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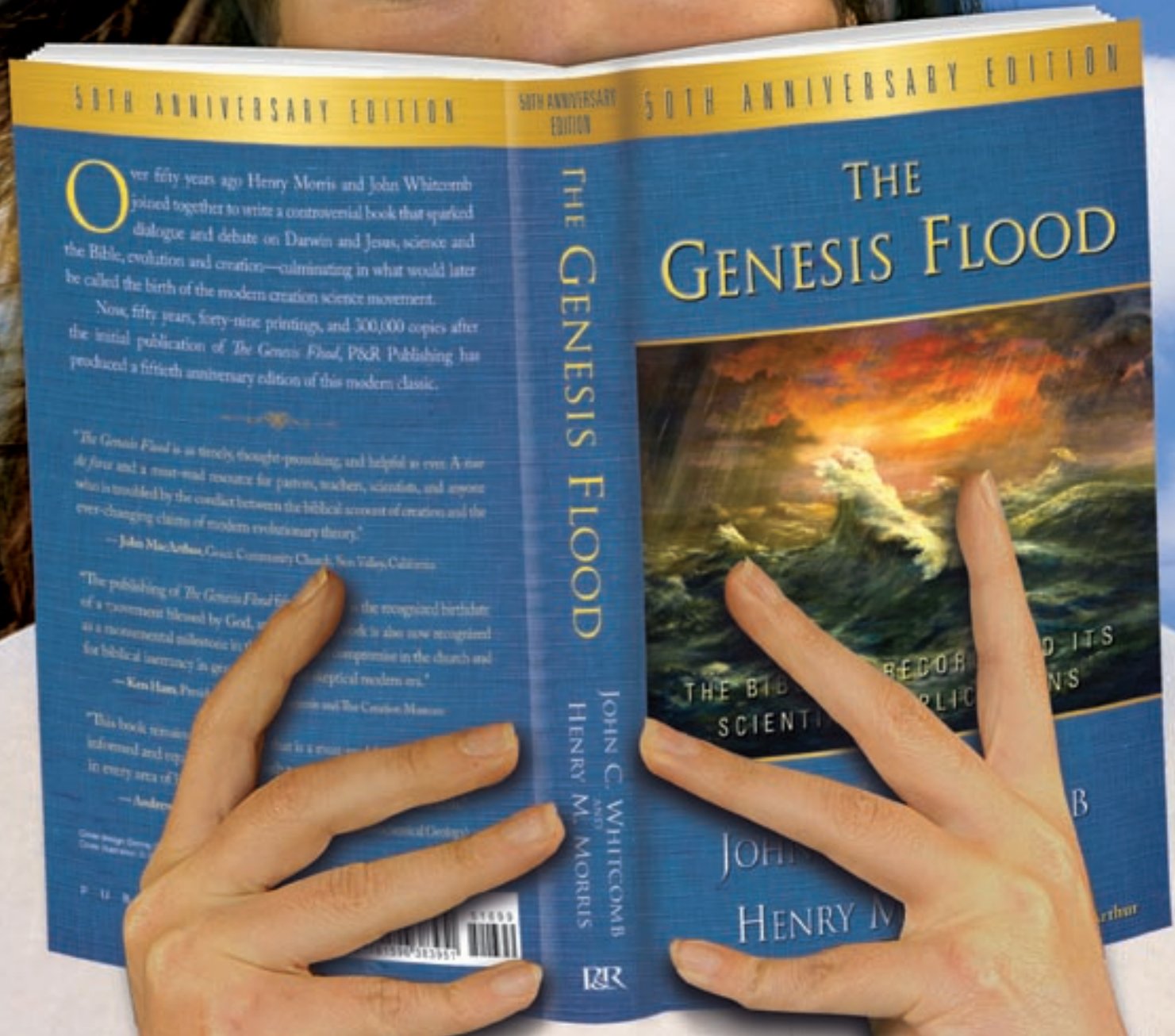
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Over fifty years ago Henry Morris and John Whitcomb joined together to write a controversial book that sparked dialogue and debate on Darwin and Jesus, science and the Bible, evolution and creation—culminating in what would later be called the birth of the modern creation science movement.

