Open)
Oct. 10 (p.m.)	Riverton, IL	Oct. 24 (p.m.)	Des Moines, IA (Open)
Oct. 11	Off	Oct. 25	Off
Oct. 12	Cissna Park, IL	Oct. 26	Council Bluffs, IA (Open)
Oct. 13	South Holland, IL	Oct. 27	Omaha, NE
Oct. 14	Oak Forest, IL	Oct. 28	Grand Island, NE 🌟

Dates Now Open for Spring 2000 "Back to Genesis"!

Will you prayerfully consider partnering with ICR and other local volunteers to bring an area-wide creation seminar to your community? Spring 2000 dates are now available for "Back to Genesis" seminars. Call early to get your choice of dates. If you are interested in pursuing this, we will send you a complimentary copy of our new "War of the Worldviews" video. For more information, contact ICR's Director of Seminars, Mark Rasche, 619-596-6043.



From Indiana

Our niece is a freshman in high school taking first-year biology. The biology book, of course, has long sections on evolution. Our niece is somewhat outspoken and has excellent grades, yet she has objected to the evolution teaching since the begin-

ning of this semester. . . . For her birthday we got her your book, *That Their Words May be Used Against Them*. This really hit home with her. She now responds to the teacher with the same types of sources that are cited as authoritative. She takes two books to biology class now, the one provided by the public schools and the one compiled by you. Thank you for helping her stand strong and maintaining a good witness. ❄️



“CASE FOR CREATION”

- Sept. 24-25 **Toccoa, GA** (Gish/Riddle) First Alliance Church, Alternate Hwy. 17 South (Big A Road). Contact 706-282-4005.
- Oct. 8-9 **Napa, CA** (J.Morris/H.Morris III) Grace Baptist Church, 3765 Solano Ave. 707-255-4033.
- Oct. 22-23 **Junction City, KS** (J.Morris/Phillips) Junction City Municipal Bldg., 700 N. Jefferson, 785-762-4402.
- Oct. 29-30 **Quincy, IL** (J.Morris/Sherwin) Morrison Theater @ Quincy Jr. H.S., 210 S. 7th St. 217-222-9079.

GOOD SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

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

- Sept. 1-30 **Philippines** (Willson) Dates and locations tentative.
- Sept. 11 **Sterling, MI** (D’Armond) K-6; 7-12. Contact 517-654-3705.
- Sept. 17-18 **Waukesha, WI** (D’Armond) Wisconsin Fall CHEA Convention. Call 888-458-3657.
- Oct. 12-16 **Virginia Beach, VA** (Willson) K-6; HS; AD. Westwood Hill Baptist Church. Contact 757-471-4272.
- Oct. 19-23 **Richmond, VA** (Willson) K-6, HS, AD. Immanuel Baptist Church. Contact 804-741-1073.
- Oct. 26-30 **Naperville, IL** (Willson/D’Armond) K-6, HS, AD. Calvary Christian School. Contact 630-778-7310.

“GENESIS PRESENTATIONS”

- Sept. 17,18 **Sierra Vista, AZ** (Sherwin) First Baptist Church, 520-458-2273.
- Oct. 9 **Waukesha, WI** (Gish) WVCY Rally at Waukesha Expo Arena. Contact Jim Schneider, 800-729-9829 or 414-935-3000.
- Oct. 11 **Tullahoma, TN** (Gish) Motlow State Community College. Contact Bob Crosslin, 931-393-1707.
- Oct. 16 **Bonita, CA** (J.Morris) Bonita Wesleyan Church, Men’s Breakfast. Contact Dave Bush at 619-843-5218.
- Oct. 17 **Fullerton, CA** (Gish) Calvary Chapel of Fullerton, Pastor Rich Cathers. 714-879-3314.
- Oct. 23 **Santa Ana, CA** (Gish) St. Luke’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Pastor Paul Howden. 714-992-2835.
- Nov. 13 **Wabash, IN** (DeYoung) Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. Contact Susan Shannon, 219-563-1223.

“CREATION PRESENTATIONS” TOURS

- Sept. 7- Oct. 2 (B. Hoesch) **Pennsylvania and New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio.**
- Sept. 30- Oct. 31 (M. Riddle) **North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Virginia.**
- Oct. 1-28 (F. Sherwin) **Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska.** ❄️

Stewardship & Trust Services

An Open Letter to ICR Supporters From Dr. John Morris, President of ICR

As you know, ICR has always taken a very low key approach to “fund raising,” for we are confident that God will take care of each true need of this ministry. Even on this page of *Acts & Facts* reserved for “financial” matters, the thrust is always to point to Scripture and the Author of Scripture—never to threaten closure or hardship. And God has blessed with His provision, as He promised.

