

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

by Mark D. Rasche, Director of Outreach



“Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it” (Psalm 90:16,17).

What a tremendous privilege it is to be a vessel for God’s glory and to be given the opportunity to exhort others to be the same. Such was the occasion on May 18, 2002, when four well-known stalwarts of the creation movement dedicated a Saturday to glorifying our Creator, Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Dr. Henry Morris, Dr. Tim LaHaye, Dr. Duane Gish, and Pastor Chuck Smith presented their distinctive testimonies and encouraged about 2,800 others to press on with the creation message during the “Passing the

Torch of Creation” conference at Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California. ICR President, Dr. John Morris, served as the emcee, and took the opportunity to cast some of his vision for ICR and the creation ministry.

Creation supporters traveled from about 250 cities and 20 states to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime conference. Several people traveled all the way from Canada. “It doesn’t get any better than that!” exclaimed Dan Martin, a long-time ICR supporter and enthusiastic conference participant. Scores of other similar testimonies were heard during and after the conference as creation supporters were blessed and encouraged by the spiritual wisdom and rich edification of these four senior statesmen.

Pastor Chuck Smith appropriately began the conference by going back to Genesis, pointing out that the veracity of the Gospel is all embedded in Genesis 1:1—“In the beginning, God. . . .” God desired a loving and meaningful relationship with man, giving him the capacity to choose. Since the fall of man, however, man has continued to mimic Satan’s first challenge in the garden by asking the question, “Hath God said?” The birth of the evolutionary theory is rooted in this attitude of rebellion as man in his futility attempts to get rid of God by denying His Word. As Pastor Chuck drew his message to a close, he urged everyone to press on and never give up the foundational creation truth found in Genesis.

Dr. Gish followed Pastor Chuck and reminded the audience that evolution is undeniably a “religion,” a theory built on bad science and man’s rebellion. He recounted many memorable and sometimes humorous discourses with evolutionists over decades of debating. He reminded the listeners about the importance of being strategic in their approach to taking the truth of creation to the schools, particularly since university professors are so entrenched in evolutionary philosophy. Most importantly, though, Dr. Gish stressed that the incredible success of his creation debates was due to the message, not the messenger. When we are equipped

with the truth, the creation message wins!

Following lunch, Dr. Tim LaHaye turned everyone’s attention to II Peter 3, where false teachers, in their attempt to avoid God’s judgment, deliberately deny the creation and Noah’s Flood. He also warned of the fallacies of theistic evolution—that it is neither theistic nor evolution. Theistic evolution is man’s attempt to blend the lies of evolution with the Bible, and they are in no way compatible. Dr. LaHaye concluded his message by encouraging everyone to outperform his or her capabilities, as he said passionately, “The secret to outperforming your capabilities is to give it all to Him.” He went on to explain that the best investment you will ever make is to give yourself to God. “Be willing to give yourself to God as Jesus gave Himself for us—lay your life out as a living sacrifice on the altar.”

It was fitting to have Dr. Henry Morris, the “Pioneer of the Modern Creation Movement” close this monumental conference as he succinctly recapped the remarkable history of creation versus evolution from Darwin to today. Dr. Morris pointed out that by God’s mighty hand of grace, the creation movement has blossomed from a small living room Bible Study to literally hundreds of creation organizations around the world. Thousands of credible scientists have now embraced



Dr. Morris and Dr. Gish greet creation supporters during a book signing.

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the truth of creation, as the compelling evidence from all scientific disciplines has confirmed that Genesis is true. Dr. Morris charged everyone to go out and make a difference for creation, as he said, “You have the truth, so go out and light up the world with it.” He further reminded the audience of the climactic verses in Revelation 14:6 and 7 where God’s Scripture tells us how creation is the foundation of the Gospel. Dr. Morris closed by summarizing this straightforward truth as he said, “The Gospel without the Creation has no foundation. Without the Consummation, it has no hope. Without the Cross and empty tomb, it has no power. But you have the complete Gospel from Creation to Consummation—sure foundation, blessed hope, and all power!”

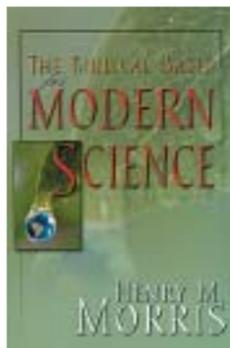
Hopefully, as the “Torch of Creation” is being passed from these four dedicated men, it will serve as a catalyst to stir many others to humbly surrender their lives before God as they discover their part in the continuation of creation ministry. And perhaps this event provided a small glimpse of that glorious day when we will all join the four and 20 elders in praise to



Crowds gather to peruse creation resources.

God, “*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created*” (Revelation 4:11). ☞

Videos and cd’s of the conference are now available through ICR (see back page).



