

ICR Commissions New Ambassadors!

by Mark D. Rasche

ICR is about to launch an exciting new ministry where trained “ambassadors” will be sent out to churches across America to share research updates and relevant up-to-date creation presentations with the body of Christ. But first, a little history.

For the past three-and-a-half decades, ICR speakers have been invited to thousands of Bible-believing churches throughout the United States and abroad to share the truth of creation. We have been overjoyed by the countless testimonies from people whose faith has been bolstered and by those who have come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. May God receive all the glory for what He has done!

God has used ICR’s creation-based research as the powerful engine to launch and sustain the creation movement and help tear down the enormous monolith of evolution. From the revolutionary *Genesis Flood* by Drs. Henry Morris and John Whitcomb to the fascinating discoveries of the recent RATE (Radioisotopes and the Age of The Earth) research, faithful Christian/creation scientists have continually endeavored to demonstrate that science is in harmony with Scripture. These scientists have an unwavering commitment to the authority of God’s Word and understand that true science is in fact, creation science.

They fully embrace Christ as Creator, Savior, and Lord, and recognize that scientific data, properly interpreted, will inevitably line up with the Bible.

While ICR’s research has certainly received God’s hand of blessing over the years, it seems more evident than ever that the stage is set for an unprecedented wave of new and exciting research projects. In fact, since 1998, five highly qualified Ph.D. researchers have joined ICR on a full-time basis and dozens of other scientists have partnered with us on a number of research programs. We have recently witnessed groundbreaking RATE discoveries, but Lord willing, this was just the beginning of an extraordinary chapter of ICR’s ministry.

However, as ICR scientists devote more of their time to conducting original, cutting-edge laboratory research, they are less available to speak—and yet this important news begs to be shared! This is exactly what ICR plans to do as we are preparing a group of qualified ambassadors to report on the latest scientific discoveries and equip the saints with the most recent evidence to

defend their faith. Essentially, our ambassadors will help allow the researchers to focus their time and efforts on what they do best—research.





The Legacy of Henry Morris

by John D. Morris

It's been a year now since my father, ICR's Founder and long time President, Dr. Henry Morris, passed into glory. I thought you might like to know how things are going without him, and how we intend to achieve his long-term goals for ICR.

Let me first take a moment to "remember" his graduation, and tell a few stories that many of his friends will enjoy. In his later life he mentioned many times how he abhorred the thought of life in a nursing home (we promised we would never put him in one if there was any alternative), and he hoped the Lord would take him before he was a burden to the family. But he really thought the Lord would come for us all before he died. An avid student of prophecy (see his *Revelation Record* and *Creation and the Second Coming*), he lived in the expectation of our Lord's imminent return. As he recognized his end was nearing, he expectantly reasoned that the Rapture of the saints was at hand. Perhaps his favorite Scripture verse by which he lived was "Redeeming the time, because the days

Beginning in March of 2007, ICR will begin sending ambassadors out to present the most recent research discoveries and their significance to the church, society, and education. These ICR ambassadors will also be highlighting the dangers of compromising Biblical authority and the theological problems that derive from trying to force-fit Scripture into the grid of old-Earth theories. What many people don't understand is how compromised thinking like "progressive creationism" can actually weaken, rather than strengthen the Christian faith. For example, distorting the plain, normative language of Genesis to mean something other than what it clearly says can ultimately challenge the integrity of the gospel, cast doubt on the veracity of Scripture, and alter man's view of God's attributes.

ICR continues to be committed to Scripture as our first and final authority on all matters of life and practice. To the extent that we can glorify our Creator by discovering new scientific evidences that (not surprisingly) line up with Scripture, we will endeavor to educate and encourage the body of Christ so that believers will "be ready always to give an answer" (1 Peter 3:15) and defend their faith.

If you are interested in partnering with ICR and equipping your church to help tear down the strongholds of evolutionary thinking, please call our Event Planning Department at 619/448-0900, ext. 6042 and ask about our new Ambassador program. 🍷



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are evil” (Ephesians 5:16). For him there was so much to do in the brief time remaining. He even wrote a little book from his deathbed, entitled *Some Call It Science*, giving a summary of evolution thinking and creation evidences.

ICR will continue to make his books and videos available, although the scientific sections may be revised as discoveries are made. Most of his writings were worldview based and will need little updating. His insightful articles in *Days of Praise* will be used again, also. He wrote more than ten years worth, so you won’t see any one of them too often. To make certain his contributions are extended, we have launched the special Henry M. Morris Center for Christian Leadership in Dallas under the direction of my older brother, with a firm mandate that dad’s thinking will be the core of all products and teaching. As best as we can promise, we will not deviate.