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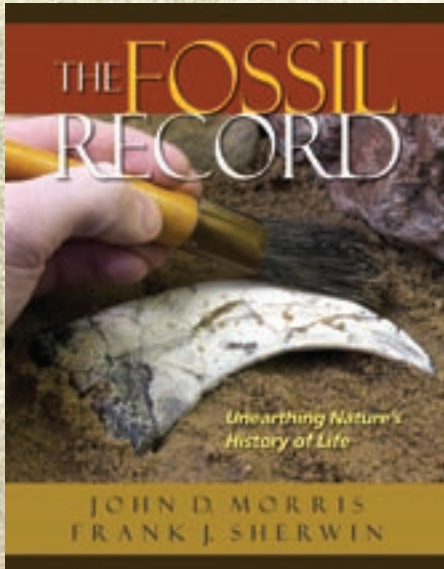
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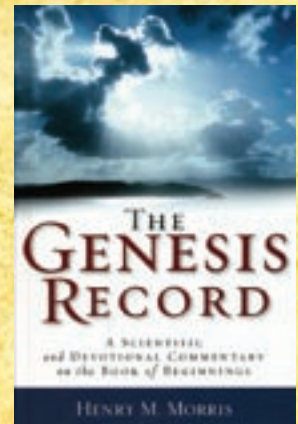
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The Ongoing Impact of Creation Truth

Wise King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes that there is really nothing new under the sun. While a lot of “progress” or “thought” seems new to us, we are merely discoverers of those things God has already established from before the foundation of the world. And yet, this knowledge should not discourage us from thinking new thoughts or moving forward with innovation; it rather keeps what we do in perspective. No one can take glory from God, our Creator.

And when something we do or say impacts our world—reaching millions with truth, for instance—then we can be rightfully thankful that God would use even us to touch the lives of others. I think that’s how Dr. Henry Morris, ICR’s founder, would view the sum of his life and work—with gratitude to God.

What Henry Morris did a half century ago started a movement that lasts to this day, impacting millions around the world with the message of the Creator. Looking back, as the Bible sometimes reminds us, gives us an opportunity to be thankful, as well as courage to face the challenges that lie before us in the months and years to come.

Each January we take the opportunity in *Acts & Facts* to review the blessings of God during the last twelve months, and we have much for which to be thankful. And one of the biggest blessings is the celebration of the movement that Henry Morris began in 1961 with the publication of the book he co-authored with theologian John Whitcomb—*The Genesis Flood*. That book, now

available in a 50th anniversary edition, continues to speak to Christians and non-Christians alike all around the world.

Every creation scientist today stands on the shoulders of these men as they discover new evidence demonstrating the accuracy and authority of the Bible. Whether in geology or genetics, research continues in the same spirit that Dr. Morris established over 50 years ago. Now with new initiatives in the life sciences, ICR scientists are reporting their findings each month in *Acts & Facts* in the research columns and Impact articles.

Read our feature article “Celebrating 50 Years” and join us in giving thanks for all that God has been doing at ICR.

Of special note in January is ICR’s participation at the annual pastors conference in Jacksonville, Florida, later this month. CEO Dr. Henry Morris III will be holding four seminars on the topic of Teaching Through Genesis, joined by Dr. Mac Brunson and Dr. Al Mohler for panel discussions. Dr. Morris will be releasing a brand-new book at this significant event.

And this is a great time to express my thanks to a great staff that makes *Acts & Facts* and *Days of Praise* the best creation periodicals available, reaching hundreds of thousands of readers each day around the world.

Your faithful and generous support allows us to fulfill this great calling that Dr. Henry Morris began over 50 years ago. It’s a calling we take seriously and a mission we continue to fulfill. Thank you.

Lawrence E. Ford
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

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L A W R E N C E E . F O R D

Each January we take time in *Acts & Facts* to look back at the Lord's blessings upon the ministry of the Institute for Creation Research over the past year. It's good to pause and give thanks before we plow into the new year and all the activities that await us.

