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THE TIME IS RIGHT!

DR. HENRY M. MORRIS III JOINS ICR STAFF

by John D. Morris

Some good ideas take a while to come to fruition. They must wait until the time is just right. That's the way it is with this announcement. My brother, Dr. Henry M. Morris III, has accepted a full-time position as Executive Vice President for Strategic Ministries.

The addition of "Dr. Henry" shouldn't be too surprising. He is an exceptionally well-qualified individual, with a D.Min. from Luther Rice Seminary and rewarding experiences as both a pastor and professor of apologetics. A gifted speaker, he has spoken at many ICR seminars through the years and authored numerous *Acts & Facts* and *Days of Praise* articles, as well as several books. His resume also includes upper-level experience in the business world, including CFO of a large computer firm, and an M.B.A. degree from Pepperdine University. ICR has benefited numerous times from his expertise. Throughout his career in business he has retained a desire to be back in "full-time service" for the Lord.

I have been reluctant to consider him for ICR, since ICR is not a "family" business. But now the time seems right.



Henry M. Morris III

In between assignments, it's a good time for him to leave the business world, and ICR needs someone who can articulate the creation message with clarity and passion right now.

Over 30 years old now, ICR has matured in many ways. God has always supplied each need, month by month, as individuals respond to *Acts & Facts*. But major research projects and creation advances necessitate

foundation grants and large gifts to underwrite them. I am prayerful and confident that present activity will continue with current giving, but the big projects make the need for a financially knowledgeable man like Henry quite real, in order to usher these projects to completion.

Thus, the time is right. But we still need your assistance. Access to foundations and large donors usually requires some personal connection. Can you help? Can you initiate contacts with influential people on our behalf? We can supply you with detailed information on research projects, endowed chairs, major plans, etc. Together, we can keep ICR on the path of continued victory. The time is right! ☛

Meeting Highlights

Costa Mesa, California

The famous “parent church” of the more than a thousand Calvary Chapel churches all over the nation was the sponsor of a unique “Wisdom of the Ages” Bible conference on Saturday, May 5. The three speakers were: The



Photo courtesy of: Rob Yardley

Chuck Smith, Dave Hunt, Henry Morris

founding pastor of Calvary Chapel, Chuck Smith; the well-known Bible and prophetic speaker, Dave Hunt; and ICR’s founder, Henry M. Morris. The over-all theme was the Bible—its history, inerrancy, and supreme authority for Christian faith and practice, with special emphasis on the King James Bible as the premier English translation.

Approximately 1500 attended the conference and were very positive in their response. One measure of the interest was the purchase of 125 copies of *The Defender’s Study Bible*, as well as large numbers of other books by Dr. Morris.

Warner Springs, California

On April 29, zoologist Frank Sherwin spoke at a Sunday morning service (Wayne Bahr, pastor) in beautiful Warner Springs. The title of the talk was “Evidence for Creation” based on Romans 1:20. Sherwin spoke of the uniqueness of Earth, with a large variety of physical

parameters having to be “just exactly right” for our existence and survival. Evolutionary naturalists have no recourse but to say all these conditions “just happened” with absolutely no outside “Agency” guiding or directing. Interest was high in the small group of believers with a lively question/answer session afterwards.

Beaumont, Texas

ICR President, Dr. John Morris, and his brother, Dr. Henry Morris III, presented a *Case for Creation* on May 4–5 at the First Baptist Church (Cliff Cummings, pastor). John Morris included evidences from Flood geology and Mount St. Helens for a literal interpretation of the Genesis creation in his sessions. The audience of 300 plus also took notes from Henry Morris III as to why and how Scriptural authority is being polluted by the religion of evolution. ☞



Book table and volunteers who helped.

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Weekend of: **Title/Topic:**

July 7 **“The Plants & Animals of Grand Canyon”**

Each year people flock to one of the most awesome sights in creation—Grand Canyon! Some claim it took the Colorado River millions of years to carve this wondrous beauty. But is Grand Canyon really that old?

July 14 **“Frogs & the Creator”**

A miraculous metamorphosis takes place as tadpoles go from swimming in water to hopping on land. Are frogs just a simple life form—or amazingly designed to adapt to dual environments all over the world?

July 21 **“Was Your Uncle a Monkey?”**

Evolutionists continually search for fossils linking apes and men—the missing link. They make fantastic claims for fossils they do find—which usually turn out to be ape fossils. Why are they so zealous in their search? Listen and learn!

July 28 **“Walkin’ With the Dinosaurs”**

Evolutionists believe dinosaurs lived and died millions of years before man. So any evidence linking men and dinosaurs would sort of throw a “monkey wrench” into this belief. What does the evidence tell us? 📖

From Ohio

“I just wanted to thank you and all of the staff at ICR for your ministry and witness throughout the world. I am a senior engineer, and so enjoy the technical and scientific ties to Scripture that you have so thoroughly gleaned and produced for our study: Likewise your unique gifts of logic and grace under fire in the debates. There are few large scope ministries that one can fully trust, but yours is impeccably solid to the glory of Christ.”

