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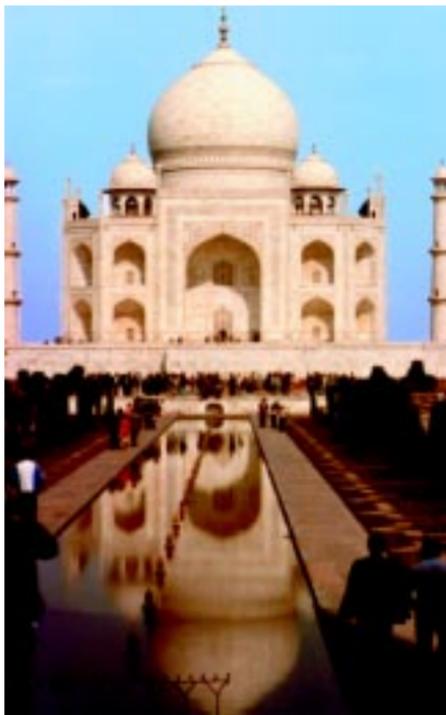
CREATION EVANGELISM IN INDIA

The nation of India is a nation of contrasts. With a burgeoning population of over one billion, there is great poverty in spite of the riches of the land. The religion of Hinduism dominates in many areas, but Buddhism and Islam rule in others. Thankfully, Christian missionary efforts brought Christianity as far back as the 1700s. Their efforts brought education and modernization to a backward land.

Unfortunately, the educational institutions and even many of the Christian schools have now been usurped by evolutionary thinking. Thus, the message of creation was warmly welcomed as ICR's Dr. Duane Gish journeyed there from November 1-18, his third such trip to this needy area.

In contrast to earlier visits during which he covered much of India, this tour was limited to cities in South India. All told, he spoke in universities, science institutes, schools, churches, and a Rotary Club in eleven cities with thousands in attendance and many lives and minds changed.

He also had several press conferences, and the meetings were given wide newspaper coverage, particularly in the state of Kerala. All lectures were in English, one of the two national languages in India although each of the 27 states has its own language. The logical and spiritual message of creation was enthusiastically received with very little open opposition,



although evolution is widely taught in their universities. The lecture tour was arranged by Jay Gupta of Colorado Springs, who accompanied Dr. Gish on the tour and who had arranged his earlier visits to India.

On the way to India, Dr. Gish stopped over in Singapore where he gave a creation science lecture to 35 Christian leaders from 17 nations of Africa, South America, and India, at the Haggai Institute of Singapore.



This lecture was arranged by Noel Berman, Director of the Haggai Institute.

A short lecture tour like this often has visible, immediate results. More often, it offers the first ray of light in a darkened area, and seeds begin to grow which are later harvested. Please join ICR in praying for a full harvest in the days ahead. 🌱

CREATION OUTREACH IN THREE STATES

Dr. Ken Cumming served on an accreditation team visit to Midwest College and Theological Seminary (MCTS) and then conducted a speaking tour in Delaware and Pennsylvania during November 1–15.



The site visit to MCTS involved six specialists from the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) who examined this distinctly Korean-based school's request for candidate status with TRACS. MCTS is located in Wentzville, Missouri, near St. Louis, but serves an international student body. This school is unique in that the teaching staff travels to where the students are to present the curriculum—mostly in the Korean language. Residency requirements are met by having the students visit the campus for certain seminars. MCTS faculty all adhere to a young-age creation perspective in their teaching.

Following the St. Louis visit, Dr. Cumming traveled to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he spoke to the Institute for Scientific and Biblical Research under the auspices of Dr. Bill Curtis, President. Next he spoke to the combined Sunday schools of Faith Baptist Church in Wilmington, Delaware, for two Sunday services. During the week there were general assembly presentations at New Castle Baptist Academy and Red Lion Christian Academies. Finally, he spoke to a select group of academicians at the Center for Urban Theological Studies (CUTS) in Northeast Philadelphia, Rick Faison, President. Total attendance was about 800. 🌱