**NEW
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ICR and Master Books have just announced the publication of a new edition of *The Biblical Basis for Modern Science*, by Dr. Henry Morris, updated and enlarged from the original edition published in 1984.

That first edition proved popular as a textbook and general reference book on Bible-science relations, with approximately 120,000 hardback copies in use. So far as known, it is the only book with comprehensive chapters on the relation of the Bible to each of the major sciences (biology, geology, astronomy, ethnology, etc.—fourteen in all), plus six appendices, nine tables, an extensive bibliography, and three indexes.

The Biblical Basis for Modern Science also has a new foreword written by Professor John Oller of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. This edition contains 480 pages and 33 illustrations. In its new paperback format, the price is only \$13.99.

The book can be ordered from either ICR or Master Books. Discounts are available for quantity orders for textbook use. ☞



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CREATION ROAD WARRIORS

by Mark D. Rasche

Yes, there really is a “Creation Bus,” and if you happen to be out on the road when it passes by, you can’t miss it! Long-time ICR friends and volunteer supporters, Ed and Eileen Gross recently acquired a 37-foot Bluebird motor home and are now dedicating their “retirement” years to full-time creation ministry. They describe their ministry as Creation Video Outreach (or “CVO” is their favorite name). The Grosses travel from church to church showing creation videos and presenting information about the Institute for Creation Research. These free presentations are designed to equip churches and point them to other ICR ministries and resources. Essentially, the Grosses are traveling liaisons, linking churches to the many useful creation tools offered through ICR.

While larger churches often take advantage of “Back to Genesis” and “Case for Creation” seminars, the Grosses tend to visit smaller churches that don’t typically have the resources associated with bigger events.

Most of the smaller churches lack the resources to schedule an ICR speaker, yet they need and welcome the creation message.

In an effort to keep things simple and accommodate these smaller churches, Ed and Eileen offer their creation presentations on a “turn-key” basis by providing their own VCR, projector, screen, and sound system. Their set-up is quick and easy, and their presentations are brief and succinct.

In the short time that the Grosses have been on the road, they have received a very warm reception from the churches that have utilized this unique ministry, offering video presentations for all age groups. Whether its *Marty’s Fossil Adventure* for kids, *Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution* for families, or *Unlocking the Mysteries of Life* for adults, they have something for everyone. If your church is interested in this ministry, please call Connie Kotch at 619/596-6043, and your name will be added to our Future Tours List.

All of us here at ICR would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Ed and Eileen for their many years of unwavering commitment and service in the creation ministry. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless their efforts and provide safe travel as they faithfully serve as “road warriors” for our Creator, Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! 🙏



Ed and Eileen Gross in front of the ICR “Creation Bus.”

ICR SCIENTIST SPEAKS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Dr. Duane Gish was one of the speakers at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, on Saturday evening, June 1. Also speaking were Dr. Donald DeYoung, President of the Creation Research Society, Professor of Physics at Grace College of Winona Lake, Indiana, and also an adjunct professor of ICR; Dr. Tony Beam, pastor of the church, and the host of the radio talk show, "Top of the Morning" on Radio WLFJ; and Kristin Maguire, an articulate young-earth creationist, an engineer, and a member of the South Carolina Board of Education.

Dr. DeYoung described the function and activities of the Creation Research Society (of which Dr. Gish was one of its founding members and a Board member for 30 years), which held the annual meeting of its Executive Board that day on the campus of Bob Jones University of nearby Greenville. Dr. Beam gave an apologetic and philosophical analysis of the war of the worldviews: Christianity vs. naturalism, exposing the foundations of these opposing thought systems locked in combat. Mrs. Maguire gave a brilliant analysis of the situation in public schools and described a strategy to bring about change and openness in the public school classroom. Christians and others interested in loosing the stranglehold that humanists have in general on our public school system should work to elect others of her caliber to local and state school boards.

Dr. Gish, in his address, presented the legal, educational, and scientific basis for teaching creation science in public schools. He described the fact that the U.S. Supreme Court did not rule that creation science cannot be taught in public schools, citing key statements from the decision by the Supreme Court on the Louisiana Equal Time Law, and statements by several leading evolutionists

supporting Dr. Gish's claim. He described reasons why the teaching of creation science in public schools is an educational imperative based on good science, good education, and academic freedom. He described his exchange with Dr. Michael Ruse, world-renown philosopher of science and chief witness for the evolutionist side during the trial on the Arkansas equal time law in 1981. He related how Dr. Ruse, after Dr. Gish argued in their conversation that evolution is just as religious as creation, changed his mind during the 20 years since the trial, and even though he is still an evolutionist, he declared in a recent article that evolution, as taught today, is an ideology, a full-fledged religion and promulgated by its practitioners as an alternative to Christianity. Dr. Gish finished his lecture with an overview of scientific evidence that supports creation and exposes fallacies and weaknesses in evolutionary theory. ☞



From Idaho

Thank you for this opportunity to share with ICR our experience with the Good Science workshop we attended. My 13-year-old daughter and I attended the high school workshop April 29 and May 1.

