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THE GREAT CREATOR BECAME OUR SAVIOR

by John D. Morris

Borrowing a line from a stirring Christian version of the operatic song, “O Solo Mio,” seemed appropriate for this Easter season, as we reflect on the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross, taking upon Himself our “wages of sin” (Romans 6:23), in that “Christ died for our sins” (I Corinthians 15:3).

Recognizing that the same Jesus Christ is also the omnipotent Creator for “without Him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:3), and that it was Christ in Eden that fateful day (Genesis 3:8) who, having been rejected by Adam, pronounced the penalty of sin to be death (Genesis 3:19), willingly took that penalty upon Himself, “the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God” (I Peter 3:18), allows us to see the events of Golgotha in their larger perspective.

Likewise, recognizing that “as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive” (I Corinthians 15:22), puts the resurrection in its fuller context. He gained the victory over sin and death and as “the firstfruits of them that slept” (v.20), He invites us to follow Him in eternal life. But “if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins” (v.17) and still under its penalty. How dare anyone discount this great transaction, treating the Easter season and its message as merely a spring festival?

Years ago John, the beloved disciple, was allowed to witness a future celebration in Heaven, at which “four and twenty elders” gathered before the throne of their glorified Creator/Savior to “worship Him that liveth for ever and ever.” Their first act was to “fall down before Him” and declare



“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 4:10–11).

The dramatic scene continues as Christ in the form of “a Lamb as it had been slain” takes center stage. The same “four and twenty elders fall down before the Lamb . . . saying, Thou art worthy . . . for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood. . . .” (Revelation 5:6,8–9).

The redemption wrought by Christ makes a logical whole when we recognize that all things are His. As Creator He is the King, and owner of all things. His creation has, for the most part, fled His ownership, but as a loving Creator, He wouldn’t allow this rebellion to forever deny Him. He sacrificed Himself to buy back His wayward created ones. We are His, by both creation and purchase.

The four and twenty elders recognized both, and accorded Him their full praise and worship for both. Should not our approach to Him follow the same pattern? The great Creator has become our Savior, and His Kingship securely stands on this dual platform. ☞

THE ICR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

God has blessed ICR through the years with Trustee Board members committed to the creation message in general and ICR’s ministry in particular. Most of them had come to know Dr. Henry Morris; and fully embraced his heart and strategy. Often membership on the Board became a life commitment, and few have asked to leave due to a change of focus. At the annual Board meeting this winter, two veteran Trustees asked to be retired from their duties. Both had been members almost since ICR’s founding, and they will be sorely missed.

Mr. Earl Miller has been a businessman of some note in southern California for decades, having overseen everything from grocery stores to car dealerships. His business sense and practical wisdom has served ICR well. He and his wife of nearly 75

years, Marie, now live in an assisted care facility and deserve a rest. He was awarded the title Trustee Emeritus for his service.

Dr. Ben Aaron also retired from the Board after similar years of participation. A heart surgeon, Dr. Aaron achieved some notoriety as having been the specialist who removed the bullet from President Ronald Reagan’s chest after the failed assassination attempt in 1982. His unique skill coupled with much prayer saved the President’s life. (His exciting story can be read in the children’s adventure book, *Operation Rawhide*, which ICR carries.) Dr. Aaron is also a pilot, and ICR has made good use of his services on geology field projects. He too received a plaque honoring him as Trustee Emeritus. He and his wife Pat live in near-by Lakeside.

At the same meeting two new Board members were installed. Dr. Mark Eastman, M.D., has become a dynamic creation speaker and hosts a website MarsHill.com. He lives in Southern California and his affiliation with ICR promises to be a fruitful one. Dr. Tim LaHaye, well known author and pastor also joined the Board. He was instrumental in ICR’s founding back in 1970, as he, Dr. Henry Morris, and the late Dr. Art Peters started ICR and Christian Heritage College. He has remained a friend and colleague through the years; and we are delighted to welcome him to the Board. ☞

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Meeting Highlights

SOUTHERN FLORIDA CONFERENCES

ICR Board member, Dr. Jack Eckersley and his lovely wife, Pat, were responsible for a ten-day series of Creation lectures in the Palm City and Stuart, Florida, areas. Long-time ICR friend, Kathie Sibe assisted the Eckersleys. Dr. Henry Morris III was the speaker.

Crossroads Community Church dedicated their Winter Bible Conference to ICR's vital creation message. Dr. Morris included a review of the RATE findings and the powerful implications for the accuracy of the Biblical record. He also spoke to the Christian Students Association at the County High School.

Pat Eckersley's Bible group asked Dr. Morris to help them get started in a study of the book of Daniel Thursday evening, and the Stuart Alliance Church hosted a Friday presentation that drew visitors from around the area. Dr. Morris conducted a Q & A session afterwards at the request of the pastor.

