

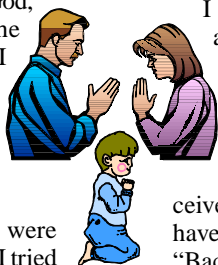
Evangelism at ICR

Old earth semi-creationists frequently claim that ICR's insistence on strict, recent creationism is an embarrassment to Christianity and a hindrance to the gospel—actually keeping people from accepting Christ as Savior. At ICR, we know better. Each day's mail and each seminar brings testimonies from individuals whose roadblocks to salvation were overcome by ICR's teaching and materials—like this one.



I grew up knowing about God, but I didn't really know the God of the Bible until after I became an adult. The "Back to Genesis" seminar was one of the pivotal tools God used to draw me to Him.

As a child and young adult, the stories of Genesis were just that—stories or legends. I tried desperately to incorporate God into a belief that included evolution and the big bang theory. By the time my husband, a recent Christian, "made" me go to the seminar, I was already seeing the inconsistency of my belief system, but as a trained nurse, my belief in evolution was important to me.



During the seminar I realized for the first time the "possibility" that the stories of Genesis could be true. I was amazed. During one break, I went to the parking lot in tears, brought under conviction that the Bible could actually be true. Following the seminar God started to break down many walls in my life and I saw God's intimate involvement with mankind during creation and throughout history.

As a result of God's calling on my life and with the help of the "Back to Genesis" seminar, I was able to read the Bible as absolute truth. For the first time I understood God's plan of salvation and His desire to have an intimate relationship with me. I was the woman at the well needing a Savior. I received the gift of eternal life and haven't been the same since. The "Back to Genesis" seminar will always hold a special place in my heart and my testimony.

We praise God for stories like this. God has given ICR much fruit over the years, both in evangelism, as non-Christians see that the Christian faith is a reasonable faith, but also in discipleship, as Christians come to a greater understanding of and love for God's Word.

Consider this note from a high school student on the west coast.

At the end of class one day, a student mentioned that he had a debate coming up and he was required to defend creation. He smiled, asking me how could he do that since he was an evolutionist? I told him that if he was interested, I had some really great information he could use.

A few days later, I brought a creation book from ICR and opened it to the section on human evolution, telling him that the scientific information here would never be found in his biology text. He took the book and seemed truly interested.

The next time I saw this student he was rather humbled. He was much more receptive when we talked, not only about creation, but about the Lord. Being able to share the creation model with that student was perhaps the best birthday gift for me this year.

The Christian faith is not necessarily an easy faith. We are not called to merely accept the world's thought system by "Christianizing" it, we are called to a full submission to God's Word and authority. And when we do submit, we find His Word accurate and His service a blessing.

On the other hand, where we accommodate the Bible to a false view of history, we do a great disservice to Christianity. God is not pleased with compromise, now will it produce lasting fruit.

We call on our scientifically trained Christian brothers and sisters who have chosen to incorporate long ages into the Bible, to discard their "double-minded" perspective and join in the battle for truth. Are there questions yet to be answered? Yes! Christianity needs all her warriors to unite in solving the remaining problems and communicating truth, not semi-truth, to a world that needs it so. 🙏



Radio Log

The Lord has blessed the radio ministry of the Institute for Creation Research. ICR programs air not only throughout the United States, but also on stations in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. Furthermore, our Spanish version is heard on numerous outlets throughout the Spanish speaking world, from South America to Europe. We also reach other foreign countries via short-wave radio.

Recently we've been approached by a ministry that would like to air "Science, Scripture, & Salvation" in Russia over a radio station in St. Petersburg. Please pray for wise decisions on the part of the ICR staff and that the broadcast is used by the Lord to reach hearts and change lives in all places that we air.

For those of you who support our ministry—stations who air the broadcasts, those who support financially, individuals who translate the creation message, and listeners who not only tune in, but pray for the ministry—we want to say *thank you!* Without your partnership we would not be as effective in our work, and it is through you that the message of the Creator is proclaimed.