My dear friend, Tom Manning, usually writes this column. You may have benefited from his sensitive but forthright discussions of Scriptural truth. His title, Stewardship and Trust Services, aptly describes his function as well as passion. He is not a “fund raiser,” he is a servant, helping God’s people to arrange their financial affairs so that they can fully care for their families, maximize their support of Christian ministries, and minimize the amount siphoned off by the government. He receives no commission or percentage, thus is fully free to selflessly help others.

Recently he and I spent the day with an elderly widower who desired to pass on as much as possible to his children and grandchildren, all the while benefitting ICR which had helped him greatly in his Christian life. I was of no help in discussing such financial matters. I was there to communicate my vision for the ministry, and glean from his insights.

But that day I saw Tom, with sincerity and sensitivity, listen to this dear brother’s heart and help him structure his estate to accomplish his goals. ICR’s benefit was not an issue, only as it was a goal of the man himself. There was no pressure, no unnecessary prying, no embarrassing moments—just one Christian man serving a brother with special needs.

Together, with Tom’s wise counsel, they developed a plan which could save the man’s estate a significant amount of money. The end result was that the man will be able to pass on nearly his entire accumulation to his loved ones and the Lord’s work. God and His Word were honored that day as Christian love abounded.

Why am I telling you this story? Because I have seen many dear Christian men and women as they face these issues, fearful of being intimidated or manipulated by high pressure fund raisers. As we all know, these fears are often well-founded.

It may be that you are wrestling with financial plans and the choice of someone to help. Let me recommend Mr. Tom Manning. While Tom is not a legal or tax advisor, you will never find a more sensitive friend or knowledgeable consultant.

He may be able to help you realize your goals, and if helping ICR is one of them, that’s OK too. I encourage you to call or write him. Even if you choose another route, you will be richer for the time together.

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TWO IMPORTANT NEW BOOKS

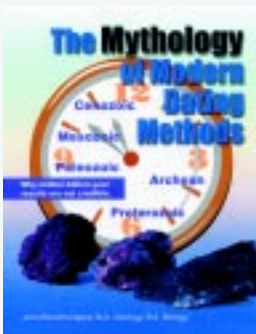
A Second Look

ICR announces with pleasure the publication of two important books, each of which is timely and warrants wide readership.

For his master's thesis at California State University at Sacramento, Mr. Nicholas M. Aksionczyk, an immigrant from Belares, researched the behind-the-scenes facts surrounding the celebrated Scopes Trial. Drawing from actual writings by the leading participants, he has woven together a fascinating look at American history, including the church's climate and response.

A remake of the notorious "Inherit the Wind" movie will be aired on network television this fall, complete with all the well-documented inaccuracies and ridicule of fundamental Christianity. Thus, the book comes at an opportune time and would be useful as a witnessing tool.

An introductory price of \$7.00 is being offered for this 132 page book (normally \$9.95).



The Mythology of Modern Dating Methods

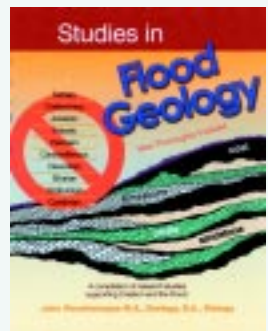
The second new book comes from veteran creationist researcher, John Woodmorappe. The title, *The Mythology of Modern Dating Methods*, aptly describes the content of the book. In it he shows that the standard claims for dating accuracy are unfounded.

As the RATE group of scientists researches the unsolved problems of radioisotope decay from a creationist perspective, Mr. Woodmorappe has done the creationist movement a great service by fully documenting the inconsistency of standard results and the unreliability of assumptions underlying

old-earth thinking. With nearly 500 references and a similar number of quotes, this book will become a necessary tool for understanding this vital issue. **The book sells for \$12.95.**

And One Upgraded Book

Speaking of Mr. Woodmorappe, his prior work, *Studies in Flood Geology*, has been re-released in a new format, complete with index and illustrations. This book continues to be must reading for those interested in Flood geology. **Selling price: \$12.95.**



For additional savings on these books, see page 4 of sales flyer.