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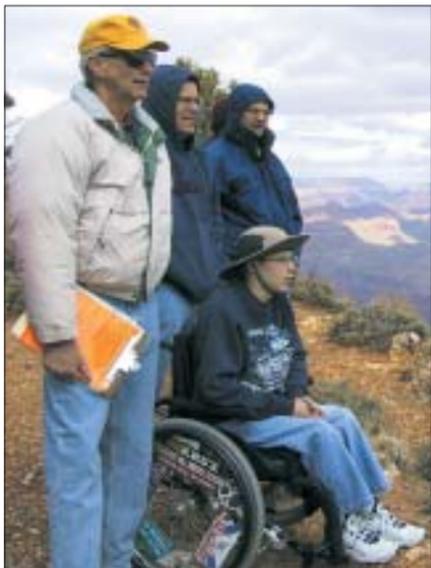
Before one arrives at the Grand Canyon for the first time, he may have already constructed a mental image of what he expects to see. One of the strongest images typically comes from the song, "On the Trail," from *Grand Canyon Suite* in which the loping rhythm of the music imitates the cadence of the mules carrying visitors over the edge to Phantom Ranch at the Colorado River and back.

The experience of riding a mule nine miles down to the river and back at first seems like a very romantic notion. What could be more exciting than riding tall in the saddle out West where the buffalo roam and the antelope play? In fact, when you first get on one of the mules at the Grand Canyon and start down the trail, you feel about ten feet tall and on top of the world. When you are mounted, you are literally ten feet above the ground.

When you first start down the trail, the Canyon is spread out below you and the far side is some 20 miles away (see Vardiman, 1999\*).

Nathan Dyer and his father, Norm, recently found the mule ride out of the Canyon to be anticlimactic after five days of shooting the rapids in Grand Canyon and studying geology as part of the 2002 ICR Grand Canyon Tour. Nathan, who has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair to get about, exercised for months before the trip in late April in order to successfully navigate the sand and rocks at the evening campsites in Grand Canyon and ride a mule out of the Canyon. Even with all his preparation the ride out was difficult for Nathan, but he made it!

Ron Clayton, head of the mule concession at Grand Canyon and a long-time friend of ICR, made a special trip with



*Lectures at Grand Canyon rim.*

his mules to help Nathan back to the rim of the Canyon. Ron had assured us that Nathan was determined and would be able to make it out. Nathan came through the experience with flying colors and a smile on his face. He said, "It was one of the greatest experiences of my life!" His father was thrilled to be able to bring his third son to visit the Canyon and experience this unique adventure as he had with his older sons earlier. Dr. Steve Austin, who led ICR's upper raft trip, said this year's trip was one of the best yet. "And what a testimony Nathan was to the rest of us."

The 2002 Grand Canyon Tour brought together some 120 friends and supporters with twelve ICR staff for a nine-day tour of Grand Canyon and the surrounding area. Guests on the upper and lower raft trips, the two backpack groups, and the bus tour saw for themselves evidence for the Genesis Flood. Sediment thousands of feet thick hardened into rock was laid out in plain view all around the Canyon. The upper raft group was able to see dozens of nautiloids fossilized into the Red

Wall limestone near the river. Everyone could see that cubic miles of rock had been catastrophically eroded from Grand Canyon by the suspected breaching of natural dams and draining of large lakes covering the Four Corners area following the Flood.

The Hance Creek backpacking group led by Bill Hoesch and Frank Sherwin hiked over 30 miles in four days from the rim to the river and back. This energetic group of men was more like a marine expedition than any other group we've had in the Canyon. They even played football as they scrambled over the rocks. They were rewarded for their hard labor by a steak dinner on the night they met up with the upper raft group at the river. Although the Bright Angel backpacking group led by Dr. Gary Parker and Debbie Brooks didn't travel as far as the Hance Creek group, they did have their challenges. They even rescued a hiker on the trail who had overextended himself and had run out of water. They rehydrated him and assisted him to the rangers. The bus tour led by David and Mary Jo Nutting, Tom Manning, and Larry Vardiman mainly suffered from overeating and beds which were too soft, although they did cover almost 2,000 miles seeing Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, Petrified Forest, Meteor Crater, and many other interesting sites. The lower raft trip led

