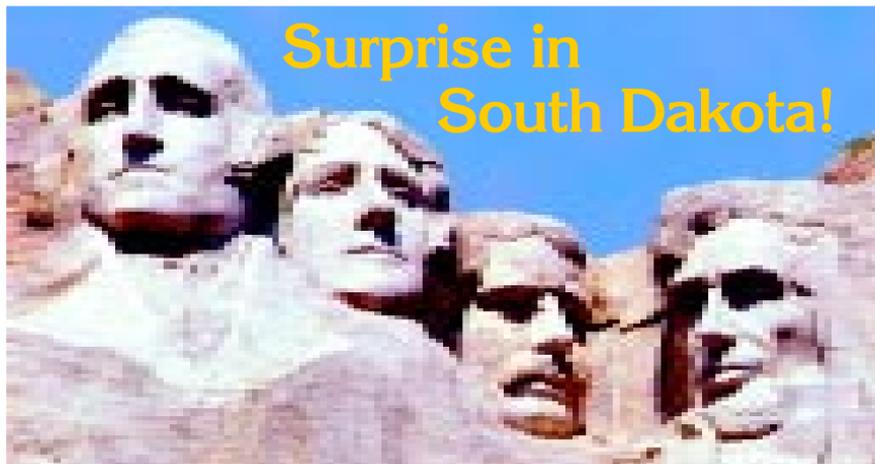


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Most “Back to Genesis” seminars are held in large Metropolitan areas where a significant number of area churches band together to jointly support such a community outreach. Smaller scale “Case for Creation” seminars or “Genesis Presentations” usually serve areas with a smaller population.

Thus, it was somewhat of an anomaly when nearly 5000 people were ministered to at a “BTG” seminar in Rapid City, South Dakota, with speakers Drs. John Morris and Duane Gish on April 16 and 17. The sweet fellowship and hunger for creation information makes us ask, what happened? What factors brought about this surprise?

We found an aggressive and broad-based local committee followed the guidelines in the manual ICR provided them and even went the extra mile.

Few on the committee knew each other beforehand and represented numerous churches. Chairman, Pastor Bob Wittstruck, personally influenced many other pastors to support the conference. Cochairman, Dr. Randy Galuizza, had already established a credible creation presence in the area, thus the ground was prepared.

Sometimes in more populated areas special events are commonplace. On any given weekend, there are a number of choices of seminars, concerts, ball games, etc. But in smaller, more rural areas, there’s less competition.

Additionally, citizens of Rapid City are well aware of the creation/evolution battle. South Dakota Schools of Mines is nearby, and evolution teaching is painfully obvious. One student related a recent incident when her teacher challenged the class: “If

your car breaks down, could you open the hood, step back 20 feet, throw a wrench at the engine, and fix your car? No. But what if you threw the wrench one million times. Chances are you'd fix it." Students long for serious science.

Fourth, families are strong in grass roots America. They drove from Nebraska, North Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming to attend, bringing their children. One boy had invited his friend who related on Saturday how he had accepted Christ on Friday at the school assembly. Many testified how the BTG message of the authenticity of Scripture was just what their family and their area needed to hear.

Consider the following testimonies. "Thank you so much for your faithful work. This area really needed your message." "Thanks for giving our children Biblical teaching." "The entire seminar was awesome—and so encouraging to be bold for the Lord." "Years ago, your books were instrumental in my salvation. It was good to hear the message personally." "Thank you for helping so many people stand strong for God." "I am very impressed that professional scientists can be such strong Bible believers (and entertaining speakers). It strengthened my faith." "Come back to our area real soon."

Many in the area are now prepared to continue disseminating the message of Biblical accuracy and authority in the community and on campus. We look forward to seeing the long-range fruits of a surprise seminar! 🌟



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

Weekend of:                      Title/Topic

**Jun 5**    **"Evolution and Psychology"**

Psychology comes from the Greek root, *psyche*, which means soul. So psychology is the study of the soul. But many in this field don't

believe that man has a soul—he is just a higher animal. And what is the Biblical perspective? Tune in as we look at the evolutionary influence in psychology.

**Jun 12**    **"Computers, Evolution, and the Year 2000"**

As we look to the new millennium, we hear from many quarters that we should anticipate problems and challenges because of the Y2K computer glitch. Others tell us not to worry. Whichever view you take, there are valuable lessons to be learned. Tune in as we look at Y2K and how it correlates to evolutionary theory.

**Jun 19**    **"The Hearts of Children and Fathers"**

As the problems of society permeate even the Church, politicians, pastors, and lay people call for a return to family values. But what are those values and will they really solve the problems? According to Scripture, the solution is found in the Bible, beginning with Genesis!