From New York

“I really appreciate your website. I am a Christian and my six-year-old son goes to public school and has a little bit of confusion with the evolution issue. They feed it to the children as fact and even though I’ve always made it a point to tell him whenever we’re watching animal shows or just having a discussion (about these things) that there haven’t been creatures living on earth for millions/billions of years and one animal did not come from another. God created everything as He intended them (with the exception of) decay due to sin. God is all-knowing and powerful enough to do all of the things that the Bible says and more! I’m thankful for your website. I will be visiting it often.”

From North Dakota

“As a fellow sinner saved by the grace of our Creator, Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ, I want to congratulate you and the Institute for Creation Research for all the outstanding work you have done in spreading the wonderful word of God to a hurting world! Your materials have blessed me beyond comprehension . . . God bless and keep all of you always . . . your ministry is in my prayers.” 📖

CREATION SCIENCE ABROAD

I am mailing you from the Republic of Moldova, an ex-Soviet country in the eastern Europe. I have been receiving the *Acts & Facts* and "Impact" magazines since 2000. The March issue of the *Acts and Facts* (Origins section) contains the article entitled "Can Creation Science Be Found Outside America?" in which is cited the affirmation of certain Mr. Stephen J. Gould, Harvard University professor, who claimed that the creationist movement represents only local American bizarre phenomenon.

As a person living outside the USA, I would like to assure Mr. Gould that even in ex-communist and atheist countries in the eastern Europe exist a great number of people of all confessions who sincerely and convincingly share the creationist (Biblical) theory, which in fact represents for them not a simple theory, but a certainty. Even some of convinced atheists in the region turned

to put under question the Darwinist theory, this deceitful invention being nowadays transformed into a subject of jokes and mocking on its behalf.

My opinion is that America has become such a prosperous and welfareed country, not because American scientist and professors are the best ones, but due to the fact that American people put their trust in God, and God gives America His blessings. So don't abandon your faith . . . continue in your noble work of preaching and defending the Word of God by all means, including by the scientific methods. ☞



Origins Issues

by Frank Sherwin

THE PLASTICITY OF EVOLUTION THEORY

Ordinarily, scientists confronted with clear evidence contrary to a theory will readily accept it and perhaps consider other alternatives.

This is not true with evolutionism. Committed Darwinists will not accept, or even admit, there might be evidence challenging this secular theory of origins. A recent example is found in an article by Jeff Hecht in *New Scientist* magazine regarding vision of ocean mammals.

Swedish and German researchers have found that 14 species of toothed whales and seals lack pigments found in blue color receptors of the eye. "However," states Hecht, "they found the pigments in river otters and wolves, close relatives of seals, and in the hippopotamus, which is closely related to whales. This suggests whales and seals lost their color vision after they split off from a common ancestor."

Hecht states that specialists are "puzzled," and he quotes another researcher as saying, "Why this happened is a mystery."

But it's no mystery at all to creation scientists who see whales as always being whales from the premier chapter of Genesis.

Non-evolutionists are free to look at these data as just one more piece of evidence blocking the fanciful scenario of tetrapod-to-whale transition. ☞

GISH IN THE LION'S DEN



Dr. Kenneth Saladin (Ph.D., parasitology, Florida State University), Professor of Biology, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, was Dr. Duane Gish's opponent in the debate at Georgia College held on the evening of Monday, April 16. Dr. Saladin, who teaches a course on evolution at the university, restricted attendance at the debate to students and faculty of Georgia College, including his students. Thus, the audience consisted almost entirely of evolutionists. Dr. Saladin, who has been awarded honors from the Freedom from Religion Society and the Humanist Association, holds views diametrically opposed to those held by Gish.

Dr. Saladin was the first speaker. He stated that some of the faculty were surprised and dismayed by the invitation to Gish. Saladin proclaimed that creation is a pseudoscience that has no place in education, and that evolution is widely accepted in main line denominations. He claimed that minor changes (microevolution) give rise to macroevolution (new species and higher forms). All organisms arose from a common ancestor, he believes. He stated that the fossil record shows that plants and animals appeared on the earth at different times, thus supporting evolution; that fossils of feathered dinosaurs have been found, supporting the theory that birds evolved from dinosaurs; that transitional forms have been found supporting a common ancestry of dogs and

bears; and that snakes evolved from lizards. He also claimed that embryonic development and "vestigial" organs supported evolution. He claimed that variation in the reproductive ages of guppies in response to predation by cichlid fish was evidence for evolution; that ICR was a missionary organization whose staff members did no research and that Gish was here as a missionary and not a scientist. He described a list of things which he claimed the Bible teaches (such as the sun and all the planets orbit the earth, which does not move, and that there is a shell of solid material forming a canopy in the heavens) which is supposed to prove that the Bible contains myths and errors.

