

GOD'S TWO GREAT WITNESSES

by John D. Morris, Ph.D.

There are two great witnesses to God's almighty power, and two great testimonies He has provided for us to employ in pointing people to Him, to the Scriptures, and to the rightness of the Christian faith. Without a doubt these are the two greatest acts of God. His creation of all things and His bodily resurrection from the grave demand our eternal awe and proclamation to all. Consider the following two examples of their use.

In Acts 17:16–34, as Paul was declaring “the Unknown God” to the pagans of Athens, he began by establishing God's credentials as Creator and authority over creation (vv. 24–29). But He is not just the Creator of life, He reigns sovereignly even over death, offering eternal life to those who repent (vv. 30–32). Some mocked, some delayed, but some believed.

Similarly, the Apostle John witnessed a future time of unbridled praise in heaven (Revelation 4:8–5:11) when the four beasts and the four and twenty elders fell at the feet of the risen “Lamb as it had been slain” (5:6), they worshiped Him who “created all things” (4:11) and “redeemed us to God by thy blood” (5:9).

If the evidence for creation fails to impress the skeptic, he is “without excuse” (Romans 1:20) and the evidence for the resurrection consists of “many in-

fallible proofs” (Acts 1:3), which the skeptic must explain away.

As you have noticed, the Institute for Creation Research does not shirk from proclaiming both testimonies. This involves extolling the truth of Scripture and never hesitating to tell forth the authority over our lives of the One who created and bought us.

Thus, the ICR mandate and mission leads us into a wide variety of encounters. Obviously we speak to unbelievers, both skeptic and seeker, demonstrating that the Christian faith is a reasonable faith. We also speak to churches and Christian organizations, insisting that the foundational doctrine of creation no longer be minimized. And we talk to Christians with a heart for God, explaining how creation thinking is relevant to every decision in their lives.

May I request that you pray for us, that God would grant consistency in our own lives, power in our speech, and fruit from our labors? Pray for God's continued financial provision for this now very large ministry. Pray for me and the other leaders as we consider major decisions regarding ministry, research, and priorities in the days ahead. And pray for open hearts and minds in those to whom we minister. ✨





1,500 ATTEND CREATION/ EVOLUTION DEBATE AT JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

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Dr. Vincent Sarich, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology of the University of California, Berkeley, was Dr. Duane Gish's opponent in the debate held in Wilson Hall of James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, on January 22. The overflow-crowd (numbering around 1,500!) consisted largely of students, with faculty from JMU and other colleges. Dr. Sarich is widely known in evolutionary circles as the co-inventor of the so-called "molecular clock" used in attempts to date alleged evolutionary events. Gish and Sarich had previously debated each other more than a dozen times. Their last debate was more than six years ago. The debate was arranged by David Sessa.

Dr. Sarich described the scientific approach to problems. He stated that previously he saw his role as defending evolution, but now he intended to challenge Gish's ideas of creation. He said there was to be no argument whether God does or does not exist, but personally he is an atheist. He quoted from Gish's books, *Dinosaurs by Design*, *The Amazing Story of Creation*, and from *Science and the Bible*, where a literal creation in six days is described. He pointed out that the fossils of humans and such mammals as bears, camels, etc., have never been found with dinosaurs, thus falsifying the claim that they coexisted. He claimed that most of the evidence for evolution does not come from fossils but is based on comparative anatomy of living creatures. He

stated that no fossils of either living apes or of proto-apes have been found, but that similarities between gorillas and chimpanzees and humans indicated that they had evolved from a common ancestor. He illustrated certain motions of the arm of the human, which he claimed are similar to those of apes. He then assumed the kneeling position with his upper body resting on his knuckles. He pointed out that gorillas and chimpanzees are knuckle walkers and that is why a similar position is assumed by humans. Sarich then stated that evolution of the body, the fossil record, and his evidence based on function, do not constitute the real issue. The real question is about our souls—did souls evolve? He stated that when the soul is brought in, most people are creationists. He claimed that neither God nor evolution created the soul—we created the soul.