It was an awesome experience for both of us. Not having a strong science background, I learned as much as she did, I believe. Many parents mentioned that had we had a teacher like Mr. Willson, we may have learned more science in school than we did. The hands-on experiments along with the back-up in Scripture made it all come together for us. When I told my daughter that I would be sending this to you her response was to tell ICR to keep on doing the workshops. She really enjoyed the experiments and how to make the applications. ☞



A GOOD FRIEND PRESSES ON

One of ICR's strengths is its stability. Each key staff person considers ICR more than a job or even a career, but a life-long ministry as well.

Mr. Tom Manning has been one of those key persons at ICR for the last 20 years, but God has now called him on to other tasks. Tom came to ICR in 1982 out of a successful career in the financial industry to initiate the Planned Giving Department and now, with his wife Grace, feels a burden to move on to something else for his remaining years.

Tom's gentle nature and absolute commitment to Scripture has served ICR and its constituency well. His primary perspective has been that of serving God's people, helping them wisely plan for the future, and develop a Biblical attitude toward their resources. With ICR founder Dr. Henry Morris, he crafted ICR's low-key approach to fund raising. You have noticed his monthly columns in *Acts & Facts*. Instead of manipulative promises or guilt trips, he has simply taught the Scriptural doctrine of giving, and God has honored.

The ICR tours to Grand Canyon and elsewhere likewise bear his signature. His meticulous administration of the tours will be sorely missed, but as host, he simply loved tour participants into friendship with ICR. His final effort will be hosting ICR's England tour in September.

Tom has long had a heart for missions as well as conflict resolution and discipleship within the local church. He plans to receive formal training in counseling and minister through the local church and in short-term missions as God allows.

We will miss Tom, but wish him and his family God's very best in the days ahead. 🙏



This month on "Science, Scripture, & Salvation":

Weekend of: Title/Topic:

Aug. 3 The Canopy

For years creation scientists have theorized about a canopy that surrounded the earth before the Flood. Recently there have been some questions about these theories. What are creation scientists saying? Plan to tune in!

Aug. 10 Mathematics

We've all heard of the three R's—reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic. All three are peculiar to mankind alone. And each demonstrates amazing design. What about mathematics? Stay tuned!

Aug. 17 Plate Tectonics

The earth's crust holds a key to understanding the history of our planet. Recent data has provided overwhelming evidence that the earth is not millions of years old. What can we learn from the earth's crust? Don't miss this!

Aug. 24 Electricity

Electricity is fascinating. Scientists have a vast amount of knowledge about the working of electricity, and yet it defies full explanation. One thing for sure is that it could never have come about by mere chance. Listen in and learn the "shocking" story.

Aug. 31 Polystrate Fossils

Evolutionists try to give a definite impression that fossils teach long ages of the earth's development. It is quite often what they don't say that is important. For example, there are "polystrate fossils" extending through several (poly) layers (strata) of rock, that clearly demonstrate that a catastrophic event deposited them all in a short time. Tune in! 🙏

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"A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children"
(Proverbs 13:22).

Everybody is a philanthropist!

You may not be aware of this, but one way or another, all of us wind up "giving" some of our accumulated wealth away. Some become involuntary philanthropists by allowing the United States tax system to distribute their wealth according to the current designs of Congress.

Perhaps you are not content with that forced distribution of your wealth—perhaps you should take advantage of the many options that are available to every one of us to *designate* where our assets are applied. This should be especially true of the Lord's people. We live in a country that still permits transfer of the major portion—in some cases, all of what we've accumulated to heirs and organizations of our choice.

You are wealthier than you think you are!

The ultimate value of one's wealth often exceeds its numerical total. Although the lines are changing, many "ordinary" people exceed the entry levels for utilizing one of these helpful tools. If you don't prepare before it becomes necessary to transfer, you and your heirs will suffer loss.

You can transfer and use assets simultaneously!

It is often misunderstood that transfer occurs only at death. Not only is this emphatically not so, but in many cases, if you only prepare for a death transfer, your heirs will receive dramatically less than with proper planning. There are financial instruments that permit transfer of wealth to qualified organizations—while still receiving income, or living in a home, or . . . the list is quite flexible. Furthermore, you can structure a timely transfer in such a way that you can make changes to your initial choices (when circumstances change)—or hold the final disposition until certain events occur.

Let us know how ICR can help.

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