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ICR CONFERENCE TO CONFRONT AN ICON OF EVOLUTION!

by Mark Rasche

Thousands . . . Not Billions—that’s both the title and theme of the upcoming national conference in San Diego at Shadow Mountain Community Church on November 5, 2005. This is perhaps the most significant conference in ICR’s thirty-six-year history, as a team of scientists known as the RATE team (Radioisotopes and the Age of The Earth) reveal their amazing discoveries from an eight-year research project that strikes at the very heart of evolution by shining new light on the age of the earth.

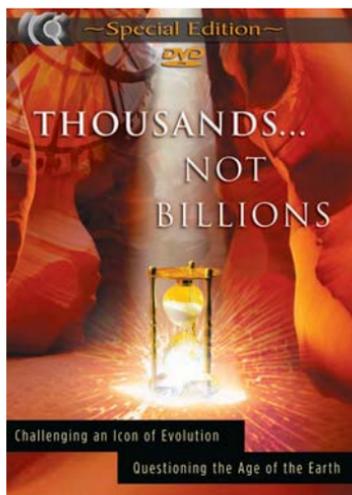
This once-in-a-lifetime event will be emceed by ICR’s president, Dr. John Morris, and will feature four key spokesmen from the eight-scientist RATE team. Dr. Larry Vardiman, Ph.D. in Atmospheric Science; Dr. Russell Humphreys, Ph.D. in Physics; Dr. Andrew Snelling, Ph.D. in Geology; and

Dr. John Baumgardner, Ph.D. in Geophysics, will summarize this incredible story and unveil the stunning research findings discovered during this historic project. The conference will culminate

with a premiere showing of a brand new 50-minute “docu-drama” appropriately titled, *Thousands . . . Not Billions*.

The Bible clearly teaches that God created the world in six literal days. Combining the Biblical chronologies with a six-day creation suggests a young earth, not an old one. Yet mainstream scientists dogmatically assert that the earth is billions of years old. How does the Bible-believing Christian reconcile the truth of Scripture with the claims of conventional

science? Should Christians reinterpret Genesis based on man’s current interpretation of science or re-examine the scientific facts based on the plain teaching of Genesis?



New documentary to premiere!

Many in the Church today have given into the pressure of secular science by attempting to unite it with the Bible. After all, how can so many scientists be wrong? What other alternative is there but to merge the views together? Is there any science that is in harmony with the straightforward teaching of Scripture? What about the claims for the ages of rocks and their fossils being millions and billions of years old? Are there minerals in rocks that can determine their age?

It is commonly believed that radioisotope dating provides unquestionable proof that the earth's rocks are billions of years old. However, many people are unaware that radioisotope dating often produces conflicting results. Different methods often disagree with each other; and rocks which are known to be young, when tested, frequently yield a very old age.

The RATE team has been examining this and many other challenges to conventional dating methods. The results of this study are quite compelling.

Some may wonder what is so important about the debate over the age of the earth. It all boils down to the defense of Scripture. If Christians do not stand firm and earnestly contend for the faith, then the authority of Scripture is jeopardized and sound doctrine will begin to slip away. So at the heart of this research is the defense of the plain teaching of the Bible. If we cannot take Genesis at face value, the rest of Scripture comes into question.

The evidence for a young earth is quite convincing and should at least cause those who believe that the earth is billions of years old to re-examine the evidence. The supposed old age of rocks and fossils is really the "linchpin" of evolution. The RATE research not only calls into question these dating techniques, but it has also offered real evidence that the earth is thousands, not billions of years old, just as the Bible teaches.

Come witness first-hand reports of the groundbreaking research that challenge the old-earth icon of evolution and supports the creation account in Genesis. Find out about the enormous disparity in the reported age of rocks when conventional dating methods were applied, and how the RATE team confronted these disagreements through careful documented research.

Learn why carbon-14 found in deep-earth diamonds offers convincing evidence that the earth is very young. Discover the truth about conventional dating methods and why they are highly inaccurate. Hear about the evidence that suggests that nuclear decay was most likely accelerated in the past. These and many other amazing discoveries will be introduced to the public at this premiere event.