Gish emphasized the purpose of true science education—to instruct students to identify assumptions, use critical thinking, make logical deductions, and consider alternative explanations. He then described the fact that this is precisely the opposite of what is being done in almost all public universities and colleges and in most public schools in the U.S. when the subject of origins is taught. The evolutionary establishment has a tight control of the educational system, and

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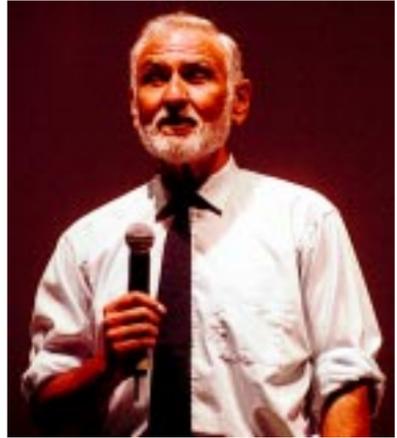
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students are subjected to indoctrination in evolutionary theory. (Sarich, however, somewhat of an independent thinker within humanist circles, expressed support for teaching both creation and evolution in public schools.) He quoted from a recent article by Dr. Michael Ruse, well known throughout evolutionary circles worldwide, the philosopher of science who was the chief witness for the evolutionist side in the Arkansas equal time trial in 1981. At that time Ruse insisted that creation was pure religion and evolutionary biology was pure science. In an article published last year, Ruse revealed the fact that he had changed his mind completely on that point. Still an evolutionist, he stated that now he realizes that evolution is being taught “as a secular religion, a full-fledged alternative to Christianity.” Gish quoted other evolutionary sources to support this fact.

He then presented the scientific evidence for creation, placing heavy emphasis on the fossil record. This was followed by a description of the incredibly complex motor system and control mechanism that propels the bacterium, *Escherichia coli*, via its flagella. Gish stated that those who deny that this marvelous system required an origin by an intelligent agent but had merely evolved through a series of genetic errors or mutations would be incapable of accepting proof, no matter how irrefutable and overwhelming. He described the evidence from the science of thermodynamics that

he asserted rendered a naturalistic, evolutionary origin of the universe impossible, thus requiring a supernatural origin. He closed with a description of the impossible odds of even a single molecule of a biologically active protein arising by chance, let alone an incredibly complex living cell.



During rebuttals, Sarich maintained that the scarcity of evidence for evolution based on the fossil record is mainly due to the general difficulty in finding fossils. Gish countered by pointing out that not only are there billions times billions of fossils of complex invertebrates and billions of fossil fish, but our museums have fossils of more than 250,000 different species. Sarich showed a slide allegedly illustrating the similarity of the human pelvis to that of supposed ape-like ancestors (the australopithecines). Gish countered with the results of years of research by a team of anatomists led by Lord Zuckerman and the work of Charles Oxnard that they claimed showed that differences are very significant, proving that the australopithecines (including “Lucy”) did not walk upright and were not human ancestors.

Much credit for publicizing the debate must be given to the continued efforts of John Doughty, an ardent creationist and student of creation science. 🌟





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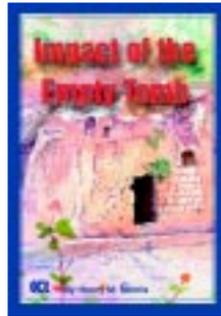
- Apr. 7 **“God the Artist”**
All of us would agree that we live on an amazing planet. Most of us have experienced a beautiful sunset over the ocean, or stood looking up at a blue sky through the branches of gigantic pine trees. God has truly created a wonderful world. Tune in.
- Apr. 14 **“Feasibility of Noah’s Ark”**
Many Christians today question whether Noah’s Ark really existed. Is it possible that Noah and his family built this huge structure? Could thousands of animals—including dinosaurs—actually fit? Listen and learn!
- Apr. 21 **“Fibonacci Numbers”**
God’s creation reveals a combination of shapes, numbers

and patterns. Everything from the spiral inside a seashell to the intricate pattern of a sunflower follows certain mathematics. Is this the result of random chance? Tune in to find out!

