

ICR's New Building Completed

- *Appreciation*
- *Celebration*
- *Anticipation*



After many years of praying, planning, and saving, but only nine months of construction, the new ICR research building has come to fruition. Our great Creator and Provider has done this and all the praise and glory go to Him.

Situated on the adjacent property to ICR's present facility, it will house four graduate school classrooms, the research laboratories, the distance learning production studio, the web site service hardware, and direct mail. It will also be the home for all book and video sales, from a large warehouse to the customer service department. Presently, space must be rented in nearby buildings to house these functions, and we can only imagine the benefits and savings of bringing them all back "on campus."

Almost all of the administrative and faculty offices of ICR will remain in their present locations. The relocation of the labs, however will allow the museum to add a whole new wing, will bring all radio personnel and facilities together, and allow room for much needed growth.

The new building is larger than the present one, built in 1985. Together they will serve ICR's needs for well into the future. Evidence of God's provision and blessing can be seen in the fact that monies were already in hand before construction started, and no debt was incurred. We feel God is pleased by this approach.

Plans have been made to dedicate the new building at a ceremony on Sunday afternoon, October 29, at 3:00, in conjunction with the celebration of ICR's 30th an-



niversary. Dr. Tim LaHaye, long-time friend of ICR, will be on hand to publicly “remember” ICR’s founding, God’s blessing through the years, and commit the new building to His service. All readers of *Acts & Facts* are cordially invited to join the staff and friends of ICR in celebration and anticipation of God’s mighty hand of provision. 🌿

TREASURES IN THE PSALMS—NEW BOOK PUBLISHED

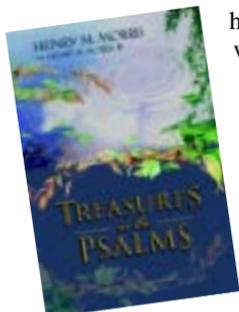
A new book in the series of scientific and devotional Bible commentaries by Dr. Henry Morris has just been published by Master Books. *Treasures in the Psalms* is the very appropriate title of the unique commentary which includes expositions of some 78 out of the 150 psalms in the Book of Psalms.

Dr. Tim LaHaye, in his Foreword, has written:

While Dr. Morris’ scientific books have had an incredible influence on the entire body of Christ today, he has also been

very influential in making the Book of Psalms practical and meaningful in the minds of readers. . . . He sees things in the Psalms I had never seen before, particularly the Messianic and end-time prophecies featuring the second coming of Jesus. . . . Treasures in the Psalms will give readers a unique devotional and illuminating reading experience. . . .”

The new book updates the expositions given in *Sampling the Psalms*, published in 1978 by Dr. Morris, and adds over 40 more psalms to those included in the previous book. *Treasures in the Psalms* contains 323 pages and has a list price of \$13.95. It can be ordered through ICR. 🌿



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ICR COLORADO TOUR

ICR zoologist Frank Sherwin and his family spent the month of July traveling throughout the beautiful Colorado Front Range as Frank spoke at various churches. One Greeley resident said she didn't understand the importance of origins until she heard how evolutionists use Darwinism as a complete worldview, not just a theory of biological origins.

Numbers of attendees were typically low in the summer heat. However, interest in books and lectures remained high as Sherwin spoke on subjects such as scientific evidence for creation, "human evolution," creation evangelism, and science and the Bible. Many church members voiced their appreciation for the compelling case for creation, both from Scripture and science, and the corresponding demise of Darwinism.

