



THE LORD IS FAITHFUL ICR EXPANDS

by John D. Morris

Several years ago, it became obvious that ICR had outgrown its present facility. Completed in 1985, it housed office space for about 60 full-time faculty and staff, graduate school classrooms, research laboratories, the Museum of Creation and Earth History, library, book warehouse, and shipping room. Since then, we have found it necessary to rent space in nearby buildings for ever-expanding functions.

Beginning in the early 1990s, we mentioned the need for additional space in *Acts & Facts* and encouraged ICR friends to designate gifts for that purpose, if that was their desire. Funds collected were faithfully applied to the building fund, waiting for God's supply.

ICR has a long-standing policy that it will not go into debt. Our present building was constructed debt-free, with all glory to God. He is pleased as His children follow this principle.

As funds came in, we purchased the lot adjacent to ICR and waited. In His time, full funding was received early in 1999, and we prayerfully authorized the architect to draw up plans. With full payment

in hand, we planned to break ground in July, but building permit delays ultimately pushed it back into November.

The new building will bring together all functions now housed in other locations, thus saving a monthly outlay for rent. The shipping room and warehouse will be there, from which creationist materials will be sent worldwide. And since an office building is not really the best place for scientific laboratories, they will be moved there also. Look for significant discoveries to come from the work accomplished in them. Several new classrooms will be there too, adjacent to the labs.

This will free up room in our present building for our museum's new wing. It will also allow faculty expansion, as well as on-line capabilities and radio production. This will allow the ministry proceeding from the ICR "complex" to go forward with even greater impact and extent.

There's only one hitch. Between the



time contracts were signed and the date for construction to begin, we found out why the permits had been delayed. The city was implementing new earthquake codes, and construc-



tion costs jumped 15%. Suddenly we were nearly \$200,000 short. Delay was impossible without additional penalties.

The ICR administration and Board has decided to go ahead on schedule. This will not entail going into debt—we will not do that—but it does mean that between now and the projected April completion date, additional designated monies must be received, or the rest must be taken from other areas of the operating budget.

I mention this because ICR needs your help. At each year end, we ask for extra help in finishing the year in the black and preparing for many expenditures in the months ahead. And each year, friends of ICR have responded with each need met, and always without debt. Thus, these are uncharted waters for us.

As you know, ICR never resorts to high-pressure “fund raising.” We choose to simply inform people of the vision and the need, and ask them to respond as God leads. So with this “mention,” let me ask that you please help if you can. ❀

CASE FOR CREATION SEMINARS

October was a busy month for President Dr. John Morris as three separate “Case for Creation” seminars saw him join with three different speakers in three states.

NAPA, CALIFORNIA October 8 and 9 saw him and his older brother, Dr. Henry Morris III, in this beautiful central California town. Sponsored by Grace Baptist Church, but promoted area-wide, it was well attended. Pastor John Fernandez opened the seminar with a personal testimony of how the important book, *The Genesis Flood*, co-authored by Dr. Henry Morris, had been especially foundational to him as a young Christian in college.

The school assembly on Friday got a special treat as an “almost finished” copy of ICR’s new video on dinosaurs, “Marty’s Fossil Adventure,” was shown. Even though it wasn’t quite finished, dozens were ordered by those present.

JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS On October 22 and 23, Dr. Doug Phillips partnered with Dr. Morris for a very productive and provocative seminar.

The seminar was well-timed, for Kansas and creation were much in the news. Christians were encouraged to get the facts related to this from a reliable source. Many school teachers were present and initial concerns melted as the evidence was presented in a gracious way.

The Kansas School Board had rejected the proposed aggressively evolutionary guidelines prepared by a group of state science teachers picked by the school board and national evolution proponents. One lone creationist was on that writing team, who dissented throughout the process. This public school teacher, a Ph.D. biologist, was at the seminar, and his insights were invaluable.

QUINCY, ILLINOIS The end of the month found Dr. Morris coupled with ICR’s Frank Sherwin. The Kansas School Board decision had raised the issue to awareness in Illinois as well, and numerous interviews and discussions were held with the media and local school employees.

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Each seminar had been promoted throughout the respective areas and drew an average of 500 adults to each. Eyes were opened as God's Word was championed and explained.

At each seminar, the book tables were busy as creation materials for young and old were purchased as Christmas gifts. 🎁



The ICR Radio Department is excited to announce its debut of the Jonathan Park project! *Jonathan Park and the Secret of the Hidden Cave* is an adventure about two families who are caught in a terrible storm. In their struggle for survival, they seek refuge in a hidden cave. As they explore the caverns, ten-year-old Jonathan and his new friend, Jessie, find a secret that will change their lives.

Although the radio broadcast is coming on Memorial Day weekend, 2000, you can meet the entire Jonathan Park gang right now! We invite you to explore ICR's new kids' web site. The address is www.icradventures.org. Meet Jonathan, Jessie, and their families. Learn about fossils, Noah's Flood, and the importance of being a good friend. You'll learn about creation science while experiencing an exciting adventure! Also, remember to tune in as we finish our series on "Science, Scripture, & Salvation" entitled, "The Myths of Evolution and the Media."