From Virginia

I acquired *The Defender's Bible* as soon as they became available and have used it heavily. I have also had the privilege of giving it to four pastors. Our present pastor uses it extensively. . . . A year ago, my daughter taught her teen Sunday school class the literal Creation story. One student had an “intense” discussion with her father, the church pastor, about the literal account. He is now interested in having me present the information to his congregation early in 2000. 🌱

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President's Column

JOHN D. MORRIS A SIXTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Please allow me to deviate from the normal “President’s Column” subject matter to discuss something closer to home, that of the sixtieth wedding anniversary of my parents Henry and Mary Louise Morris. Married on January 24, 1940, the anniversary was celebrated on the weekend of Christmas so that all could attend. And a celebration it was, less for the many accomplishments which have



stemmed from their ministry, but for the treasured spiritual heritage which has flowed from their hearts and godly examples.

Readers of *Acts & Facts* immediately recognize my father, Dr. Henry Morris, as the founder and past president of ICR, but they may not be aware of the important facilitating and prayerful undergirding roles of my mother. Together they “birthed” ICR in 1970 and it has been their prayers and hard work which has energized it ever since. Thus, as an organization, ICR joined the Morris family in this celebration and recognition of all God has done in and through them.

The three days of family “reunion” included several informal gatherings, but focused on a Sunday morning “church” service, held in the ICR facilities, complete with singing, special music, testimonies of God’s grace and blessing, a challenge from Dr. Morris and a communion service led by Pastor Henry Morris III. Many tears of joy were shed as precious memories and insights were shared.

The entire, extended family gathered for this momentous weekend. Dr. and Mrs. Morris had six children and all except Andrew, now with His Lord, were present. Present also were the six spouses, the 17 grandchildren, 4 spouses, and the seven (and counting) great-grand children. This prompted Dr. Morris to wonder if ICR should be renamed the Institute for Pro-Creation Research.

All told, twenty of the 42 family members have played roles in ICR and/or its sister school, Christian Heritage College, including current ICR President, Dr. John Morris, Mr. Don Barber, ICR webmaster and husband of Rebecca, and Dr. Henry Morris III, frequent speaker at ICR seminars. More important, each family member has professed faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, and each family is founded on the precepts of God’s Word.

It is also significant that their six children have acquired 15 college degrees between them, including four doctorates. Four of the grandchildren have graduated from college and four are currently enrolled in college.

Dr. Morris maintains a very active role at ICR, as full-time President Emeritus. His pen is as productive as ever, and his wisdom treasured. Please join the ICR faculty and staff in praying that God will grant him many more years of fruitful ministry both in ICR, and as “patriarch” in his family. 🌿



Come explore ICR's new website for kids at www.icradventures.org. Check out the fossil recipe on the "How Fossils are Formed" page, visit dinosaur graveyards throughout the U.S. by clicking on our special dino map, get to know the characters in *Jonathan Park and the Secret of the Hidden Cave* on the "People of the Story" page. The web site, book, and soon-to-be-broadcast radio program teach children about standing for truth, trusting in God, the importance of friendship, and the evidence for a worldwide Flood.

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

Weekend of: Title/Topic:

Feb. 5 "Creation Evangelism"

We all have people in our lives that we want so much to know Christ. It's difficult witnessing to people who use evolution as a smokescreen for not wanting to believe in God. How can we use God's creation as a stepping-stone for evangelism? Join us!

Feb. 12 "Biblical Evidence for the Global Flood"

There is much debate about Noah's Flood. Many say the Genesis Flood was only a story about a local flood. We'll discuss the Scriptural account of Noah's Flood and the importance of holding to a global interpretation.

Feb. 19 "Scientific Evidence of the Global Flood"

If a great event like Noah's Flood really took place, it would have left its mark on the earth. Tune in as we investigate the evidence and see if it best supports a local or global flood model. We'll also show why the difference is significant to our faith in God's Word.