The Sherwins also visited a variety of "Flood monuments," including Dinosaur National Monument—thousands of dinosaur and invertebrate remains preserved

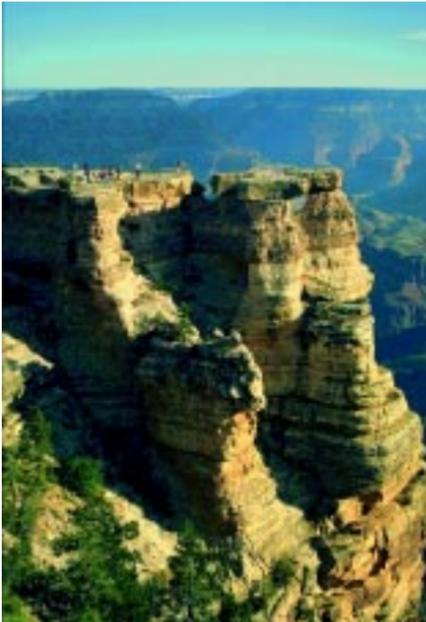
in sedimentary rock laid down by great amounts of water—and Grand Canyon—a 200-mile-long gash created recently by a huge volume of rapidly-moving water.

During their travels the entire Sherwin family enjoyed listening to Dr. Steve Austin's ICR Grand Canyon lectures on audio tape, or reading aloud from Dr. Larry Vardiman's book, *Over the Edge*, which made their trip to Grand Canyon all the more enjoyable. See the ICR publications catalog or website for information to obtain your own copies of these fascinating and entertaining materials. 🌟

LEADING BIOLOGIST DECLARES ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST CREATIONISTS

Judy Weis, the President-Elect of the American Institute of Biological Chemists, announced in a letter sent out recently to members of the Society for Integrative and Cellular Biology, that she is launching a major campaign to combat the teaching of creation science in public schools. Weis is a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences of Rutgers University, Newark, NJ. She is enlisting teachers in every state to keep an eye on school boards, state legislatures, etc. She mentioned that this "problem" is emerging in a number of states and that it "can happen anywhere." She is seeking to obtain the help of teachers in various other organizations such as the National Association of Biology Teachers.

The efforts of creation scientists throughout the United States is exposing the weaknesses and fatal fallacies in evolutionary theory and is making known the powerful, positive evidence for creation. As a result, evolutionists are fearful they are losing their stranglehold on schools and state legislatures. This initiative against creation exposes their desire to carry on their indoctrination in the non-theistic, humanistic theory of evolution taught in most schools. 🌟



RECORD NUMBER OF ICR GRADUATES

The ICR Graduate School completed a productive summer teaching session with a record number of graduates at a commencement ceremony held at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of El Cajon, on August 5, 2000. Dr. Marvin Lubenow, author of the popular book, *Bones of Contention*, gave the commencement address. In it he presented the current incredible opportunities for the creation message and ministry available today. But, although evolution is in serious trouble, New Age thinking is taking its place, which is even worse. Meanwhile, creation thinking continues to make gains, both in new understanding and popularity.

Ten students received their master's degrees with names and thesis titles listed below.

BIOLOGY

Carlson, Cynthia Covill	Book: The Three Toed Sloth and the Keepers of the Earth
Frankhauser, Glenn Todd	Thesis: Snake Hybridization: A Case for Intra-Barminic Diversity
Jolly, Renard Lee David	Thesis: The Mediterranean Gecko, <i>Hemidactylus Turcicus Turcicus</i> , in Central Arizona: A Life History and Examination of the Effects of Colonization Via the Founder Principle
Rhyme, Laura Michelle	Book: Encyclopedia of Creationism
Sanders, Matthew Henderson	Thesis: Repair Rates of R-band, G-band, and C-band DNA in Mice and Men

GEOLOGY

Wingerden, Cornelius Van	Thesis: The Sedimentology and Stratigraphy of the Kingston Peak Formation in the North East Kingston Range: Emphasis on the Mode of Emplacement of Megaclasts
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SCIENCE EDUCATION

Arend, John Gorham	Paper: New Nautiloid Discovery in Whitmore Wash Member, Redwall Limestone Formation, Jeff Canyon, Hualapai Indian Reservation, Mojave County, Arizona
Keuning, Jason	Paper: The Effect of Creationist Teaching on Student Worldview
Miller, Kent	Paper: The Effect of the Creation Doctrine on the Fundamental Doctrines of Five Anabaptist Denominations.
Park, Chang Sung	Paper: Mount Ranier's Tectonic Activity-Past and Present

ICR commends these students for their achievements and commits them to the Lord for blessings on their lives and ministry in the days ahead. 🍀

CORRECTION

The photo-micrograph of the polonium 218 halo used on page 2 of the August *Acts & Facts* was taken by Mark Armitage, not Dave McQueen.



