

New Organizational Changes at ICR



*Dr. Henry M. Morris III
Chief Executive Officer*




*Mr. Donald H. Rohrer
Chief Financial Officer*

The ICR board has appointed Dr. Henry M. Morris III the Chief Executive Officer of ICR as well as a Board member of the Institute. Dr. Morris III has been associated with ICR since its inception and has been both a major speaker for many years and a senior executive with ICR since 2000. Readers of *Acts & Facts* will remember that Dr. Morris moved to the Dallas area in 2004 to develop and open the new Henry M. Morris Center for Christian Leadership. He will now have administrative responsibility over both locations and will commute regularly to and from the two centers. Dr. John Morris continues as the President of ICR and will remain active in speaking and writing.

The Board also accepted the requested semi-retirement of long-time Chief Financial Officer, Don Rohrer. Don has truly been a “main-stay” at ICR since the very early days and will remain as a consultant for ICR as needed during the transition.

Don has been troubled with a deteriorating eye condition which has precluded the close work demanded in the business center. Although he will not be able to see the reports very well, the administration anticipates his input and counsel. The Board and staff recognizes his sacrificial service and wise counsel and wishes him well in the days ahead.

The Board was also pleased to note the Lord’s provision in supplying Dr. Morris III as such an able leader. He has four earned degrees, including an MBA from Pepperdine University with some 12 years as a senior executive in a large software company. His formal training is in Theology, having served as Senior Pastor and teaching Elder of churches in the Los Angeles area. Along with Dr. John Morris’ scientific background, the two will combine to make an excellent leadership team for ICR as it moves into the next generation. 





by John D. Morris

A few years ago I authored a series of *Days of Praise* devotionals based on the words to favorite Christian hymns. Quoting the hymn lyrics, I showed how the authors often used much Scripture in their writing, and clustered their thoughts around Scriptural themes. By doing so I had hoped to help keep those grand old hymns alive, for they are so rich. (These were compiled in a book and companion CD, *How Firm a Foundation in Scripture and Song*.) Many are abandoning this precious part of our Christian heritage. In this column, allow me to employ one such favorite hymn to help us reflect on the events we remember each Easter. Let me pick out a few phrases and put them in a creation context.

Charles Wesley penned some of the most majestic hymns, many of them containing synopses of the entire Christian message. Consider the "sermon" contained in his moving song, "And Can It Be?"

And can it be that I should gain,
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him, to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou my God, should'st die for me?

Scripture reveals many things we couldn't know otherwise. Before creation, even before time itself was created, the persons of the Triune Godhead planned it all. God decided to create man in perfection, even though He knew that man would reject God's authority, bringing upon himself the awful penalty for sin demanded by God's holiness. The only solution to the sin problem, the only way the just penalty for sin could be paid, was by death, and the only way

condemned man could be reconciled to his Creator God was for the sinless God to die as man's substitute. This God's Son agreed to do out of His grace and love and mercy. Can it be, that He died for me? Amazing love!

T'is mystery all! the Immortal dies!
Who can explain this strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries,
To sound the depths of love divine;
T'is mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

In our finiteness we can't fully grasp these wonders. Angels don't understand them either. How could they understand, for in the plan of God the Immortal Creator of life dies. This contradiction is a grand mystery, yet a necessity if we are to be reconciled to God. Angels may be in close physical proximity to the Creator, and may have witnessed many of His actions, but they stand in awe of what they see and know and long to know more fully. As with them we long for more complete knowledge and gratefully believe what He has revealed in His Word.

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
T'is mercy all, immense and free!
For, O my God, it found out me!



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This is my favorite verse. I love to ponder what it meant for Him to leave Heaven's glories, forever take upon Himself the limitations of human flesh, just so He could rescue us from the ravages of our sin. His infinite grace and love drove Him to suffer a cruel death, even to experience separation from His loving Father. In Adam all of us choose rebellion and are helpless to save ourselves. We stand as a convicted sinners, under punishment of death. But, O my God, His forgiveness extended to us all! Amazing love!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light:
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

A prisoner chained in his dungeon could be no more imprisoned than a sinner caught in sin's web. When we understand Gospel truth, that Christ died, was buried, and rose again; believe that our personal penalty has been paid; and beseech God for forgiveness, it is as if blinders fall from our eyes. We are a new creation, with a new heart sensitive to spiritual things and free to choose rightly and follow Him. Only the Creator of life could reinstall life into His lifeless body, but so He did. Just as He rose from the grave, in victory over sin and death, so we can rise with Him, and live out that victory.

No condemnation now I dread,
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.