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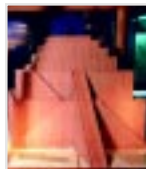
Weekend of: **Title/Topic**

Feb 06 **“The Grand Canyon”**

The first Europeans to see the beauty of Grand Canyon were Spanish explorers in the mid 1500s. In 1869, John Wesley Powell entered the Canyon to document its geology. Today the Canyon is a popular vacation spot, and many that visit are taught that it supports the evolutionary story. But during this program we’ll hear the creationist understanding and see how it very directly applies to the great Flood of Noah’s day. Join us as we look at Grand Canyon.

Feb 13 **“The Tower of Babel”**

Secular scholars scoff at the Bible, especially the information found in the Book of Genesis. One of the most ridiculed accounts is that of the Tower of Babel. But does evolution have a better explanation for the origin of language and its diversity? Tune in as we compare the evolutionary view of language to the Biblical account.



Feb 20 **“Creation Evangelism”**

Never before have so many Christian tools and Biblical information been available to the average Christian. But people don’t seem to listen. Instead of giving up or isolating ourselves, is there another avenue to change lives? Join us as we learn the *Biblical* method of creation evangelism that can push aside stumbling blocks and reach people for Christ.

Feb 27 **“Dinosaur Graveyards”**

Man has a strange fascination with those extinct and unique creatures—dinosaurs. All we know about them we learn from their gravesites and fossils. What do these dinosaur graveyards have to tell us? Join us as we hear about dinosaur mass kill sites. We’ll learn what they all have in common and the important message they have for us today. 🌐

Meeting Highlights

Murietta Hot Springs, California

On December 4, Bill Hoesch spoke to about 400 enthusiastic students at Calvary Chapel Bible College in beautiful Murietta Hot Springs. The meeting is reflective of a renewed conviction among leaders and educators of the large Calvary Chapel system of churches of the importance of a face-value reading of Genesis, including a literal six-day creation and global flood. Beginning in January, Mr. Hoesch, ICR’s Public Information Officer, and John Rajca, Museum Director, will be teaching a semester course on origins at the same campus. 🌐

ICR Books in Review

Many Infallible Proofs, by Henry M. Morris (Master Books, 1996), 381 pp.

Now in its 15th printing and newly revised, this ranges across numerous scientific evidences for the veracity of the Christian faith. A great source of answers for numerous questions posed by Bible critics. Packed with information, suitable as the basis for young people and student meetings.

Tabernacle Book Shop (England)

The Long War Against God, by Henry M. Morris (Baker Books, 1989), 344 pp.

A superb and readable survey of the history and influence of evolutionism. Pastors, teachers, and thinking Christians will value this brilliant exposé of Satan’s most successful strategy against belief in God and His standards.

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Management of Pathogens

The balance between health and disease is an ever-shifting relationship within individuals. It is an abstraction that depends upon beliefs, prejudices, and some rational evidence. For creationists, the concept of disease before and after the Fall is very little understood. There is a feeling that at least before the Fall, Adam and Eve were not subject to disease. Yet, the ancestors of the organisms we now experience as pathogens must have been created during the Creation Week. In what form and with what traits were they created?

God created organisms along with the rest of the universe and called it “very good.” It is assumed that all organisms were in balance with their various environments, and that pathogens, maladaptations, dysfunctions, and imbalances were unknown before the fall. So what happened to trigger this perfect homeostasis to crash? Donovan* says that there are basic drives that all organisms share, “But there are other human needs that transcend the physiologic level and rise—in pyramid fashion—all the way up to the capstone of self-motivated human creativity. . . . The ultimate material goal of mankind’s striving, may be summarized as a ‘higher standard of living.’ Not only is the terrestrial environment stressed to conform to the standard of living, people are stressed also. . . . Striving for anything entails stress, which may be beneficial to the striven. On the other hand, it may be malignant.”