The RATE research promises to deliver another huge blow to the continually weakening concept of evolution as the RATE team shares hard evidence that the earth is young after all. Simply put, if the icon of long ages is destroyed, evolution has no foundation; and, once again, we can confidently conclude that true science and the Bible really do have the same Author.

Pre-registration for this November 5 conference is required and seating is limited, so if you plan to attend, or would like additional information or brochures, please call Denise Prock at 619/448-0900, ext. 6020. ☎

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CREATION AND THE WORLD WIDE WEB

by John D. Morris

ICR's desire has always been two-fold; to discover truth about Biblical and scientific creation, and to communicate it carefully and accurately. This transmission was initially through books and seminars, then through the ICR Graduate School, and the more recent media of videos and DVDs. The efforts have been successful. When ICR started in 1970, there was precious little creation information available, but now resources abound. Seemingly on every subject and at every level.

One entirely new medium of communication which was unforeseen in 1970 is the World Wide Web. The web actually began as a way for university scientists to share their findings, and ICR scientists were quickly on board. Soon it grew to a "web" of undreamed scope, and ICR realized its vast communication potential.

Perhaps the first creation website, we began in 1995 to archive *Acts & Facts* articles, making them easily available. This grew and expanded to contain a wealth of information. But while the content expanded, use of the web blossomed into a new industry. The ICR website, which was rather unique at the start, and later somewhat "avant guard," with upgrades through the years had recently become outdated in appearance.

But no longer. The first phase of structuring of the site has just been completed. You'll find it comprehensive and easy to use. It contains:

1. An "In the News" section on the home page; commentaries on issues of current interest, updated frequently.
2. The *Acts & Facts* articles from the current month.

3. Archived *Acts & Facts* articles, including:

Back to Genesis articles: usually three-page commentaries by Dr. Henry Morris on a variety of relevant Biblical and scientific subjects.

Impact articles: major four-page articles of lasting significance, usually of scientific content, non-technical but often meaty.

Dr. John's Q & A: one-page answers to questions on a variety of subjects by Dr. John Morris.
Origins Issues: one-page commentaries by Frank Sherwin on issues raised in science journals.

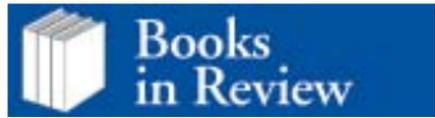
The President's Column: usually "big picture" thoughts on issues relevant to creation ministry, especially ICR.

Other articles of varying content.

4. Archived *Days of Praise* issues: readings from ICR's daily devotional Bible study booklet.
5. Upcoming speaking and outreach events: referenced by State.
6. Upcoming radio broadcasts, as well as archived audio programs.
7. Online bookstore, containing all of ICR's regular resources as well as many other materials of interest to creationists.
8. General information: ICR's history, scope, how to sign up for publications, and how to donate to ICR's support.

These are dynamic days in creation ministry. Our modern world demands access to creation information, and the web has become the medium of choice of many. Even though many Christians have been intimidated by "scientific" pronouncements into thinking the Biblical way of thinking has been disproved, the evidence for creation has never been stronger. This can plainly be seen on ICR's website.

Let me invite you to visit the website at www.icr.org and help return science to its rightful place as a benefit to the body of Christ. 



From a radio listener in Florida

Greetings! I am a long time listener of “Science, Scripture, & Salvation” and “Back to Genesis.” Dr. Henry Morris III recently gave a Genesis Presentation at my church, where I purchased two books. I am very impressed with the quality of your books and with the effort you have put into your mission overall. It has greatly helped me understand the proofs behind our Creator. Thank you for making so much material available on your website. I have been passing on the monthly mailings to others and downloading the articles I am most interested in. Keep up the great work!