Feb. 26 "The Great Ice Age and the Woolly Mammoth"

There is evidence of a climate that

was much different than what we experience nowadays. Many evolutionists claim there have been many "ice ages" throughout Earth's history. However, is there another explanation for this cold climate of the past? Does the Ice Age explain the frozen mammoths that have been found? Tune in as we offer a Biblical perspective. ❧

HENRY MORRIS TO SPEAK AT ISSUES 2000 CONFERENCE

Readers of *Acts & Facts* in Texas and nearby states may be interested in attending the upcoming "Issues 2000 Conference" in Dallas on February 25 and 26. The purpose of the conference is to provide a compendium of the central issues of the Biblical Christian Faith at the beginning of the new century.

Dr. Henry Morris, ICR's Founder and President Emeritus, is to be one of the speakers, his assigned topic being "The Fall, the Curse, and a Groaning World." Dr. Jobe Martin, author of the book, *Evolution of a Creationist*, will speak on "The Reliability and Historicity of the Biblical Creation Account." Other featured speakers include Drs. Tim LaHaye, Paige Patterson, John Walvoord, Harold Willmington, Gary Habermas, Thomas Ice, Beverly LaHaye, Robert Lightner, David Noebel, and over twenty others, all well known Christian leaders committed to Biblical inerrancy.

All the messages will be published by Kregel in a new book, *The Fundamentals for the Twenty-First Century*, edited by Dr. Mal Couch, President of the Tyndale Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Meetings will be held at the Sheraton Park Central Hotel in Dallas.

Information as to costs and other details can be obtained by writing the Tyndale Seminary, 6800 Brentwood Stair Road, #100, Fort Worth, Texas, 76112, or by calling 817-446-1415. ❧

THE HUMAN BODY: AN INTELLIGENT DESIGN

by Alan Gillen, Frank Sherwin,
& Alan Knowled

As society continues to witness the decline of Darwinism, books are appearing that correctly interpret the nature of science. ICR is delighted to announce the publication of one such book that describes some of the amazing themes of the human body—acknowledging the Creator’s hand rather than evolutionism. *The Human Body: An Intelligent Design* looks at features such as the immune system and blood clotting that, totally lacking secular explanations, are clearly evidence of creative design and purpose.

One of the authors, Frank Sherwin, M.A., is on the ICR science staff and a popular seminar speaker.

Home schoolers will appreciate a biology book written from the perspective of good science rather than secular dogma. Christian students and teachers both in Christian and secular high schools will find this book a valuable supplement. This new book is a 1999 Creation Research Society Book, 155 pages, and \$16.95 (see back cover for more information. )



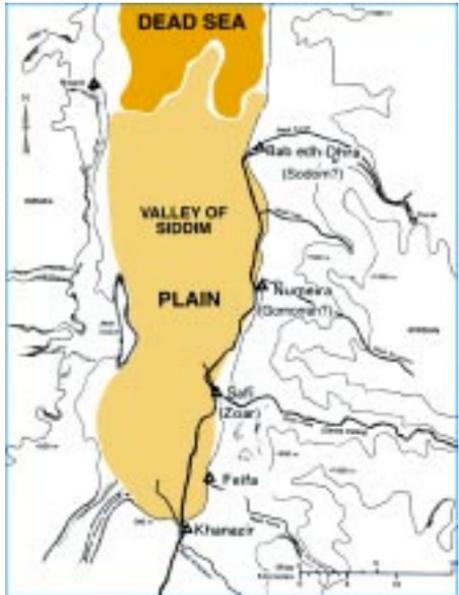
EXPLAINING THE OVERTHROW OF SODOM

Among the long-standing mysteries of the Bible, are the locations of the five Biblical Cities of the Plain, including Sodom and Gomorrah. The search for these cities had been elusive and many possible sites and explanations have been offered. But in 1973, Walter Rast and Thomas Schaub conducted an archaeological survey of an area southeast of the Dead Sea

and between then and 1990 excavated and described potential sites for these five Cities of the Plain.

In *Bible and Spade* (vol. 12, no. 3, Summer 1999), Bryant Wood presents an impressive argument for the present site of Bab edh-Dhra as the ancient city of Sodom. Evidence used for argument includes Early Bronze Age artifacts, paleobotany, fortifications, and evidence of a fiery destruction. Wood weaves the Genesis account into the current on-site observations to demonstrate the correlation of facts to Bible history. Another corollary find was an ancient mosaic map which located the city of Zoar, where Abraham’s nephew, Lot, fled to as he escaped the fire and brimstone destruction of Sodom. After making the archaeological observations, Wood recognized the evidence that the site of the former city has been radically altered by significant geological processes.