Adam and Eve strove for a higher design status, that they would have their eyes opened, “and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil” (Genesis 3:5). Such striving led to the knowledge of evil, and then guilt, and finally shame. What are these but the persistent psychological

stressors that mankind has experienced ever since. Inordinate striving leads to stress which leads to pathogenesis. It’s easy to see how the peace and tranquility of the garden were shattered by avarice of our father Adam. God embellished the consequence of their sin with the curse of physical death.

Students and faculty of the ICR Graduate School are actively involved in deciphering the origin of pathogens, not just their life cycle and control. Pray for ICR in this research project, for it constitutes one of the most plaguing conceptual and biological questions facing creation thinking. Obviously its solution must be both scientific and Biblical, but at least we have God’s Word and a creation worldview to guide us.

*E. W. Donovan, *Essentials of Pathophysiology* (New York, Macmillan Pub. Co., 1985), pp. 8,9.



Testimonies

Southside, Alabama

I met Dr. Henry Morris many years ago and bought *The Genesis Flood*. This book had a profound effect on my life, leading me to the present time when I have the joy of conducting many creation conferences. ICR publications have provided the sound scientific and Biblical knowledge that has equipped me for this work. Science is the study of what God did in creation, and though I am 71 years old, I cannot get enough of it. Thank God for ICR publications that go a long way to satisfy my hunger.

From a Baptist pastor in Idaho

Dr. Henry Morris’s little Moody paperback, *The Bible and Modern Science*, set me free from the chains of evolution in 1964 or 1965.

From a professor in Florida

Your speaking at Southwest Bible Church in the early 1980s were important milestones in my life, especially your talk on miracles. Although I have enjoyed all your books, the ones that stand out are *The Genesis Record* and *The Defender's Study Bible*. Thanks for this wonderful contribution to Christians.

From California

Since meeting you at the Calvary Chapel conference, I have been taught by *The Defender's Study Bible* and by so many of your books and John's tapes. Ladies now meet in my home to view the videos and learn about the creation. . . . Everything has changed in my life. . . . I've been given such boldness and many opportunities to witness. Thanks a million times.

From British Columbia

Congratulations on your excellent book, *That Their Words May Be Used Against Them*. I have read it through twice. It reads almost like a novel. 🙏

Just How Common Is Life?

An October 1998 Associated Press article by Paul Recer gives the "recipe for life" to his readers: "Take some chemicals, stir in a source of energy and mix with mild temperatures for a few hundred million years."

Those trained in the biological sciences know that such statements as the above are as preposterous as they are whimsical. As the discipline of cell biology continues, biologists are increasingly amazed at the unparalleled complexity of the cell. Indeed, the term "simple cell" continues to be incongruous in the face of detailed research. Just as the "intelligent design" movement breaks into mainstream secular science with undeniable evidence of design, some continue to state, wrongly, that "life may be commonplace beyond the Earth."

Research astronomer Guillermo Gonzalez of the University of Washington is a rational and sobering voice to the rampant speculation of extraterrestrial life advocates:

To determine the probability of intelligent life existing elsewhere in the Milky Way, we must consider the necessary conditions for both the origin of life and the maintenance of life. Examples of the first category: a source of heavy elements, required to build terrestrial planets and organisms (this rules out most old stars, which formed from hydrogen and helium); a source of radioactive elements to keep the core of the planet hot (this rules out recently formed stars); and a source of liquid water (which may come from comets). These requirements limit the possible locations in the Milky Way where life might originate. . . . The conditions


DATES NOW OPEN FOR FALL 1999 "BACK TO GENESIS" SEMINARS!