We not only revel in the certain prospects of eternal life in Heaven, but enjoy the blessings of life with Him today, free from any dread of condemnation. Our filthy rags have been exchanged for the white robes of His righteousness. When God sees us, He sees only Christ's perfection. Our sin has been cast far away, to

be remembered no more. We have access to God through Christ's work and in His name. Implementation of the Creator's full plan for creation may have been delayed by the entrance of sin and its penalty, but it will not be ultimately thwarted. It will culminate with a New Heaven and a New Earth where righteousness can dwell. Pain and suffering, the curse of sin dating all the way back to Eden, will be no more. Best of all, we will be with Him, freely receiving and responding to God's amazing love. How can it be, that Thou my God shouldst die for me?

This Easter season provides a wonderful opportunity to consider these blessed truths. May we all take time to remember that our great Creator, became our Savior. And now our risen Lord is our eternal King. ☪



From a reader in California

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Donations for Research

by Dr. Larry Vardiman,
ICR Research Coordinator

About this time each year a report is provided to our supporters about the donations received for research during the past year and the anticipated needs for the future. In 1997 before the start of the RATE project (Radioisotopes and the Age of The Earth), only a few thousand dollars each year were designated for research by interested donors. When the RATE project was announced and it was realized that much larger funding for research would be needed, our faithful supporters began to increase their contributions. During the last year of the project the largest amount of funds were needed, yet God provided all our needs according to His riches in glory, both for hard research costs and salaries of the scientists dedicated to it.

Most of the designated research funds in 2006 were used to complete the RATE research, publish the results, and produce a video documentary. Additionally, funds were used to purchase our new supercom-puter called EPIPHANY for numerical modeling during the next ten years or so at ICR. We were able to commence research on other projects including the genomics project called GENE, while a small residual amount was placed in a fund to conduct follow-up research on RATE.

Radioisotope dating was recognized by many to be a significant issue in the creation/evolution debate that needed to be solved and our donors increased their giving accordingly. Now that it has ended, we need the ICR family to rally around the new projects (GENE, FAST, EPIPHANY, RATE II, COSMOS, and COLUMN). Each one addresses a criti-

cal area in creation thinking and promises answers to longstanding questions. Remember, evolution cannot stand the test of science, and these projects will expose its weaknesses while documenting the truth of creation.

As with all our research, we don't intend to "prove" Scripture. The Bible doesn't need our help. It just needs to be believed and obeyed. But it is true, and research can demonstrate just how true it is.

We want to again express our appreciation to all the donors who have given so generously and faithfully to the ICR research over the past eight years. After RATE, we identified the six new research programs listed which we also believe have great promise for advancing the cause of young-earth creationism. In particular, the GENE project has already been mining the data available from recent government research programs in genomics, developing theoretical models, conducting laboratory experiments, and making significant strides.

ICR has sufficient funding in hand to carry the research programs through the middle of 2007, but significant new donations must be acquired to continue. The estimated need for all the programs is about \$800,000 per year. If you are interested in supporting some or all of the ICR research, please contact me at Lvardiman@icr.org or 360/631-5034. I would be pleased to send you written documentation on our research or talk with you about the plans and findings. ☪

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Twentieth Annual Northwest Creation Conference

Drs. John Baumgardner, Randy Guliuzza, and Larry Vardiman were featured speakers at the Twentieth Annual Northwest Creation Conference February 3–4, 2007, in Portland, Oregon. The all-day Saturday conference contained presentations on “The Global Flood,” “Flaws in Evolution,” and “It’s a Young Earth!” Dr. Dennis Swift, pastor of the Church of All Nations in Beaverton, Oregon, also contributed a session about dinosaurs for children 4–12 on Saturday morning. On Sunday morning Dr. Guliuzza delivered a message on “Creation: The Church’s Foundation” followed by a luncheon and time for questions in the afternoon.

The conference was organized by The Creation Science Ministries of Oregon. Approximately 1,000 people attended the sessions on Saturday. The audience was made up of many long-time creation supporters and a good number of interested new inquirers. Most came from the Portland area but others came from throughout the Pacific Northwest. For information about Creation Science Ministries of Oregon call 503/590–8327 or go online to www.creationnw.org.

Green Bay Seminar at -35 Wind Chill

In spite of a temperature as low as -7°F and a wind chill of -35°F , 200–300 hearty souls attended most of the sessions at the Third Annual Creation Science Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin, February 2–4. The speakers were Dr. Duane Gish, Jim Kraft, a retired Green Bay high school teacher and ICR speaker, and Christian school

teacher Tim Chaffey, founder of Midwest Apologetics.

Dr. Gish led off with a lecture on “Dinosaurs and the Bible” Friday morning. This lecture was especially for students, teachers, and parents. All lectures were held at Bethel Baptist Church, except Dr. Gish’s Friday evening lecture at West High School. In addition to his usual creation science lectures, Dr. Gish gave a special lecture on the history of the creation science movement, sparked by publication of the *Genesis Flood* by Drs. Henry Morris and John Whitcomb in 1961 and followed by the founding of the Institute for Creation Research and other creation-science organizations throughout the world.