The New Hope Fellowship Church also hosted Dr. Morris with a lively gathering for the high school group, the Sunday worship hour, and an evening event open to the public. A group of Mormon elders challenged Dr. Morris during the Q & A session, adding a little excitement to his presentation on the age of the earth.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Dr. Henry Morris III represented ICR at the "Vision New England Congress" in Boston during February. The exhibit hall was open to several thousand pastors and their staff who were preparing for an area-wide emphasis on the "40 Days of Purpose" campaign. Many of those who visited the ICR exhibit were not aware of the quality of scientific research from the

creationist community or of the significant consequences resulting from these foundational worldviews.

Dr. Morris also spoke at three services at the New England Bible Church in Andover, MA. Pastor Chip Thompson was enthusiastic about the work of ICR and plans to extend an invitation for a more involved series of training sessions.

SOUTHWEST LOOP TOUR

One of the most successful types of speaking events here at ICR is the Loop Tour. One of the most captivating speakers is Mike Riddle. So it only makes sense to send Mike Riddle on a Loop Tour! Mike and Lesley Riddle have done several Loop Tours for ICR including their recent trip through Arizona and New Mexico. The Riddles took the creation message to 22 churches and schools. They even made one trip to the American Indian Christian Mission. This tour was a little different than most for the Riddles because while preparing to speak in a church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, they had to bring extra clothes in case they were snowed in at the church!

Mike has become a very popular representative for ICR. One pastor in Las Cruces said, "Mike Riddle and his lovely wife represented ICR with excellence and



Lesley and Mike Riddle—a great team!

integrity. He dealt with opposing views with grace, and knew his material thoroughly.”

On this Loop Tour, Mike and Lesley reached over 2700 people with the message of creation. That is always our goal: To reach as many as possible with the truth that we *can* take God at His Word!

BURNEY, CALIFORNIA

This pristine northern California community was the site of an encouraging creation seminar January 31–February 1. ICR President, Dr. John Morris, spoke on creation and the Word of God at Grace Community Bible Church Friday night, twice Sunday morning on evidence for creation and Jesus Christ the Creator, and Sunday evening on Mount St. Helens. The congregation was an interesting mix of longtime residents in this rural community and Southern Californians who had fled there for refuge. A combination of wonderful fellowship, beautiful snow, and gorgeous mountains made Dr. Morris wish he could flee there himself! The gracious, down-home hospitality of Pastor Henry Winkleman and his people was a true blessing. ☞



CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SENDS SCIENCE FACULTY TO ICR FOR LATEST CREATION INFO

On January 14–17, the high school science faculty from Trinity Christian Academy in Dallas, Texas, journeyed to San Diego for a three-day training session and field trip with the ICR science faculty. Utilizing a gift to the school designated for teacher development, the administration chose to visit ICR and learn the latest news in creation thinking, so that their teaching would be up-to-date and focused.

Lectures from several of the faculty were augmented by a cutting-edge seminar with ICR colleague, Dr. André Eggen of France, a leading genomist there, who explained how the new genomic data nicely fit creation ideas while being a total enigma to evolution. The trip culminated with a field trip to Torrey Pines State Park, studying the unique ecosystems there, and picking their way down a steep path to the beach below. (See picture above.)

A number of Christian schools across the land are abandoning creation thinking, compromising with some form of evolution, whether full-blown theistic evolution or its semi-creationist twin, progressive creation. Leaders at Trinity Christian Academy are to be commended for their stand and foresight. Strong graduates will be the result.

Lord willing, this type of innovative and customized field trip can be offered to other groups in the future as God provides the necessary staffing and resources. ☞





MOLECULAR MOTORS VS. EVOLUTIONISM

Did you know that your body contains about 75 trillion cells? Did you know that virtually each of these cells is designed with thousands of tiny machines?

Research methods into cell ultrastructure have recently revealed motor organelles, discrete structures inside the cell, that could not even be imagined a mere three decades ago. These fascinating submicroscopic machines, “molecular motors,” have now been discovered in the cells of people, bacteria, and animals:

Bacteria have sophisticated molecular machineries dedicated to regulating their growth and division with superb accuracy.¹

Most forms of movement in the living world are powered by tiny protein machines known as molecular motors. Among the best known are motors that use sophisticated intramolecular amplification mechanisms . . .²

Such tiny motors may actually be seen using special shadowing techniques and high-resolution electron micrographs. The machines, or motors, are comprised of protein and aid in various cellular processes that include cell division, organelle transport and function, and cargo transport along protein tracks in the cytoplasm (the living contents of a cell).