Will you prayerfully consider partnering with ICR and other local volunteers to bring an area-wide creation seminar to your area? Fall 1999 dates are now available for "Back to Genesis" seminars. **Call early to get your choice of dates.** If you are interested in pursuing this, we will send you a complimentary copy of our new "War of the Worldviews" video. To receive more information, please contact ICR's Director of Seminars, Mark Rasche, at 619-596-6043.

needed to sustain life are different from—and in some cases seem to contradict—those needed to form it. . . . Recent discoveries in astronomy greatly weaken the case for extraterrestrial life by demonstrating how dangerous the universe is. Gamma-ray bursts turn out to give off much more radiation than had previously been believed. (*The Wall Street Journal*, 1997)

Everything we know about life clearly points to organization and creative design, the very antithesis of random chance and natural processes of evolution.

How did life allegedly evolve here? Planetary scientist James Head of Brown University said: “We don’t know how life started on earth” (San Diego *Union Tribune*, July 11, 1996). Nobel prize winner and atheist Francis Crick acknowledged that, “An honest man, armed with all the knowledge available to us now, could only state that in some sense, the origin of life appears at the moment to be almost a miracle” (*Life Itself*, 1981). If evolutionists are unable to decipher how life started here on Earth, how can they be so certain it happened elsewhere?

Life originated by the Author and Giver of life as we read in Genesis, and it is by His grace that He sustains and preserves it. *by Frank Sherwin* 



ICR Meetings

“BACK TO GENESIS”

- Mar 26-27 Ft. Lauderdale, FL** (J.Morris/Doug Phillips) Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, 5555 No. Federal Highway. Contact 954-771-8841, ext. 284.
- Apr 16-17 Rapid City, SD** (J.Morris/Gish) Howard Johnson Convention Center, 2211 No. LaCrosse St. (I-90, Exit 59). Call 605-342-0019 or 605-343-0722.
- Apr 23-24 Chicago (Lake Zurich), IL** (J.Morris/Doug Phillips)

Quentin Road Bible Baptist Church, 60 Quentin Road, Lake Zurich. 800-784-7223.


“CASE FOR CREATION”

- Feb 26-27 Fort Smith, AR** (J.Morris/Russell) First Baptist Church, 1400 N. “E” Street. 501-782-1088.
- Mar 1-3 Wenatchee, WA** (J.Morris/Doug Phillips) M-T-W. Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 508 No. Western Ave. Call 509-663-4032.
- Mar 5-6 Rancho Santa Fe, CA** (J.Morris/Sherwin) Horizon Christian Fellowship, 6365 El Apajo Road. 619-756-5599.
- Apr 30- West Bridgewater, MA** (J.Morris/Sherwin) New England Baptist Church, 560 N. Main St., 508-584-5188.

GOOD SCIENCE WORKSHOPS (FOR K-6; ADULTS [AD]; & HIGH SCHOOL [HS])

- Feb 2-4 Columbiana/Youngstown, OH** (K-6,HS,AD) Contact 330-426-6233 or 330-482-9752.
- Mar 2-6 Hattiesburg, MS** (K-6,HS, AD) Contact 601-268-6356.
- Mar 29-Apr 1 Idyllwild, CA** (ages 11-14) Idyllwild Pines Camp & Conference Center. Contact 909-659-2605.
- Apr 29-May 1 Muscle Shoals, AL** (K-6, Mini HS, AD) Contact 205-446-6515.

“GENESIS PRESENTATIONS”

- Feb 11 Azusa, CA** (Gish) Azusa Pacific University, 901 E. Alosta. Contact Mark Armitage at 626-815-6000, ext. 5519.
- Feb 20 Ventura, CA** (Gish) Creation Science Association of Ventura County, Ventura Missionary Church, Fireside Room. 805-981-0409 Day/805-647-8061 Eve.
- Feb 21 Camirillo, CA** (Gish) Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Sunday school 9:15 a.m. Contact George Huisken at 805-388-1181.
- Feb 26-28 Kirkland, WA** (Gish) Antioch Bible Church. Dr. Karl Payne, 425-451-0336.
- Mar 7-10 Winnipeg, M.B. Canada** (Chittick) Kil-Cona Park Alliance Church. Contact Pastor Kenneth Johnston. 

Stewardship & Trust Services

“... thou hast left thy first love” (Revelation 2:4).