Weekend of: Title/Topic:

Dec. 4 "Myth #6: Information Comes From Random Chance"

Scientists are learning that everything contains information. Whether it's the complex code found in our DNA, or the dance of the honey bee, it's all around us. But where did all this information come from? Was it from intelligence, or from the Big Bang? Join us as we

talk about the myth that information came about by accidental processes.

Dec. 11 "Myth #7: The Big Bang Has Been Proven"

It seems that every time we turn on the TV, read the newspaper, or listen to the news, we hear about the Big Bang. But is it true? Could a huge cosmic explosion cause the world that we see? Tune in as we discuss the myth that the Big Bang has been proven by science.

Dec. 18 "Myth #8: Life Comes From Non-Life"

A few hundred years ago, many wondered if nonliving materials could produce life. For instance, rotting meat might make maggots, or dirty rags could breed mice. But then Louis Pasteur helped to demonstrate that life could only come from life. Nowadays, all secular biology textbooks point out this truth. But what about evolution—doesn't it teach that life came from nonliving matter?

Dec. 25 "Christ the Creator"

Join us on this special day as we celebrate the Creator who came to Earth in the form of man to die for our sins! We'll hear from special guests who will give a unique perspective on Christmas Day! 🎁



Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dr. Duane Gish was the speaker at the monthly rally sponsored by WVCY America, which covers much of the U.S. The rally was held Saturday evening, October 9, in the Waukesha Expo Arena. The auditorium, seating 800, was full. Dr. Gish's address on "The Biblical and Scientific Evidence for Creation" was followed by questions from the audience. The program was carried live over radio and recorded on television for later use.

Kids! Meet Jonathan Park and his friends on www.icradventures.org. Learn creation truth!

Tullahoma, Tennessee

On Monday evening, October 11, Dr. Duane Gish delivered a creation science lecture at Motlow State Community College. Those



attending overflowed the auditorium which seats 280, and about 130 were accommodated by closed circuit television in an overflow room. Dr. Gish's lecture was followed by questions from the audience. The lecture had been arranged by Bob Crosslin, professor of mathematics at the college and was recorded on television for later use. ❧



That Their Words May Be Used Against Them, by Henry M. Morris (Master Books, 1997), 487 pp.

In this latest publishing effort, Morris has compiled thousands of quotations from evolutionists that are damaging to the evolutionary cause. . . . This is a great resource for Christian students at non-Christian colleges.

Biblical Worldview

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God, by Henry M. Morris (World Bible Pub. Co., 1997), 374 pp.

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

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BY JOHN D. MORRIS

As he set his retirement affairs in order, a longtime friend of ICR felt led to share his blessings with ICR. His gift came with a testimony of how ICR books and seminars had a significant ministry in his life, from his salvation, to Christian growth, to his ministry to hundreds of students. Eternity will reveal the extent of his sacrificial service and the part the creation message has played in it.

As we come to the end of the year and take time to count our blessings, we count many testimonies like this. We remember the many individuals who have worked hard to bring an ICR seminar to their area, to those who have taken what they have learned and used it to minister to others. We praise God for His guidance in our research projects. We thank Him for the many concerned Christians who have given financially to ICR, recognizing their monetary sacrifice as God's favor.

Financially, these have been unpredictable and delicate months, with the vagaries of "Y2K" and the multiplication of creation ministries. Yet, with only minimal reminders in these pages, God has supplied the resources needed to keep the ICR ministry effective.

Over the years God has supplied, in part through generous year-end giving from His people. This has allowed ICR to finish each of its 30 calendar years "in the black" and prepare for coming months. It is in this spirit that we request all friends of ICR to consider prayerfully a sacrificial year-end gift, which will again allow us to end December with all bills paid.

We do thank God for you and pray His richest blessings on you and yours this holiday season and in the year ahead. ❧



HENRY MORRIS SPEAKS AT CALVARY CHAPEL FOUNDING CHURCH

From Medical Doctor in Kentucky

As a scientist, I have profited much by your work, as have my students (University of Louisville and Louisville Bible College). I became a theistic evolutionist in the 1940s, but your writings caused me to reject that error, along with the “local flood.” I am sure I speak for thousands of scientists around the world.

From a Pastor in Singapore

Thank you for the first consignment of *Days of Praise* received, which is very Scriptural and divinely thought-provoking. We praise God that we have found *Days of Praise* for our spiritual enlightenment.

From Utah

I and my family have benefited very much from the message you communicate. As a former theistic evolutionist, God has convinced me of the veracity of Genesis, mostly through your work.

From Canada

I have been on your mailing list now since June 1976, and I am pleased that I can say that in all that time you have not (like some organizations) deviated from Scriptural truth. Your work and ministry has been very helpful to me, and your books have been very important both in my own life and in helping me to explain creation and to witness to others about Jesus.