Huntington West Virginia

On Thursday, July 6, ICR President, Dr. John Morris, had the pleasure of speaking at the dynamic Grace Gospel Church. The Pastor, Dr. Keith Weibe, is a long time friend of the Morris family and ICR.

The Church hosts a summer Bible conference each year, and this year the theme was creation. Dr. Morris gave a workshop on the age of the earth during the day and a lecture on Mount St. Helens in the evening. The auditorium was packed with the largest attendance they had ever had at the midweek Bible Conference.

In Our Backyard

ICR Museum Curator, John Rajca, M.S., spoke at Lakeside Christian Church, located approximately eight minutes from ICR headquarters in Santee, California.

Mr. Rajca began by reviewing a column in a local paper suggesting that “Creationist’s narrow view ignores facts of evolution,” mainly transitional hominids. Mr. Rajca used this basic premise to look closely at some of the “facts” that evolutionary theory seems to ignore. 🧩

ICR BOOKS IN TURKISH

ICR has long had a deep interest in promoting creation in the country of Turkey, but the greater need is for a breakthrough in Turkish evangelism. Both Turkish and American Christians living in Turkey feel that creation may be the key.

Efforts of Moslem creationists have heightened awareness of the unscientific nature of evolution, and its devastating impact on society, yet their writings fall short of the mark. Now, finally, creation books will be available which delineate the full work of our great Creator/Savior. Three ICR creation books (which include the gospel) are translated and ready for printing and distribution. Designated gifts for this project can be sent to ICR. 🧩

The month of September usually means “Back to School” for millions of school children. That’s why we’re offering an updated “Faith Under Fire” web presentation, so students can examine their legal rights, and get practical help in facing this battle of their faith. Check it out: www.icradventures.org “Science, Scripture, & Salvation”:

Weekend of:

Title/Topic:

Sept. 2 “Back to School”

After weeks of preparation, parents and students are finally ready for the upcoming school year. Students have their new clothes, pens, and calculators, but, have they prepared spiritually? Tune in!

Sept. 9 “Neanderthals”

Cave Men—that’s what most of us think when we envision Neanderthals. The truth is—Neanderthals utilized language and tools, played musical instruments, possessed strong social ties, and practiced religious rites. Listen and learn!

Sept. 16 “Bugs and the Creator”

Created on the sixth day of Creation bugs— or creeping things—challenge evolutionists to explain insect design and ability to survive. What can we learn about the Creator by the study of these awesome creatures?

Sept. 23 “Autumn and the Creator”

Every year the changing seasons remind us of the constant cycle of death in the winter and new life in the spring. Autumn is the season of preparation for the winter. What spiritual significance does this season have for us? Join us and find out!

Sept. 30 “Salmon and the Creation”

The migration of salmon against all odds each year is an amazing journey. What makes them risk their lives to return to their homes? And what does this show us about the God who created them? 🧩

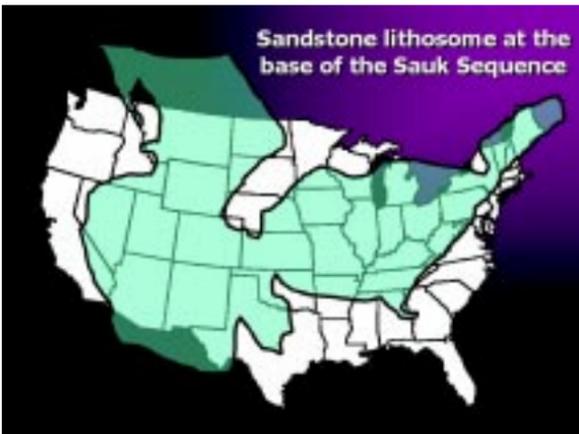
THE ROCKS CONTINUE TO CRY OUT!