It seems appropriate, as we enter the season devoted to “love,” that we look at the subject through God’s eyes. Since I have been studying in Revelation recently, I would like to take a look at “love” through chapter 2, verses 1–6, and how God dealt with compromised love in His church at Ephesus.

First, let’s remind ourselves that the “love” of Revelation 2:4 is the noun *agape*. It expresses the very nature of God (1 John 4:8); it is the love that God the Father has toward His Son (John 17:26), and toward all human kind (John 3:16). It is also the love possessed by those of us who receive the Savior and *demonstrate* that love through knowing and obeying His commandments (John 14:15,21,23).

We note, in Revelation 2:2 and 3, that in the matter of obedience, the Church at Ephesus seems to have excelled. They had labored for Christ with patience and had exposed false teaching and teachers. Their faithfulness (love) toward God is further confirmed in verse 6, where He commends them for “hating the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.” It is important to note here that “Nicolaitanes” means “overcomers of the people.” They were, at the very least, those who promoted doctrine that encouraged allegiance and loyalty toward themselves rather than toward Christ. The Ephesians had obviously done well in demonstrating their love by hating the Nicolaitanes’ deeds, since Christ also hated their deeds.

Why, then, did He accuse that church of “losing its first love” and threaten to remove His presence from them unless they repented? (verses 5,6). Consider the thoughts of William MacDonald on the matter:

... the tragedy of Ephesus was that it had left its first love. The fire of its affection had died down [from the time when] their bridal love for Christ flowed warm, full, and free. They were still sound in doctrine and active in service, but the true motive of all worship and service was missing.



It seems, then, that their passion for the Lord and those He loves had become a passion for doctrinal purity *without* love—the love that God would otherwise have used to convict men of sin and draw them unto Himself. Harshness had rendered the Ephesian church unusable. To the extent that we in the Church today hold to doctrinal purity without the passion for the lost that drove Christ to the Cross, we will be rendered useless unless we, too, repent.

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ICR Announces . . . Northwest Speaking Tours! Spring 1999

Mike Riddle, popular speaker for ICR, and author of ICR's "Creation OnLine," will be touring the Northwest between May 10 and May 30, 1999, offering "Creation Presentations" to churches on a first-come-first-served basis. Presentations will be given in the evenings, Monday through Friday and mornings and evenings on Sundays. There is no charge to churches for these presentations, but a freewill offering will be taken to help offset some of our expenses.

The following is a tentative schedule, subject to change. Please call Connie Kotch, Seminar Coordinator, at 619-596-6040 to schedule a "Creation Presentation" for your church or for additional information.

Date	Location
Monday, May 10	Seattle, Washington
Tuesday, May 11	Seattle, Washington
Wednesday, May 12	Tacoma, Washington
Thursday, May 13	Olympia, Washington
Friday, May 14	Yakima, Washington
Saturday, May 15	Off
Sunday, May 16 (A.M.)	Richland/Kennewick/Pasco, Washington
Sunday, May 16 (P.M.)	Richland/Kennewick/Pasco, Washington
Monday, May 17	Richland/Kennewick/Pasco, Washington
Tuesday, May 18	Ontario, Oregon; Nampa, Idaho
Wednesday, May 19	Boise/Mountain Home, Idaho
Thursday, May 20	Twin Falls/Jerome, Filer, Idaho
Friday, May 21	Pocatello, Idaho
Saturday, May 22	Off
Sunday, May 23 (A.M.)	Idaho Falls, Idaho
Sunday, May 23 (P.M.)	Idaho Falls, Idaho
Monday, May 24	Butte, Montana
Tuesday, May 25	Missoula, Montana
Wednesday, May 26	Coeur d' Alene, Idaho
Thursday, May 27	Plummer, Idaho
Friday, May 28	Spokane, Washington
Saturday, May 29	Off
Sunday, May 30 (A.M.)	Moses Lake, Washington
Sunday, May 30 (P.M.)	Ellensburg, Washington