**Jun 26**    **"Radioisotope Dating"**

When evolutionists assign dates to geologic strata, many times they rely on radioisotope dating. Recently, ICR scientists have recently met to develop a creationist understanding and study of this area. Join us as we take a look at radioisotope dating and what it means to creation! 🌟

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## New Sunday School Quarterly on Genesis Available for Fall

ICR is pleased to announce that a new adult Sunday school quarterly on the Book of Genesis, *Origins of the Earth and Its People*, written by Dr. Henry M. Morris, will be released in July and thus be available for fall classes. It includes both student and teacher's books and is being published by the Regular Baptist Press, the publishing arm of the General Association of Regular Baptist churches (G.A.R.B.).

Titles of the thirteen lessons follow:

- Week 1 Genesis and the Fact of Creation
- Week 2 The Amazing Week of Creation
- Week 3 Sin and the Groaning Creation
- Week 4 The Days of Noah and the Lost World
- Week 5 The Great Flood and the Fossil Record
- Week 6 Origin of Races and Nations
- Week 7 Abraham and the Life of Faith
- Week 8 Fire from Heaven
- Week 9 Isaac and the Seed of Promise
- Week 10 The Birthright and the Blessing
- Week 11 Jacob, Laban, and the Children of Israel
- Week 12 Joseph in the Land of Egypt
- Week 13 The Great Reunion

Although the quarterly is to be used by the G.A.R.B. churches this fall, it is trans-denominational in treatment and could be used during any quarter. It is suit-

able for college age as well as older adults, and could easily be adapted for high school classes as well.

Dr. Morris is the author of the widely used commentary, *The Genesis Record* (Grand Rapids, Baker Book House, 1976, 716 pp.), and his quarterly uses the same approach as the commentary. The quarterly may be ordered either from ICR or from the Regular Baptist Press. Prices are as follows: individual student book, \$2.19; individual teacher's book, \$3.69; and sixteen transparencies, \$14.99.

Churches (or individual Sunday school or home study classes) interested in studying Genesis (the foundational book of the Bible) this fall should order the quarterlies *before* August 15. 📖

## Creation Science Camp

The first Creation Science Camp started in sunshine on March 29 and ended in snow on April 1—a perfect opportunity to experience almost all of the seasons. The pine-clad setting of the Idyllwild Pines Camp and Conference Center added to the beauty. In August 1998, Jennifer Kepler from Idyllwild Pines in Idyllwild, California, contacted ICR's Good Science Department and requested help putting on a Creation Science Camp for 11–14 year old students. She wanted the camp to have a “Back to Genesis” foundation.

The task of development fell to Debbie Brooks, ICR's Student Discovery Days instructor. Looking to Genesis 1 for her inspiration, Debbie developed three days worth of activities which would allow the campers to explore the wonders created on each day of creation.

When camp time arrived, Paige Carroll (a science teacher and recent ICR graduate) along with teachers' aides Joshua and Rebecca Manning, joined Debbie in shedding light on the design apparent in the created world. Activities related to the six days of creation filled seven, one-to-two hour sessions.

In the opening session, 28 campers found themselves immersed in the study of light's characteristics. Their exploration continued with activities like testing the heat-retention of water, discovering why air allows flight, observing layering of soil particles, searching for different kinds of seeds, describing the structure of different types of feathers, and identifying kinds of aquatic insect larvae. In the final session, a snow-enhanced hike gave the students an opportunity to see how God created the world and its inhabitants to function together. Each part, from soil and water to plants, birds, and animals fulfills their God-given function in their specific place. A discussion of man's uniqueness and responsibility concluded the hike and the camp.

The efforts of the Idyllwild Pines staff to create a Creation-focused week enhanced the teaching sessions. The campers began each meal by reciting Job 12:7-10 and enjoyed their meals at tables that

slowly accumulated decorations connected with each creation day. The evenings concluded with a worship time of song and Bible study and cabin devotions based on lessons learned at mountains mentioned in Scripture. Even the planned recreation time included games that followed the days of Creation.