Mr. Chaffey’s lectures included evidence for the Flood, challenges to historical truths of the Bible, the age of the earth, and his personal battle against leukemia (apparently successful). Mr. Kraft spoke on design of the universe, the relevance of Genesis, the age of the earth, and the importance of time. The cold weather outside was dispelled by the warmth of Christian fellowship inside.

El Paso, Texas

The weekend of February 3–4 found ICR’s President Dr. John Morris at the community-engaging Sun Valley Baptist Church for a wide ranging creation seminar.

At a breakfast meeting on Saturday morning, Dr. Morris used the theme “By Him—All Things” from Colossians 1 to discuss a host of subjects, from astronomy to intelligent design. The session, which was attended by an overflow crowd of more than 200, was followed by a robust time of Q & A, which brought up many more issues. Needless to say, they ran out of pancakes.

Sunday morning’s sermon dealt with “Creation and the Character of God,” while Sunday evening broached evolution and the current issues of stem cell research, global warming, and cloning.



In some respects, El Paso saw the start of the modern creation movement, for it was while working here as a hydraulic engineer that ICR's founder, Dr. Henry Morris, first grasped the significance of Noah's Flood to the creation/evolution issue, both Biblically and scientifically. There were few answers in those days, but he purposed to find them. As we now know, God honored his submission to Scripture and his scientific acumen, and today we have those answers he desired.

Dr. Morris III and the BBC

The British Broadcasting Company asked Dr. Henry Morris III to participate in a series of interviews with evolutionists for a "Heart and Soul" program to be aired sometime this spring. The first set of February interviews was with Dr. David Seaborg, an evolutionary biologist and environmental activist. Dr. Morris III attended a "Darwin Day" meeting of the Humanist Community of the South Bay area which met in Palo Alto, California, where Dr. Morris and Dr. Seaborg discussed both the scientific and presuppositional issues dealing with origins, each responding to the other as various points were raised. Portions of their interchange will be aired on the BBC broadcast.

Grand Canyon was the site for the second set of interviews with avowed atheist evolutionist Dr. Eugenie Scott of the National Center for Science Education, and Dr. Margaret Towne, a biology professor who has taught widely at prestigious colleges. Dr. Towne was introduced as a "devout Protestant Christian, a pastor's wife," and one who "embraced and taught evolutionary principles to college students." The three "doctors" stood on the rim of Grand Canyon and reacted to the amazing sight before them, interpreting it in light of their personal views.

Pray with us that the Biblical message will reach hearts and minds among the millions who hear the broadcast. 🙏

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

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

April 7 Creator and Savior

The Bible tells us that the resurrection of Christ from the dead is our source of hope—validation that Christ was who He claimed to be: the Son of God and Messiah. But does the resurrection have other lessons for us? To learn more, tune in!

April 14 Lessons from the *Titanic*

The story of the *Titanic* has an unusual allure for many. Is it because it was touted as an unsinkable vessel that "not even God could sink," yet met its demise on its maiden voyage? Whether intrigued or not, each of us can learn something from one of the most famous disasters in history. Listen in!

April 21 What's Wrong with Earth Day?

Since God has given the earth for man to steward, it is important that Christians properly care for creation. But, what about the secular celebration of Earth Day? Join us for an enlightening discussion!

April 28 Flowering Plants

Flowering plants are all around us. They fill our gardens with vibrant colors and luscious scents, and are the source of delicious fruits and vegetables. But, how did they originate? Darwin called their origin an "abominable mystery." To learn why, tune in!

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Sacrifices, Stones, and Soldiers

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1).

Each member of God’s family is called to be a living sacrifice—obeying His Word, seeking His glory, anticipating His will, accomplishing His work, and “looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God” (II Peter 3:12).

Living Stones

“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ” (I Peter 2:5).

God calls us His “stones”—firm yet usable, unique yet joined together—to build upon His foundation (Ephesians 2:20–22). Our bodies become “temples” through which the Spirit works to accomplish God’s holy work (I Corinthians 3:16; II Corinthians 6:14–18).

Faithful Soldiers

“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ” (II Timothy 2:3).

A soldier fights battles, but he doesn’t fight alone; he’s part of a unit. A soldier does not act without orders; he waits for authorization from his commander. A soldier does not seek personal glory; he fights because he believes in the mission and his unit. Above all, a soldier is thoroughly trained, sufficiently armed, and always ready for battle.

We are “chosen” to be soldiers (II Timothy 2:4), not to fight spiritual battles with fleshly weapons, but to bring “into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” (II Corinthians 10:3–5). We are to “endure all things” for the sake of the Gospel (II Timothy 2:10), outfitted with the “whole armor of God” (Ephesians 6:11–18).

These three metaphors keep ICR focused on its mission. Through your prayers and support, each staff member strives to maintain the attitude of a living sacrifice, a stone fit for use by the Master Builder, and an effective warrior for our King. Thank you for your generous financial help that keeps our army on the front lines in this crucial battle for the truth.



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