Scientifically, he laid the foundation for the new wave of technical research which dominates much of ICR today. His main strength was creation theory and worldview application. Biblically, he set the course for ICR’s way of doing science, in submission to God’s inerrant Word. ICR today enjoys an excitement with possible breakthroughs in science just ahead. Details regarding the Flood are beginning to unfold, and the new field of genomics bears great promise. In many ways, ICR is stronger than ever. All faculty and staff fully embrace the Founder’s vision regarding the necessity of following the Dominion Mandate of Genesis 1:28 and 9:1–7, as well as the Evangelical Mandate of Matthew 28:19–20. The first establishes science, technology, and every honorable profession, and the second stresses Biblical teaching and the guarding of the truth. Following in his footsteps will be difficult and a lifelong effort, but those of us coming along behind pledge to continue his legacy. ☞



Days of Praise reader Massachusetts

Just a line which I have been meaning to write for a long time. Thank you for the *Days of Praise* which I find thoughtful and stimulating. I take as many as I can with me to the countries we work in and trust that they will write to you some time for more equipping in their nations. Sri Lanka, Nicaragua, Pakistan, India, Haiti, and Europe are where we have been recently. I have been leaving samples of the notes with teachers and pastors and prayed that they would be able to write to you for more resources.

Days of Praise reader in Nebraska

Thanks for your *Days of Praise*. I read it most every morning and I do so enjoy it. It gives me things to think about and it’s about God’s Word. God bless your work.

From a reader in Idaho

I just wanted to say what a joy it is to read the *Days of Praise* devotional and read the writing of Henry Morris even though he has since gone to be with the Lord. What a wonderful legacy and testimony to his life to still read his insight and writings at this time. It would be pleasing to him and I hope encouraging to your ministry. Thanks. ☞

A colorful flyer for 'Creation Education Vacation in Florida'. The background is a light blue sky with a green map of Florida in the upper right corner, with 'Arcadia' marked on it. On the left, there is a cartoon illustration of a palm tree with a face and a ladder leaning against it. The text on the flyer includes: 'To Schedule an ICR Sponsored Creation Education Vacation in Florida', 'February 18-23, April 8-13 or 22-27, 2007', 'Fossil hunting, canoeing, beach shelling, hands-on workshops', and 'Contact Dr. & Mrs. Parker 863/494-9558 • Creation@strato.net or CreationAdventuresMuseum.org'.



Conventional Scientists Consider Accelerated Decay

by Larry Vardiman, Ph.D.

Probably the most controversial proposal made by the RATE project is accelerated decay—the concept that nuclear decay rates were much greater in the past. In fact, the data collected by the RATE project indicated that the rates may have been as much as a million times faster. Yet, the concept of constant decay rate is so engrained in conventional scientific wisdom that accelerated decay is considered by most scientists as utterly impossible. Even a small change, on the order of a few tenths of a percent, is considered unlikely.

Decay rate is thought to be determined by instabilities in the nucleus of an atom, not in the arrangements of electrons around it. Chemical, thermal, and electrical influences on an atom are not believed to affect the nuclear properties. So, it's no wonder that there is much skepticism for changing nuclear decay rates.

However, the RATE project not only found direct evidence of changed nuclear decay rates in the past, but also found a few reports in the current literature about experimental and theoretical studies on the possibility of changed decay rates. The controversy seems to be growing as more and more nuclear physicists question the assumption of constant decay rates. The most recent contribution is by Professor Claus Rolfs, of the Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany who was motivated by the possibility of reducing nuclear waste over a short period of time. He is quoted in the October 21, 2006 issue of *New Scientist* as saying,

When I was studying physics, my teachers said nuclear

properties are independent of the environment—you can put nuclei in the oven or the freezer, or any chemical environment, and the nuclear properties will stay the same. That is not true any more.

Rolfs also says in the July 31, 2006 internet issue of *physorg.com*,

We are currently investigating radium-226, a hazardous component of spent nuclear fuel with a half-life of 1600 years. I calculate that using this technique could reduce the half-life to 100 years. At best, I have calculated that it could be reduced to as little as two years. This would avoid the need to bury nuclear waste in deep repositories—a hugely expensive and difficult process.

Rolfs noticed that while using a particle collider more nuclear reactions occurred if the atomic nuclei were encased in metal and cooled. Rolfs suggests that the lower the temperature of the metal the closer the free electrons are in the radioactive nuclei. These electrons accelerate positively charged particles towards the nuclei, thereby increasing the probability of fusion reactions and increasing the number of alpha and beta particles being ejected from the nucleus. Rolfs is receiving a lot of criticism from his colleagues.

The exciting aspect to this controversy is that original research by ICR may be validated by the conventional scientific community in the near future. Research is being done on possible mechanisms for accelerated nuclear decay proposed by RATE.