Understanding the sedimentary rock record in terms of a global, cataclysmic flood has long been of research interest at ICR. Development of a global flood model is a daunting task, for a number of reasons, but a good understanding of the rocks themselves is one important starting place.

This was the research goal of ten graduate students taking this summer's Stratigraphic Analysis class, and will be a continuing research emphasis in coming months. Stratigraphic terms like "Cretaceous" and "Devonian" have long aroused suspicion, confusion and even outrage among creationists. They seem to connote evolution to some, long ages to others and, useful information to still other creationists who attempt to strip the terms of their evolutionary and "age" baggage, but this debate was not the focus of the class. Rather, an emphasis was placed on "sequence stratigraphy," a method which seeks to identify continent-wide, unconformity-bound packages, or "sequences" of sedimentary strata. First proposed by Harry E.

Wheeler at the University of Washington, and popularized by Larry L. Sloss of Northwestern University, sequence stratigraphy was originally spurned by provincially-minded geologists who tended to eschew thinking about strata on a continent-wide scale. However, when Exxon's Peter Vail and others in the oil industry successfully applied this in their exploration, the gainsayers were silenced, and they remain so today. The good news is that this method denies any necessary significance to "geologic ages" and is eminently adaptable to Flood geology! In fact, stratigraphy viewed from this perspective is downright flattering to a Biblical view of earth history. Catastrophic flooding on a continental scale!

A 1994 I.C.C. paper by Steve Austin and Kurt P. Wise successfully applied this concept in their discussion of where the Flood/Post-Flood boundary may lie in the Southwestern United States. More recently, Dr. Austin and a graduate student at ICR showed the appeal of this approach in constructing a map depicting the distribution of what appears to be a single sandstone body that blankets a major portion of North America, known as the "basal sandstone lithosome of the Sauk Sequence." Those who've been to Grand Canyon recognize this as the Tapeats Sandstone, which may very well represent



the initial deposits of the Flood for that region. Students in this summer's Stratigraphic Analysis class extended the map across portions of western, arctic and eastern Canada, in an attempt to better understand the "Sauk Sequence," which seems to conform well to being interpreted as the initial package of strata laid down during the early Flood. An *Impact* article is planned in the upcoming months reporting this ongoing research. ❧

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Flee—Follow—Fight

Three commands directed to Timothy by Paul . . . the Greek forms of these commands affirm both that they had become part of Timothy's life-style and that he was to continue in them (I Timothy 6:11,12). Remembering that the Lord gave His instructions through Paul for the Church both then and now, it is important for us to understand:

From what was Timothy (and are we) to flee?

In context, false teachers: “. . . *men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness. . .*” (v.5) and those who are not content with a simple life (v.7). Instead, there are those “. . . *that will be rich . . .*” and, as such, are men who “. . . *fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition*” (v.9). From such teachers/leaders Timothy was to flee—as are we!

What, then, was Timothy (and are we) to follow?

“. . . *righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, [and] meekness*” (v.11).

For, or against, what was Timothy (and are we) to fight?

“*Fight the good fight of faith* (standing against false teachers and their fruit and for the godly qualities noted in verse 11), *lay hold on eternal life. . .*” (v.12). Lay hold on eternal life? How can this be, I've asked myself, since reconciliation with the Father and, thus, eternal life is “*by grace . . . through faith . . . not of works . . .*” (Ephesians 2:8,9)? Isn't “laying hold” a “work”? An insight gleaned from William MacDonald's commentary helped me in this regard. “The thought is to live out in daily practice the eternal life which was already (the believers).”

This brings to mind a passage in Romans 6:6 in which Paul reminds us “. . . *that our old man is crucified with Him [Christ], that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin*” (v.6), and (v.4) just “*as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*”

To flee, to follow, and to fight—the opportunity and responsibility of those who will walk in newness of life . . . to the glory of their Lord!

All of us at ICR are so very grateful to the Lord for His provision. We thank Him and know that He directs it to us through those of you for whom He provides abundantly—some from modest means, others from major; but, all as a sacrifice unto for the furtherance of His work here at the Institute! Thank you!

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