The conclusion of the campers on the camp's success can be summed up from the answers to two questions on their evaluations. A majority would not only like to attend camp again, but would also recommend it to their friends. From their reaction, as well as the positive comments by the parent-counselors, this pilot program met its objective—to expose young people to our amazing Creator through the wonders of His creation. Debbie will be available in the summer of 2000 to conduct similar creation-based camps. Call 619-448-0900 for further information. 🌟

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## ICR Announces . . . *Northeast Speaking Tours!*—Fall 1999

Bill Hoesch, Public Information Officer for ICR, will be touring the Northeast between September 7-30, 1999, offering "Creation Presentations" to churches on a *first come, first served* basis. Presentations will be given in the evenings, Tuesday through Saturday 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 Dolly Willems, Seminar Coordinator, at 619-596-6041 to schedule a "Creation Presentation" for your church or for additional information.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sept. 7	Philadelphia, PA	Sept. 19 (P.M.)	Buffalo, NY
Sept. 8	Philadelphia, PA	Sept. 20	Off
Sept. 9	Allentown, PA	Sept. 21	Erie, PA
Sept. 10	Bethlehem, PA	Sept. 22	Pittsburgh, PA
Sept. 11	Off	Sept. 23	Johnstown, PA
Sept. 12 (A.M.)	Scranton, PA	Sept. 24	Gettysburg, PA
Sept. 12 (P.M.)	Binghamton, NY	Sept. 25	Off
Sept. 13	Off	Sept. 26 (A.M.)	York, PA
Sept. 14	Syracuse, NY	Sept. 26 (P.M.)	Lancaster, PA
Sept. 15	Auburn, NY	Sept. 27	Off
Sept. 16	Seneca Falls, NY	Sept. 28	Reading, PA
Sept. 17	Rochester, NY	Sept. 29	Pottstown, PA
Sept. 18	Off	Sept. 30	Philadelphia, PA
Sept. 19 (A.M.)	Buffalo, NY		

## 1999 Grand Canyon Tour "In the Clear"

One of the most amazing displays of God's provision for the ICR tours to Grand Canyon occurred in March of this year. Just prior to the arrival of the participants in the 1999 ICR tour, a major snowstorm moved across California into Arizona and dropped 4–6 inches of snow on the higher elevations around Grand Canyon. During the week that ICR was in the Canyon, two snowstorms dumped another 4–6 inches each in Utah and the southern part of Arizona skirting around Grand Canyon. The day after the last of the ICR rafters left Grand Canyon another



major storm left 6–8 inches of snow in the high country and even 2–3 inches in Phoenix. We praise the Lord for His providence in making our trip so safe and pleasant.

The tour was fully booked, with almost 150 people on the bus tour, two backpacking groups, and two raft groups. In addition to the good weather, the fellowship was warm and many old acquaintances and new friends enjoyed the tour.

Next spring we expect to return to Grand Canyon, but we are planning a more family-type tour. Instead of our usual bus, raft, and backpacking groups, we plan to offer day hikes along the rim and into the Canyon. Keep your eyes open for future announcements

in *Acts & Facts* and plan to join us. 🌟

## ICR Announces . . . *Southeast Speaking Tours!*—Fall 1999

Mike Riddle, popular speaker and author of ICR's "Creation OnLine," will be touring the Southeast between September 30 and October 31, 1999, offering "Creation Presentations" to churches on a *first come first served* basis. Presentations will be given in the evenings, Tuesday through Saturday 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	Date	Location
Sept. 30	Raleigh, NC	Oct. 17 (A.M.)	Pensacola, FL
Oct. 1	Greensboro, NC	Oct. 17 (P.M.)	Pensacola, FL
Oct. 2	Charlotte, NC	Oct. 18	Off
Oct. 3 (A.M.)	Charlotte, NC	Oct. 19	Crestview/De Funiac Springs, FL
Oct. 3 (P.M.)	Gastonia, NC	Oct. 20	Marianna, FL
Oct. 4	Off	Oct. 21	Tallahassee, FL
Oct. 5	Spartanburg, SC	Oct. 22	Tallahassee, FL
Oct. 6	Greenville, SC	Oct. 23	Live Oak, FL
Oct. 7	Anderson/Athens, SC	Oct. 24 (A.M.)	Jacksonville, FL
Oct. 8	Atlanta, GA	Oct. 24 (P.M.)	Jacksonville, FL
Oct. 9	Atlanta, GA	Oct. 25	Off
Oct. 10 (A.M.)	Atlanta, GA	Oct. 26	Brunswick, GA
Oct. 10 (P.M.)	Atlanta, GA	Oct. 27	Savannah, SC
Oct. 11	Off	Oct. 28	Walterboro, SC
Oct. 12	Birmingham, AL	Oct. 29	Orangeburg, SC
Oct. 13	Montgomery, AL	Oct. 30	Columbia, SC
Oct. 14	Rockville, AL	Oct. 31 (A.M.)	Rock Hill, SC
Oct. 15	Atmore, AL	Oct. 31 (P.M.)	Charlotte, NC
Oct. 16	Mobile, AL		

## Brazil Visited for Third Time by ICR

The lecture tour March 19 to April 12 was Dr. Duane Gish's third visit to Brazil during the past five years. Brazil, with 160 million inhabitants, is by far the largest nation in South America. The tour was arranged by Christiano da Silva, president and founder of the Brazilian Creation Science Association and served as Dr. Gish's interpreter. The cities visited included the beautiful city and tourist mecca of Rio de Janeiro, Goiania, Vitoria, and Sao Paulo, with a metropolitan population estimated at almost 18 million people.