Apr. 28

“The Absolute Truth”

How many times have you heard *these* comments? “Well, that’s fine for you to believe, but it’s not *my* truth.” Or how about this one? “There are no absolutes!” But isn’t truth an absolute? Don’t touch that dial! 🎧



**NEW
EASTER
BOOKLET
PUBLISHED**

Impact of the Empty Tomb is the title of a new 32-page booklet by Dr. Henry Morris, ICR’s President Emeritus. It is written as a gospel booklet to share with people who have doubts or questions about the historicity of Christ’s bodily resurrection and its significance for their lives.

Taking a somewhat unusual approach to this great truth, Dr. Morris examines in order the significance of the empty tomb to the soldiers, the priests, Pilate, the women, the disciples, and us today, leaving no doubt as to the reality of Christ’s resurrection and its unique importance for our eternal destiny.

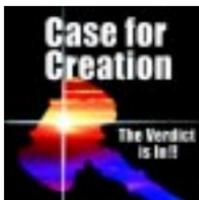
The booklet costs \$0.50, but in lots of 100 or more they are available for \$0.30 each (plus sales tax, shipping and handling if applicable). It can be ordered directly from the ICR Customer Service Department at 800/628-7640. 🎧

Meeting Highlights

VISTA, CALIFORNIA

On Sunday, February 11, ICR President Dr. John Morris, presented the “Case for Creation” to an audience of 250 in the Community Church of Vista, a suburb of San Diego. It was in Vista that the evolutionists mounted a successful and devastating attack against an elected school board favorable to creation. The evolutionary educational elite had selected Vista for an aggressively evolutionary curriculum, and their flexing of power was successful. As expected, the media predictably skewed the full story, and much was learned for the next time.

One gentleman in his 70’s expressed deep gratitude after the meeting. “Ever since the third grade I have known in my heart that evolution was wrong. I’ve merely had to cling to the Bible without factual support. And now, in just 45 minutes, Dr. Morris has given me that support. The Bible is absolutely trustworthy. Thank you for coming to my church.”



SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

On February 5 and 6, Dr. John Morris spoke many times to men gathered at a “men’s retreat” at Camp Tohiglo. (One can look forever for the Tohiglo Indians, but they never existed. Camp Tohiglo comes from a compilation of the words “To His Glory”). Sandwiched in between about 10 lectures to the men, Dr. Morris also spoke to the students at Antietam Bible College, a small but thoroughly creationist training ground for Christian

workers. On Sunday, February 4, lectures were held at Pond Bank Independent Church and Locust Valley Bible Church.

The busy speaking schedule was capped by a visit to the Gettysburg Civil War battleground with Pastor Dr. Melvin Stambaugh and a civil war expert from the college. The “inside scoop” was amazing. 🌟

ICR FOSSIL BOOK TRANSLATED INTO SERBO-CROATIAN

Word has been received from Mirosljub Petrovic, President of the Center for Natural Studies of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, that Dr. Duane Gish’s book, *Evolution: The Fossils Still Say No!* has been translated into the Serbo-Croatian language and is now available in bookstores in Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Croatia, Bosnia, and Herzegovina, and probably Macedonia and Slovenia. The publisher gave the book the title, *Krah Evolucije*, which translates, “Collapse of Evolution.” Mr. Petrovic, a geologist, reported that he is also using some of Dr. Gish’s videotapes (translated) in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. He has asked for permission to translate and publish books by Dr. John Morris and by Dr. Steven Austin.

Mr. Petrovic may be contacted at II Krajske divizije 45/7, 11090 Belgrade, Yugoslavia / e-mail: creation@net.yu 🌟



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**DR. VARDIMAN
SPEAKS AT
CORAL RIDGE
MINISTRIES**

It is time to announce the newest technical monograph release, *Climates Before and After the Genesis Flood*, written by Dr. Larry Vardiman, Chairman of the Astro/Geophysics Department at ICR. The monograph applies conventional scientific methods and data to a Biblical framework of earth history. Atmospheric models are used to understand the vapor canopy, the post-Flood ice age, global climate, and hurricanes—all within the framework of Biblical paleoclimatology. The 116-page monograph also includes information on helium escape from the atmosphere, ice cores, and sea-floor sediment accumulation within a young-earth model.