ICR continues to pursue this research as well under the RATE II program. Please contact Larry Vardiman at Lvardiman@icr.edu if you wish to contribute to this effort. ☞

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2007 TENTATIVE SUMMER SCHEDULE

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Department	Course #	Course Name
MODULE 0		June 11–August 10, 2007
Suppl. Crs.	501 (0)	Orientation and Seminar
MODULE A		June 11–29, 2007
Astro/Geo	501 (3)	Classical Mechanics
Biology	501 (4)	Comparative Biochemistry
Geology	501 (3)	Physics and Geology of Natural Disasters
MODULE B		July 2–20, 2007
Astro/Geo	502 (3)	Statistical Mechanics & Thermodynamics
Biology	505 (3)	Biological Concepts
Geology	502 (3)	Advanced Sedimentary Geology
MODULE C		July 23–August 10, 2007
Astro/Geo	504 (3)	Quantum Mechanics and Relativity
Biology	504 (4)	Advanced Comparative Anatomy and Lab
Geology	504 (3)	Global Tectonics
MODULE D		June 11–August 10, 2007
Biology	502 (3)	Population Genetics & Speciation
Biology	570 (3)	Independent Study Biology
Geology	505 (3)	Geochronology
Geology	506 (1)	Geological Field Studies
Sci. Ed.	570 (3)	Independent Study Science Education
Suppl. Crs.	502 (3)	Advan. Studies in Creationism—Distance Ed.



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

Weekend of: _____ **Title/Topic:** _____

Feb. 2 **The Turning of the Evolutionist**
Many are caught in the grasp of the evolutionary worldview. However, during this program you will meet three Ph.D.s who have been freed from these bonds! Listen in as we hear how these devoted evolutionists turned to the truth of creation and the Creator.

Feb. 10 **Heart to Heart**
The heart begins working before birth, and never rests until death. This life-sustaining organ is so important, we are constantly reminded to take good care of it. Join us for this interesting discussion as we learn about the incredibly created heart.

Feb. 17 **Dugongs to Dugongs**
Dugong, fossa, aye-aye—though these words sound foreign, they are names of some unusual wild creatures. Do their unique and strange characteristics prove evolution or do they showcase God’s wonderful creation? To hear answers to these questions—tune in!

Feb. 24 **Are We Really Related to Apes?**
Do people and apes share a common ancestor? Evolutionary scientists believe they do, and claim that we are over 98 percent genetically similar to chimps. But is this claim accurate? And are we really related to apes? Tune in for answers!

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Announcement

ICRGS graduates and founders of Alpha Omega Institute, Dave and Mary Jo Nutting are again offering excellent vacations combined with creation teaching in the Colorado Mountains. For more information on their creation camps planned for July 1–6 at Twin Peaks or the July 29–August 3 and August 5–10 camps at Redcloud, contact them directly at 970/523–9943 or visit their website (www.discovercreation.org). ☪



For Time and Forever is a wonderful, uplifting and encouraging book. It will help many people and it does a better job than any I have ever read before in answering the fundamental question about the believer’s purpose in the world and forever. (From a professor in Louisiana.) ☪

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The Creator's Valentine

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God” (I John 3:1).

Today's post-modern world is saturated by a syrupy mix of assorted worldviews that attempt to diminish God's profound love gift to mankind with a salvation that either applies to everyone, or is so tolerant that the “no absolutes” philosophy of atheism is easily absorbed into religious secularism or spiritual naturalism.

God so loved the world

One could very accurately translate this phrase in John 3:16 as: *“In this manner, God loved the world.”* Just what did this great love gift entail?

The Creator Himself is the gift

God's “beloved Son” (Luke 3:22) was incarnated to become the substitutionary atonement (John 1:1–14; Romans 5:11) for mankind. But this same Jesus who cried “Father, forgive them” (Luke 23:34) on the cross also made the worlds (Colossians 1:16).

Only the Creator could provide the gift

Only an infinite, omniscient, and omnipotent Creator could supply the inestimable gift “for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world” (I John 2:2).

Only the Creator could love the ungodly

Created in His “image” (Genesis 1:27), yet now “dead in trespasses and sins” (Ephesians 2:1), we can be “redeemed . . . with the precious blood of Christ” (I Peter 1:18–19) because “God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

The Creator's gift demands a response

We may receive it and become “the sons of God” (John 1:12), or we will surely “fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:31). There is no neutral position.

ICR's commitment to creationism drives us to defend and declare *who* Jesus is as well as *what* Jesus did, because the Gospel must include the *whole* truth, or it becomes a half-truth. Thank you for sharing your love gift with us this month.



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