During the tour Dr. Gish gave 45 lectures, including 28 in churches and seminaries, nine in schools, four at the Catholic University of Goias, and four in public seminars. It is estimated that over 10,000 Brazilians heard the Biblical and scientific evidences for creation. Christiano da Silva not only acted as interpreter but delivered a short, inspiring message at every opportunity and sold copies of four books he has published. Da Silva obtained an advanced degree in mathematics at London University in England and left his position as a mathematician 20 years ago to found the Brazilian Creation Science Association (Caixa, Postal 3115, Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil). Another creation science organization in Brazil, headed by Walter Pereira da Silva, is the Sociedade Criacionista Brasileira (Caixa Postal 08743, 70312-970, Brasilia-DF, Brazil), which publishes a fine creation science journal, *Folha Creacionista*. 🌱



## Meeting Highlights

### San Fernando, California

On the evening of April 17, ICR's Frank Sherwin spoke at the Bible-Science Association of San Fernando Valley, CA., Mark Armitage, director. Professor Sherwin's topic was "Molecular Systematics vs. Macroevolution." Students from a local college as well as BSA members attended. It was obvious from the presentation that, as three evolutionary biologists said in an issue of *American Scientist* (1997), "Even with the appropriate genes, the molecular tree of life is difficult to interpret." Perhaps this hypothetical tree of life is difficult to interpret because the premise of macroevolution is wrong. 🌱

## ICR Meetings

### "CASE FOR CREATION"

Sept 24-25 **Toccoa Falls, GA** (Gish/Riddle)  
First Alliance Church, Alternate Hwy. 17 South (Big A Road).  
Contact 706-886-5948.

Oct 8-9 **Napa, CA** (H.Morris III/Phillips)  
Grace Baptist Church, 3765 Solano Ave. 707-255-4033.

### GOOD SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

(For K-6; Adults [AD]; & High School [HS])

Jun 18-19 **Indianapolis, IN** (D'Armond)  
Indiana State Home School Convention. 847-742-0821.

Oct 12-16 **Virginia Beach, VA** (Willson)  
Contact 757-471-4262.

### "GENESIS PRESENTATIONS"

Jun 19 **Sedona, AZ** (Hoesch/Rajca)  
Grand Canyon family retreat for dentists, hygienist asst. & families only. Dr. Cheatwood  
760-356-2821/800-CDS-SENT.

### "CREATION PRESENTATIONS" TOURS

Sept 7-30 (B. Hoesch) **Pennsylvania and North Carolina**.

Sept 30- Oct 31 (M. Riddle) **North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida.** 🌱

# Stewardship & Trust Services

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Dear Sir,

Attached is a check for \$10,000 to be split evenly in funding the research of Drs. Austin and Snelling. I have enjoyed the research of these two gentlemen in their study of argon dating and have hopes that their continued work in this area will help to present further evidence that this method of dating has flaws that must be examined by the secular scientific community. I have also enjoyed the work of Dr. Austin in the film regarding the Mount St. Helens eruption. I would like to encourage these two scientists in their work and additionally all their fellow scientists at ICR in their endeavors to present a model for scientific creationism.

I am moved to make this contribution in the name of my late father, Howard E. Robb, who was a devoted scientist and engineer, but was a strong atheist practically up until his death. His acceptance of the Lord Jesus' grace and unconditional love came at the last few minutes of his life. My father was strongly influenced by evolution science and its dogmatic claims had a strong, almost unyielding grip that snuffed out the once strong faith he had when he was a young boy. Years of heartfelt prayer were answered when he accepted the Lord.

It is in the name of my father, and many like him who have been duped by evolution science into abandoning their faith, that I write you to encourage you in the battle for truth. Continue your work—your battle is for truth and for the salvation of souls—there cannot be a more noble cause than this. Finish well!

In His Name,  
John H. Robb

We thank our gracious Lord for each person who makes this ministry possible. A special thanks to John Robb who so beautifully captured why each of us gladly sacrifice to carry the battle forward.

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