Conference attendee in Texas

I sat and listened to Dr. Guliuzza for an hour and a half. . . . I learned more about human anatomy, specifically the visual system than all the formal education (public school) I have had. For the first time I heard a doctor explain how we are created and use the Bible to support the scientific observations. I loved it! I walked out of there more clearly understanding King David’s words, “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

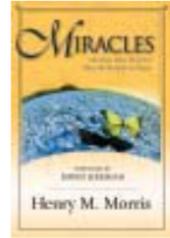
From a student in the Midwest

Thank you for sending me *Days of Praise* and especially *Acts & Facts*. I really enjoy the Christian perspective offered in your publication. As a Chemistry and Pre-Med major in college, your articles provide helpful information to better enable me to respond to much of the evolution packed into the textbooks. Thanks again.

From a reader in Arizona

I truly enjoy *Days of Praise* and often find solid Biblical truth in it that I read or hear no other place. May God grant you the wisdom and strength to fulfill your quest to serve Him as you do. ☪

Miracles
by Henry M. Morris
(Master Books,
2003), 141 pp.



This book describes many personal experiences of the Morris family. Dr. Morris has once again given his unique insights to an important topic, in this case, miracles. His clear discussion will be helpful to many readers. Subject and Scripture indexes are provided.

Creation Research Society Quarterly

For Time and Forever
by Henry M. Morris
(Master Books, 2004),
222 pp.



. . . Dr. Morris explores the breadth of what it means to have purpose in God’s creation. Besides debunking evolutionary myths, Dr. Morris also answers the heart cry of man: Where do I fit? Does God have a purpose for me? Dr. Morris shares his personal testimony in the first chapter. . . . A must-read.

Creation Moments ☪



PTEROSAUR!

The pterosaur (“teer-o-sore”) was a remarkable flying reptile of the pre-Flood, and possibly post-Flood world. They must have been an incredible sight in their day. Pterosaurs came in a wide variety. The largest had a wingspan of 40 ft (12m) *Quetzalcoatlus* named after a winged serpent god.

How did pterosaurs acquire flight? Secular scientists are not sure. The fourth digit in the hand of *Quetzalcoatlus* was amazingly lengthened to act as the wing’s main support. As is always the case, the fossil record is silent as to how the supposedly gradual process of fourth-digit elongation occurred. In other words, there are no fossils showing a gradual progression of a short to an incredibly elongated digit. Indeed, the first time pterosaurs are found in the fossil record they are creatures with large brains and hollow bones—able to take to the air. Because evolutionists cannot show how pterosaurs might have evolved from bats or birds, they must fall back on “convergent evolution” that says similar structures developed more than once, in pterosaurs and in the birds, which are only distantly related. But Darwinists can only *presume* such structures evolved as creatures adapted to similar environments. As creation scientist Gary Parker observes, “convergence, in the sense of similar structures designed to meet similar needs, would be expected, of course, on the basis of creation according to a common design.”¹

Darwinists are uncertain as to why pterosaurs became extinct. One secular text states that perhaps “. . . they were in competition with the birds, which were becoming modernized in late Cretaceous times. The birds were evidently much more efficient than the pterosaurs, and it is quite likely that their perfection contributed to the end of the flying reptiles.”²

But just two years later virtually the opposite was stated! *Nature* magazine reported that researchers used a CAT scanner more powerful than the machine used in hospitals to image the inside of two fossilized pterosaur heads, (*Rhamphorhynchus* and *Anhanguera*, taken from Germany and Brazil respectively). The three-dimensional computer images revealed that according to the size of the flocculus—a brain region designed for controlling movement—these pterosaurs could in fact outperform “modern birds and bats.”³ The research shows these pterosaurs were amazingly complex. The flocculus took up over seven percent of the brain mass of the pterosaur, whereas birds use but two percent. One researcher suggested this enlargement was because the pterosaur used huge amounts of information collected by the expansive wing membrane. The wing seemed to be an “extra sensory organ.”⁴

Creation scientists maintain the studies show that these animals were designed by God for powered flight from the start, and that they had not “adapted to life in the air.”⁵

1. Parker, G., *Creation: Facts of Life*, Master Books, 1994, p. 42.
2. Colbert, E. H., et al., *Colbert’s Evolution of the Vertebrates*, Wiley-Liss, 2001, p. 224.
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Nevada

July 15 saw ICR geologist Bill Hoesch conducting a survey of a partial section of the Anchor Formation in Battleship Wash in Clark County, Nevada. Assisted by Frank Sherwin, Bill was able to make observations, take pictures, and diagram in 115+ degree temperatures.