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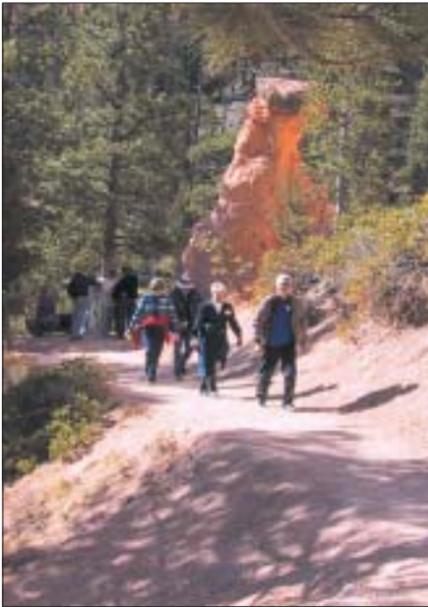
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*Hiking in Bryce Canyon.*

by Andrew Snelling and Scott Rugg got to run the best rapids in the Canyon including a few rated 10 and view volcanoes and lava flows in addition to the ubiquitous rock strata.

Supplementing many adventures in the Canyon and its surroundings, several geological research projects were also conducted during the Tour. Dr. Austin collected information on the layer of fossilized nautiloids he had discovered five years before during one of our tours. This scientific find by ICR of marine organisms buried during the Genesis Flood covers an area larger than the State of Arizona and is centered on the Grand Canyon. The layer containing billions of nautiloids has become a major piece of evidence for the Genesis Flood. Grand Canyon National Park is encouraging additional research on this layer and it may become a featured topic on one of the public television documentary programs. In addition, Dr. Snelling and Dr. Austin collected several rock samples at a variety of sites along the Colorado River

under a research permit by the National Park Service. These rock samples will be analyzed for isotopic concentrations as part of the RATE project to help correct radioisotope dating estimates. Evidence continues to mount that the rocks in Grand Canyon are not millions of years old as conventionally taught.

Due to the increased demand for access to Grand Canyon, the Park has implemented new procedures which have made it progressively more difficult for ICR to plan and conduct tours to Grand Canyon. It has become increasingly harder to conduct backpacking trips, in particular. ICR is considering changing our launch site to the North Rim for our next tour in 2004. We will keep you informed about future plans. Plan to join us next time!

\* Vardiman, L., 1999, *Over the Edge*, Master Books, 153 pp. 

### **FAITH TO FICTION TO FAITH**

I came from a Christian home only to become a disciple of evolution at college as a science major. Now I've returned to my Christian and creation roots. Thankfully, ICR has enabled me to coordinate my science interest with my faith. My wife and I enjoyed the Grand Canyon tour and found it exciting to be near godly scientists which God has placed on the cutting edge of break-through science supporting the inerrant word of God. 

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## ICR SCIENTIST LECTURES IN HUTTERITE COLONIES

Almost 300 Hutterite Colonies are scattered throughout Canada and several northwestern states in the United States. The Hutterites, originally from Moravia (a central province of the former nation of Czechoslovakia), was founded by the sixteenth century Anabaptist religious reformer, Jacob Hutter. Each colony is a self-contained, close-knit group of pacifist Christian believers. They are very modern and up-to-date in the methods, machinery, and equipment used in their farming activities and factories (producing a variety of products sold in many countries around the world).

Several years ago, Dr. Duane Gish had spent a few days in the Crystal Springs Colony near St. Agathe, Manitoba, Canada, where he gave lectures describing the Biblical and scientific evidence for creation. Most recently he spoke to 280 adults and students at the Crystal Springs Colony on Saturday, May 5. On Sunday, he spoke to a similar group of 300 at the Baker Colony, Manitoba.