As a result of these recent conclusions, Wood asked Dr. Austin at ICR to visit the site and prepare a detailed geological description of the region. It is hoped that an



examination of the strata, fault locations, erosional surfaces, and mineral deposits of the area will lead to an explanation of the calamity that fell on these cities and the resultant permanent abandonment of these habitations. Because tectonics and erosion have altered these locations over the last 4000 years, it is time to put all

aspects of this puzzle together to relate the archaeological, geological, and Biblical facts into a cohesive explanation of the “overthrow” event. The site visit is scheduled for May 2000. If you would like to help sponsor this important discovery research, please let us know how you might be able to contribute to this effort. 🌱



ORIGINS ISSUES

WHALE TALES by FRANK SHERWIN

In an article on whale evolution (*Natural History* 5/94) peppered with negative remarks toward creationists, Steven J. Gould of Harvard, perhaps one of the more strident anti-creationists today, stated:

I am absolutely delighted to report that our usually recalcitrant fossil record has come through in exemplary fashion. During the past fifteen years, new discoveries in Africa and Pakistan have added greatly to our paleontological knowledge of the earliest history of whales.

But just five years later, *Scientific American* (January 1999) reported the discovery of fossilized ankle bones that has “left [whale] researchers even more puzzled than before.” The author of this article states that these bones (found in Pakistan!) “leave researchers wondering where whales came from.”

Compounding the problem is evidence taken from molecules (genetic analysis) that simply doesn’t line up with the fossil evidence (morphology). Evolutionist John Gatesy reports:

The phylogenetic affinities of Cetacea have not been clearly resolved by either molecular or morphological characters. The rapidly growing molecular database should, in theory, complement anatomical evidence from the spectacular fossil discoveries of the past 15 years. Unfortunately, recent phylogenetic analyses show more conflict than compromise between molecules and morphology.

“Molecular evidence for the phylogenetic affinities of Cetacea” *The Emergence of Whales* edited by J.G.M. (Thewissen Plenum Press, N.Y., 1998), p. 63.

Richard Monastersky of *Science News* (v. 156) agrees, saying “The war over whales pits the classical techniques of studying bones and flesh against the most modern methods of genetic analysis—two approaches that lead to different versions of the whale’s origin tale.”

While evolutionists struggle to spin their tales of how the whale could have come to be, the creationist can take comfort that all the evidence will continue to support the fact that the whale was designed as a unique creature during day five of creation, just as God told us in Genesis 1. 🌱

STEWARDSHIP & TRUST SERVICES

Dear Brethren at ICR,

Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen (Galatians 1:3-5).

This letter comes to you prayerfully and with great hope that the addition to your facilities will be built to the glory of our loving Creator, and great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

We have had to sell our church property after our original building was destroyed by arson in October of 1996. We never recovered from this disaster.

We have prayerfully considered where we could put some of these funds to do the most good to reach young people for Christ in this our beloved nation. A nation fast becoming more pagan every day. We see our children's children being indoctrinated with the secular humanistic doctrines of evolution and believe these funds can best be used to help you build your new addition or to assist in the production of your excellent books and videos.

The believers wish you to have the prerogative to place the funds where you see the most need at the moment. Please let me know how the funds were used and I will pass the information on to our group.

May our loving God continue to bless your seminars, publishing and museum ministries.

Yours for the harvest of precious souls for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Duane McCulley

Dear Pastor McCulley,

Thank you so very much for your wonderful gift; we revel in God's goodness in providing for our much-needed additional building even as our hearts go out to you and your congregation over the loss of yours. The joy that your letter expresses is a wonderful testimony to our Lord's faithfulness and to your resting in His great strength and comfort. Thank you for both your gift and letter!

We thought you might be blessed by knowing of one of the many ways the Lord has provided and is providing for our new building.

Praise be to Him!

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