That evening, and all the next day, the two ICR scientists spoke at Calvary Chapel of St. George (Rick Nerud, pastor). An attendee spoke with a Jewish man who saw a flyer and came to the meeting. The man said expressly that he was not a Christian, but that he felt “closer to Christ than ever before” after hearing the lectures. Let’s pray that God waters this seed. ☞

ICR ANNOUNCES NEW TECHNICAL MONOGRAPH: THE FROZEN RECORD

This remarkable monograph is in considerable measure the result of several months of intensive study by Michael Oard while he was here at ICR on a special adjunct faculty research assignment. He had already authored an excellent monograph published by ICR entitled *An Ice Age Caused by the Genesis Flood*, written while he was still working as a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

This new monograph makes an outstanding case for the earth’s one Ice Age as a result of the worldwide Noahic Flood. It concentrates especially on earth’s history as deduced from ice cores in its great ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica, arguing that they show conclusively the reality of the great Flood, with its following glacial period, just a few thousand years ago.

This monograph may be ordered by calling 800/628-7640. ☞

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

Weekend of: Title/Topic:

Sept. 3 Students’ Rights
It’s that time of year again when children leave summer vacation behind and head back to school. But, does attending a public school mean you have to leave your faith at home? Absolutely not! Tune in to this vital discussion!

Sept. 10 Ethics of Life
The belief in evolution has affected society in many ways. One of the most telling proofs is found in how we as a society view life. Is life truly precious or is it just expendable? Join us as we discuss the value and ethics of life!

Sept. 17 Evolution in Daily Life
Our beliefs affect not only our worldview, but how we live our daily lives. Evolution is one belief that has changed society. Have the effects been good or bad? Listen in as we look at the results of evolution, rebellion against God, and the redeeming love of the Creator.

Sept. 24 Autumn Leaves
Ah, Autumn! Beautiful multi-colored leaves are drifting to the ground. Trees are turned shades of red, yellow, and orange. What causes such beauty this time of the year? Don’t miss this fascinating discussion!

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SPIRITUAL OXYMORON

“They feared the LORD, and served their own gods” (II Kings 17:33).

God’s commentary on Israel in II Kings 17 is one of the more pathetic descriptions of Israel in Scripture. Israel had been given *many* chances to repent and return to their God, yet they remained two-faced: they worshiped Jehovah but *“did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD their God”* (II Kings 17:9). The Northern 10 tribes were therefore taken away into Assyria as punishment (II Kings 17:23).

In the closing days of the Northern Kingdom, Hezekiah of Judah led a revival, because: *“he clave to the LORD and departed not from following Him, but kept His commandments”* (II Kings 18:6). That “revival” was literally a “purge” of the duplicitous worship rampant in Israel and copied in Judah. Josiah led a later purge of Judah and returned genuine worship once again to God’s people (II Kings 22–23). Josiah *“turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might”* (II Kings 23:25).

“A DOUBLE MINDED MAN IS UNSTABLE IN ALL HIS WAYS” (JAMES 1:8).

ICR speakers frequently hear something like, “I believe the Bible is God’s word and I believe in creation—just not like it says in Genesis. Science tells us the details.” Can this be? Is this attitude a legitimate option for the Christian? It has become common for professors at evangelical seminaries to consider Genesis on a par with Babylonian myth. Belief in creation is not welcome.

COMPROMISE AND CONFUSION NEVER PRODUCE REVIVAL

If there is one “passion” among the ICR staff it is that we cannot deviate from the text of God’s Word. What it says, we must teach and do. Stand with us, please. The work is demanding, vital, and costly.



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