Myosin V [a member of a diverse protein family—the most common being is the myosin that makes up our muscles], a cellular motor protein, carries cargo within cells by moving along actin filaments. It takes 37-nanometer steps by placing one “foot” over the other . . .³

Genetic mistakes, i.e. mutations, causing motor imperfections may lead to severe defects and possibly lethal diseases. Ironically, Darwinists suppose that mutations “created” the molecular motors! No Creator was involved, they maintain.

Like so many areas of biology, research into molecular motors is in its infancy. Roles of many such motors remain unknown. While Darwinian researchers use the word “machine,” a functional unit with various moving parts, the very term implies design.

One point seems obvious: if it takes the concerted efforts of a small army of designers, engineers, and construction workers to assemble the large motors seen in power plants for example, then what about these submicroscopic protein motors that evolutionists call “sophisticated,” having “superb accuracy”? As investigation continues, the specially designed features of God’s creation will remain “clearly seen” by those who are willing to go where the evidence leads.

1. *EMBO Reports* 4, 7, 2003, pp. 655–660.

2. Schliwa & Woehlke, Molecular Motors, *Nature*, April 17, 2003, p. 759.

3. Molloy & Veigel, Myosin Motors Walk the Walk, *Science*, June 27, 2003, p. 1993. 



Diagram of a rotating submicroscopic motor (enzyme) composed of 3 subunits.



From Arizona

Thank you very much for your very important work in upholding the very critical truth of God's creation. The founders of ICR will always be high on my list of modern-day heroes of the faith. God bless you.

From Missouri

May our Lord prosper your ministry and preserve you all. I treasure the *Impact* and the *Back to Genesis* publications. I count it a privilege to be permitted to be a part in this modest way of your service.

From Pennsylvania

Your *Days of Praise* is an excellent source of Bible information. *Acts & Facts* never ceases to amaze me. I feel blessed to be in touch with your ministry. God's creations were never revealed to me so clearly. Thank you for continuing to send me this study information. I will continue to pray for you and as I am financially able to send a donation, I will do so.

From a Dentist in North Carolina

I suspect my schedule is nearly as busy as your own, but I just had to write you a thank-you note for my *Defender's Study Bible*. The annotations and comments are simply wonderful, and have helped me so much. I consider this particular book one of my most valuable possessions.

From Washington

Thanks for all you do for Christ and truth. I attended your seminar in Atlanta in the late seventies. It was so important to me as I was being discipled at the time. I have attended several seminars since that first one and read many of your books. 🙏



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

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

- April 3 Fibonacci Numbers**
A careful study of nature reveals remarkable intimacy and beauty. Amazingly, many patterns and shapes found in nature can be figured mathematically. Is this random chance or purposeful design by a master mathematician? Tune in!
- April 10 Science of the Crucifixion**
As we celebrate Easter and remember the victorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is important to consider just how much He suffered and sacrificed for us on the cross. There's so much more to Christ's ultimate sacrifice of death than we may realize. How high a price did He pay for our sin? Stay tuned!
- April 17 Titanic and Noah's Ark**
This month marks the 92nd anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. Although man errantly called that ship unsinkable, such a vessel did exist in past history. What was it, and how does it compare to the Titanic? Tune in to find out!
- April 24 Molecular Machines**
All of God's creation is amazing and wondrous. But perhaps the most complex and incredible are the things we can't see. For example, inside the microscopic cell, hundreds of thousands of little machines work to keep us alive. How do they do it? Stay tuned! 🙏



THE “PASSION” OF MEN

Controversy has been almost non-stop over Mel Gibson’s *“The Passion of the Christ”* released in February. Nearly every media outlet has denigrated the film, and various “religious” organizations have decried the “hatred” and “violence” supposedly stimulated by the graphic nature of the events. It is interesting that the regular diet of TV and Hollywood productions—far worse in many ways than the information depicted in Mr. Gibson’s work—is rarely scrutinized or subjected to such criticism. One wonders: is there another reason for the passion?

THE PASSION OF GOD

God has a rather “passionate” view about His character and His unique authority in the Universe.

I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. . . . For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God Himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else (Isaiah 45:5–6,18).

ICR IS VERY “PASSIONATE” ABOUT GOD’S WORD

There are many details that we do not and can not know about the great work of God in creation and on Calvary. What is very clear, however, is that the God who created the worlds (Hebrews 1:2) is the same One who died on the cross (John 1:1–3; Colossians 1:16–17). It is nothing short of blasphemy to attribute to the omnipotent and omniscient God of love and grace, the horrific, purposeless, waste-filled and age-long death of billions of living things prior to the rebellion of Adam (Romans 5:12). The naturalistic and evolutionary scheme of atheistic men is contradictory to God’s written Word and to His revealed character. ICR is absolutely committed to what God has said—whether the majority are “passionately” against it or not.

Your assistance financially is gratefully appreciated as we labor together giving the vital “answer” (1 Peter 3:15) so desperately needed in this hour.



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