The young people of the colonies must now obtain advanced training in provincial colleges in order to obtain teaching certificates to teach the students through high school level in the colonies. This exposes them to humanistic, evolutionary philosophical indoctrination with no exposure to the fallacies and weaknesses of the theory and no exposure to the scientific evidence for creation.

Through the strong efforts of David Kleinsasser of the Crystal Springs Colony, Dr. Gish was brought in to present the scientific evidence for creation to the students who are already grounded in the Biblical doctrine of creation. Dr. Gish was warmly received by members of the colonies and greatly enjoyed the unique experience of being among a group of believers who have attested to their Christian conviction by their lifelong commitment as members of the colony. 



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

**Weekend of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title/Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **July 6 Horses**

Horses have played a unique role in the history of civilization. There’s something especially fascinating and romantic about them. It’s not surprising that evolutionists have tried to establish that these magnificent creatures evolved. What’s the truth about the horse and evolution? Stay tuned!

### **July 13 Animal Emotions**

Do animals have emotions (feelings)? It often seems as if we can relate to what they are experiencing. Some insist that this is not emotions at all but merely man putting his own feelings onto the behavior of an animal. What about animal emotions? Tune in!

### **July 20 Colors**

Colors are such a special part of our daily experience—we’re often unconsciously influenced by them. It’s widely recognized that colors have a significant effect on us. How could mere natural selection have produced such powerful influences? Want to know more? Join us!

### **July 27 Pre-Darwinian Evolution**

Evolution is often put forth as a fairly recent explanation for how everything got here. It might surprise some people if they knew just how far back in history it went. Evolutionism was around long before it was given a cloak of science. Tell someone about this broadcast! 



### OVERFLOW CROWD AT YAVAPAI COLLEGE IN PRESCOTT

An estimated crowd of 1500 people were present in the Performing Arts Center of Yavapai College, Prescott, Arizona, on the evening of Friday, April 26, to attend the Creation Science Seminar sponsored by the Yavapai College Campus Crusade for Christ, KGCB Radio 90.9 FM, and the Creation Research Society. The speakers were Dr. John Meyer, Director of the nearby Van Andel Creation Research Center of the Creation Research Society in Chino Valley, and Dr. Duane Gish. The auditorium seats 1400, so about 100 had to sit on the floor. This was one of the largest crowds to attend a creation science seminar in the state of Arizona. This was exceptional for an area of about 30,000 people, in contrast to the large metropolitan areas of Phoenix and Tucson.

The program opened with brief greetings from Carole Stensrud of KGCB Radio and Tim Hellman of Campus Crusade for Christ. The lecture by Dr. Meyer, "Why 600 Scientists Reject Evolution" (this is the voting membership of the Creation Research Society), and the lecture by Dr. Gish, "Scientific Evidence for Special Creation," then followed. After the lectures a question and answer period lasted about 45 minutes. While in the Prescott area Dr. Gish recorded radio programs for Dr. Meyer, KGCB Radio, and independent producers Bob and Geri Boyd. About 30 were in attendance at a Saturday morning breakfast that included an exchange of views on how best to reach people in Prescott and other areas with the scientific and Biblical evidence for creation. ☛

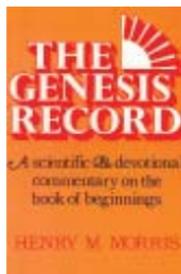


*Evolution: The Fossils Still Say No!* by Duane T. Gish (Institute for Creation Research, 1995).

Creationists everywhere should be thrilled to see this book, written by one of the most knowledgeable fossil scientists in America (and the world), revised and updated release of his original offering on the subject.

*Biblical Evangelist*

*The Genesis Record* by Henry M. Morris (Baker Book House, 1976).



Genesis is foundational to Christianity. This book is a must for your library! . . . Dr. Morris's logic is compelling in its affirmation of a young earth and universe.