Using the very latest computer modeling tools, Dr. Vardiman brings scholarly expertise to this study. Even a skeptic who honestly reviews this work would necessarily conclude that ICR does good science. The cost is \$17.95 and includes a graphic CD. This technical monograph can be ordered through the ICR Customer Service Department: 800/628-7640 or online at www.icr.org. 🌟

While on a Florida vacation in February, with Jeannette, his wife, Dr. Vardiman attended the Sunday morning services at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church (where Dr. James Kennedy is pastor) and spoke in the adult Sunday School class. Dr. Raia graciously invited Dr. Vardiman to speak to his class on the subject of Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth (RATE).

Dr. Vardiman discussed the history of RATE, its current status, and the reason it is needed. RATE is a research project designed to examine radioisotope dating theory, expose its problems, and offer a better alternative from a young-earth creationist perspective. The class at Coral Ridge was enthusiastic about the subject and participated in a lively question and answer session after the presentation.

Dr. Vardiman was encouraged by introductory statements of Dr. Raia when he said that the seminary associated with Coral Ridge Ministries taught a literal six-day creation and was proud of its position. Coral Ridge Ministries under Dr. Kennedy's pastorate has long been known for its creationist position. 🌟

For more information on ICR scientists and other creation scientists from around the world, go to:

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WEDDING BELLS AT ICR



ICR congratulates Bill Hoesch and his bride, Alicia, on their recent marriage. Bill and Alicia met last year when Alicia was in ICR's Graduate School program. They married in upstate New York on December 16, 2000. Bill has been with ICR in a variety of capacities including Grand Canyon tours, technical inquiries, and museum tours, and graduated from the ICR Graduate School with an MS in Geology in 1991. Bill is currently an integral Research Associate within ICR's Geology Department, participating in ongoing field investigation of nautiloids within the Grand Canyon and Colorado Plateau. We wish them the best in their new life together.



Congratulations are also in order for Jason Henderson, the ICR Web Developer who does the behind-the-scenes work on the ICR web page. Jason and Miriam met at a church singles activity in Arkansas and will be married on Friday, May 4, 2001. Jason has been a professional web designer since 1995 and joined the ICR staff in July of 2000. We pray for God's blessing upon their upcoming marriage. 🌟



FROM CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

I saw the Mike Riddle presentation and was totally jazzed by it. That was the most dynamic and concise presentation of facts I have ever heard in such a small space of time! It's amazing that many Christians have much of the Biblical information already, but it's scattered into other folders of the mind. You took all the information and put it into one neat little folder for us to peruse. I knew all those Biblical facts, but never put them together in the concise order that you did. Thank God for His diligent workers. The facts about the Mt. St. Helen's eruption was excitement enough, but the entire presentation has sparked a flame that is growing inside me. Science looks more interesting and the desire to learn these scientific evidences has been born. 🌟

SPECIAL EVENT IN MAY

The Creation Research Society is offering a special "workshop" on Debating Creation/Evolution featuring Dr. Duane T. Gish (with 300 creation/evolution debates to his credit). Eligible attendees must be voting/sustaining members of the Creation Research Society or members of a creationist organization. "Workshop A" will be in Livingston, NJ, Friday, May 18, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. "Workshop B" will be in Phoenix, AZ, Friday, June 1, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

To register, mail registration check to Dr. David Kaufmann, 3745 NW 7th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32607–2421. The early registration cost is \$30 if paid by May 1 for NJ, and by May 15 for AZ. The late registration fee is \$40, and you must indicate which workshop you plan to attend. Please contact Dr. David Kaufmann at 352/378-9112 or e-mail: (kaufmann_d@hotmail.com). 🌟

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These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

As thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given Him.

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden (John 16:33-18:1).

HAPPY EASTER!

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