Dr. Gish began his presentation by noting the nature of the material contained in the one-page handout given by Dr. Saladin to those attending the debate which branded Gish and other creation scientists as pseudoscientists that are able to persuade ignorant lay audiences of the validity of their evidence against evolution and which supports creation. He described a number of ridiculous things which he claimed creation scientists believe, for example, that radiometric decay did not begin until Jesus Christ released the power of the atom. Gish pointed out that no reputable creation scientist would believe any of the things Saladin claimed and that using false claims to characterize a fellow scientist as a pseudoscientist is inexcusable. Gish

said he believed such tactics are intended to blunt the persuasive nature of the evidence presented by his opponent.

Gish then presented evidence from the fossil record which he claimed was totally incompatible with evolutionary theory. This evidence consisted of the total absence of fossil ancestors for each one of the complex invertebrates



Trilobite

(clams, snails, trilobites, sponges, jellyfish, brachiopods, etc.) and the total lack of transitional forms linking these creatures to a common ancestor. Furthermore, Gish documented the fact that no one has ever found transitional forms indicating that some invertebrate evolved into vertebrates. He stated that even evolutionists admit that every major kind of fish appears in the fossil record, without a trace of an ancestor, and that there are no intermediates linking one kind of fish to another. Gish claimed that these facts alone are sufficient to establish that biological evolution has not taken place on the earth. He went on to illustrate other huge gaps in the fossil record but where many intermediates would have been found if evolution were true.

Gish also pointed out that the theory of embryological recapitulation is now a thoroughly discredited theory and quoted evolutionist Professor S.R. Scadding of Guelph University that “vestigial organs” offer no support for evolution. He explained that the notion that the incredibly complex universe created itself from the chaos and disorder of a hypothetical “big bang” is a clear violation of the Second Law of Thermodynamics. A Creator independent of and

external to the natural universe had to be responsible for its origin. He described the vast complexity of the structure and motor system of the flagella of the bacterium *Escherichia coli* and challenged Saladin to describe an evolutionary origin of such an amazingly complex and intricate structure.

In his rebuttals Saladin claimed that Gish had only presented evidence against evolution without presenting positive evidence for creation. He complained that Gish had resorted to using many quotes from evolutionists to make his points. Against Gish’s argument based on the Second Law of Thermodynamics Saladin resorted to the usual argument offered by evolutionists that the Second Law applies only to closed systems and the earth/sun system is an open system.

In his rebuttals Gish pointed out that the fossil from China that comprised a very bird-like front part with feathers and a rear part that was very dinosaur-like was just that—a fake in which the back end of a dinosaur fossil was glued to the front end of a bird fossil. This so-called proof of the dinosaur origin of birds proved to be an embarrassment to the *National Geographic*, which featured it as the lead article in their November 1999 issue. Gish pointed out that Saladin’s argument relative to the Second Law was erroneous because evolutionists believe the universe is a closed system, therefore the universe could not have created itself. Furthermore, the ultraviolet light coming from the sun is deadly and destructive, certainly not constructive. Thus life is only possible because of the ozone layer which prevents UV light from reaching the earth and because of the existence of photosynthesis of green plants, neither of which would have existed on a hypothetical primitive earth. Other points and counterpoints between the debaters took place during a final question/answer period. ☞

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God Bless You All at
ICR Ministries!
Enclosed is my gift of
\$ 3.00 in cash, of course.
I had a birthday! I am ten now!
Sincerely,
x

That note melted my heart (and those of all who read it here at ICR); in so doing, it reminded me of the following “note” our Lord has written to us:

“At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:1–4, emphasis added).

Having been significantly impacted by the purity and simplicity of the child’s note, I was devastated by what God drew to my attention through Matthew 18:1–4. Consider with me, if you will, how, on the one hand:

1. Scripture presumes Christians are to become as little children;
2. Since all true Christians go to heaven, being something other than “little children” before God is evidence that one may not be a genuine Christian;
3. The presence of true humility and child-like faith in God’s Word in one’s life demonstrates the expected child-like quality and confirms that one is a bonafide Christian.

On the other hand, as I look at all too much of my life, and as I observe the church today, it seems vividly clear that most of us are striving for anything but becoming child-like. In fact, we are dressing and housing and driving ourselves, building our church buildings and even structuring our “worship” in ways that reflect our love for the trappings of this world rather than the simplicity of God’s Word and the majesty of His Person.

There is not a doubt in my mind that all of us are looking to the day when we will stand before the Lord, desiring that our time here on earth will have been well invested and worthy of His praise. The instruction He gives us in Matthew 18:1–4 is one key to our being able to receive that praise!

Thank you, Father, for the child who sent the note along with her gift. I pray you will use its simplicity to draw each of us deeper into your Holy Word that we might be convicted of our sin and conformed into the image of our Lord. In His precious Name! Amen.

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