*Associates for Biblical Research*

*From Darkness to Light to Flight* by Jules H. Poirer (Institute for Creation Research, 1995).

If anyone could read this short book and not end up totally convinced of an intelligent Creator whose design of the Monarch is one of the wonders of the world, he would automatically fall into the classification, "none so blind as those who will not see!" After you read this book, you will understand why evolutionists do not want creationists to mention or discuss the Monarch in their debates.

*Biblical Evangelist* ☛



## Testimonies

### From California Loop Tour

“I know all who listened to your (Mike Riddle) presentations were encouraged and gained confidence in God’s word and have a greater appreciation for our Savior and Creator.”

### E-mail from Virginia

“I just returned this evening from Mike Riddle’s Creation/Evolution Seminar. . . . Just a sincere note of thanks for such an incredible presentation. What a faith builder it was! . . . To God be the glory!”

### From California Loop Tour

“What a marvelous thing to hear all the Scripture-based truths about creation! Thanks for the spiritual/intellectual boost!”

### From Alabama

“My father introduced me to *Acts & Facts* when I was in college being bombarded with evolution—it [A&F] was a source of truth for me then and still is today. I know I can speak for my father and myself in saying what a blessing ICR has been to those seeking the truth and for those trying to avoid the ‘stumbling block’ of evolution. I pray that God continues to bless this very important ministry.”

### From Iraq-Kuwait

“I’m a military serviceman deployed on the Iraq-Kuwait border. Your *Days of Praise* have been a blessing and inspiration to me. Thank Dr. Morris for his time and dedication in presenting God’s word. His commitment does not go unnoticed.

I have confidence that your ministries will continue to grow as you continue to place Christ first.” 🙏

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## Wedding Bells Announce Great Joy at ICR

Saturday, May 11 witnessed the union of two of ICR’s favorite people, Dr. Duane Gish and the former Mrs. Lolly Bliss (widow of the late ICR scientist, Dr. Richard Bliss). It was a marriage “made in heaven” (and in the minds of many match-makers distributed throughout the ICR family).



Before the passing of their respective spouses, the Gishes and the Blisses were best of friends, often traveling to seminars together. So it was a surprise, but not a shock, when their engagement was announced.

Dr. Gish, already in his early 80’s says this has put new wind in his sails. He expects to continue his invaluable speaking and writing ministry for ICR for years to come. We all thank God for His provision and thank Lolly for keeping Duane going! 🙏



# Stewardship & Trust Services

## CONDUCTING FAMILY BUSINESS

“I must be about my Father’s business” (Luke 2:49).

Since God is our “Father,” and we are His “servants,” it is hardly a stretch to understand that our “stewardship” responsibilities are to be conducted with the same dedication exemplified by the young Jesus. The New Covenant era continues the tributary and offering practice begun long before Moses—still focused on the eternal values of the souls of men and the word of God. The temporal property and wealth (tithes and offerings) are “rendered” to God, who through His churches and agencies, produces eternal wealth by the work of the Holy Spirit.

### Classic Biblical Examples of Stewardship

#### Exodus 35—the Tabernacle building project

They were recently freed slaves under many generations of poverty and want.

They had been enriched by their slave owners with gold and property. They all gave willingly, freely, until there was more than enough.

#### I Chronicles 28 and 29—the Temple fundraising project under King David

They gave vast amounts of wealth and building materials.

The leaders and rulers gave huge riches.

The rest gave as they were able.

They did not build—their children did—they gave to the vision.

#### Consider these questions.

How am I doing managing my “Father’s business”?

How well have I related to God in terms of manager and owner?

Do I have possessions that I try to exclude from God’s ownership?

Do I feel freedom in my role as God’s steward?

Have I abused the financial freedom that God has given me?

Do I sense the urgency of “my Father’s business” as young Jesus did?

How is my “eternal bank account” doing?

What is my “risk tolerance” for eternal investments?

Could I “retire” on what I have given to the Lord’s work?

What will happen to my “earthly wealth” when I go to be with the Lord?

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