From Illinois

I am now reading *The Defender's Bible* line upon line, reference to reference. It has been a wonderful exercise with all the benefits that such an exercise provides. ❀

Dr. Henry Morris of ICR was the special speaker to an overflow audience exceeding 2000 at the famous Calvary Chapel Church of Costa Mesa, California, at the evening service on October 31. In addition, his message was carried by the 185 stations of the Calvary Satellite Network, as well as worldwide on the Internet. The audience was unusually enthusiastic and responsive as he spoke on the vital role of Biblical creation in true evangelism.

Pastor of the church is Chuck Smith, who founded Calvary Chapel in the sixties with special appeal to the young people of the so-called sixties revolution. It has since generated a network of over a thousand Calvary Chapels all over the nation. Pastor Chuck attributes the phenomenal growth to his strong teaching ministry, honoring the Bible as the literal and infallible Word of God. He and his churches have always been committed to sound Biblical creationism and have cooperated in many ways with the ICR ministries ever since ICR's earliest days. ❀

CREATIONIST RESEARCH REPORTED AT GEOLOGISTS' CONVENTION

Creationist geologists presented two research papers at the Geological Society of America Convention in Denver on October 28. The collaborating researchers are Drs. Steven Austin and Andrew Snelling of ICR, and Dr. Kurt Wise of Bryan College. The two papers are entitled “Canyon-Length Mass Kill of Orthocone Nautiloids, Redwall Limestone (Mississippian), Grand Canyon, Arizona,” and “Gigantic Megaclasts within the Kingston Peak Formation (Upper Precambrian, Pahrump Group), Southeastern California: Evidence for Basin Margin Collapse.”

Large straight-shelled mollusk fossils called Nautiloids occur within a thin but extremely widespread layer of the Redwall Limestone throughout Grand Canyon. This enormous marine fossil deposit, which has been overlooked by mainstream geologists, was reported in the first paper. Nautiloid fossils, each averaging more than one foot in length, are distributed within a single dolomite stratum throughout a 1,500 square mile area in Grand Canyon. A billion individual nautiloid fossils may exist there.

According to the creationist researchers who discovered the fossil deposit, the deposit represents a canyon-length mass kill of marine cephalopods on the ocean floor followed by very rapid burial in carbonate sediment. The geologists suspect that the mass kill was caused by hot toxic water that had spread over a huge area. Interesting discussions followed the geologists' paper. Research continues at Grand Canyon and a technical publication is expected.

Gigantic, redeposited fragments of an ancient ocean floor have been located within sedimentary strata in the Mojave Desert of southeastern California. These were the subject of the creationist geologists' second report. The redeposited fragments (called "megaclasts") occur within the Kingston Peak Formation of the Kingston Range northeast of Baker, California. This formation, along with its included megaclasts, occurs within a thick sequence known as the Pahrump Group (assigned to what geologists call the Precambrian of southeastern California). Individual megaclasts are up to several hundreds of feet thick and appear to have lengths of up to half a mile or more. The rock types of the megaclasts are Crystal Springs Formation and Beck Spring Formation, strata that are known to underlie the Kingston Peak Formation. Rock slabs composed of the shallow ocean floor appear to have been involved in a colossal submarine landslide with as-

sociated sand, clay, and lime sediment. The extreme power of the gravitational slump process is indicated by the huge redeposited rock slabs and their associated breccia deposits. Evidently, a large area of ocean floor at the margin of the continent was caught up in the gigantic submarine landslide into a deep ocean basin.

Creationist geologists have been finding a wide variety of sedimentary evidence that argues for submarine catastrophic processes. The Biblical Flood provide the only viable explanation for many of these diverse sedimentary deposits. Creationists are beginning to imagine the colossal size, area, and power of the sedimentary and tectonic events that signal the Flood's activity in the southwestern United States. ❄️

DEBATE AT CAL-POLY

On the evening of October 20, Dr. Duane Gish debated Dr. Curtis J. Clark on the campus of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, California. Dr. Clark (Ph.D., University of California Davis) is Professor of Biology at Cal-Poly. It was estimated that 1200 students, faculty, and visitors were present.

As first speaker, Dr. Clark presented the evolutionist's interpretation of the biology and origin of living organisms. He contrasted the views of modern evolutionists to that of Carolus Linnaeus (1707–1778), a Swedish scientist and creationist who devised the Linnaean system of classification that is still used by biologists today.

Dr. Gish presented evidence for creation based on evidence from design and purpose, thermodynamics, the origin of life and the fossil record. The debate closed with an hour of questions from the audience providing an excellent opportunity for exchange of views. ❄️



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“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights . . .” (James 1:17).

That God who, prior to creating light, was the light (Genesis 1:3), became the light “which lighteth every man” (John 1:9) and will, Himself, be the sole source of light in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:23).

That very God loved us so much that while we were yet sinners, He came as a helpless babe to die a sinless man, and be resurrected into glory, that wretches like you and I might live in His unquenchable light . . . both now and forever!

As we revel in His goodness and mercy, let us remember the reason for His Precious Gift . . . to bring glory to the Father in Heaven.

“Ye are the light of the world . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven” (Matthew 5:14,16).

Merry Christmas!

I'll be in the office or near my phone at home to help with any year-end giving the Lord lays on your heart . . . that He might be glorified!

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