Of great importance to ICR in 2011 was the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the book by John Whitcomb and Henry Morris titled *The Genesis Flood*. In continuous publication since 1961, this book started the modern creation science movement and had an impact that continues to resonate around the world today. Working with Dr. Whitcomb last spring and with Presbyterian & Reformed Publishers, we created new content to place in the front of a special 50th anniversary edition of this significant work. Celebrations occurred throughout 2011 honoring both men and the impact of the book on millions around the world.

The mission of ICR since its founding in 1970 is best described in three main areas of work: Research, Education, and Communications.



ICR is doing now and has done in our 40-year history in scientific research on origins.

How do we understand the biblical “kind” today? Are there genetic clues showing how God’s marvelous design accounts for the vast diversity of the animal kingdom that has developed since Ararat? What about the supposed similarities between humans and chimps? These and other questions are currently being explored by our ICR science team in this multi-year life sciences project.

Drs. Jeanson and Tomkins are aided in their efforts by team members Dr. Randy Guliuzza, Dr. Brad Forlow, and Dr. James J. S. Johnson, along with zoologist Frank Sherwin and Science Writer Brian Thomas. ICR President Dr. John Morris and Senior Research Associate Dr. Larry Vardiman round out the ICR research staff.

Teaching the Teachers

Since its founding over 40 years ago, ICR has been teaching the teachers in one form or another, and currently our education initiatives are seen in three areas: graduate education, professional development, and K-12 teacher training.

An academician all his life, Dr. Henry Morris founded ICR with graduate level education in mind. He wanted Christian school teachers to be thoroughly grounded in scientific understanding from a biblical point of view. Many of the graduates of our science program in California were able to obtain a

Master of Science degree that would help advance them as professionals, as well as equip them to teach science properly in the Christian school setting.

Since ICR moved to Texas, a new graduate school was launched in 2009 to broaden ICR’s ability to teach the teachers about creation, evolution, and biblical authority. The School of Biblical Apologetics (SOBA) graduated its first class of students last November, with eight earning a Master of Christian Education and one a Bachelor of Christian Education from the two-year program.

Additionally, under the leadership of Dr. James J. S. Johnson, SOBA’s Chief Academic Officer, the school launched its online program in September 2011 in order to accommodate the needs of students around the world who desire solid biblical training in apologetics. With



Bio-Origins Research

You probably have noticed how much more detailed our research columns have become since Drs. Nathaniel Jeanson and Jeffrey Tomkins began to share their work regarding our Bio-Origins Project. The research chart we developed last year for visitors to ICR is wall-size and shows just how enormous and multifaceted the work of our researchers is. Visit our Research portal at www.icr.org/research to read more about the four main bio-origins questions depicted on the chart that are currently under investigation, as well as the work

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rolling admissions and a convenient self-paced format, SOBA offers current ministry professionals the opportunity to dig deeper into Scripture in order to prepare them to meet the needs of individuals who desire a more thorough understanding of God's Word and God's work. Visit www.icr.edu/soba for more information about the school, its faculty, and the many courses it offers students.

Ministry Preparation

Since 2007, ICR has offered a non-degree training program called The Creationist Worldview, completely online and self-paced, designed for Christians everywhere who want

The CREATIONIST WORLDVIEW

to have a thorough grounding in worldview, biblical origins and the Genesis record, scientific creationism, and the stewardship mandate applied to today's world. Divided into five modules and 33 courses, The Creationist Worldview can be completed in as few as ten months from the convenience of home or office. More than 330 students have enrolled in the program. Visit www.icr.org/cw for more information and to see a demo of this unique worldview educational opportunity.

Reaching K-12 Teachers and Students

In January 2011, ICR hired Dr. Rhonda Forlow as its new K-12 Education Specialist. A former teacher and administrator in Virginia and Texas, Dr. Forlow has been involved in elevating ICR's visibility among K-12 science teachers who want solid biblical advice and materials for both the Christian school and homeschool environments.

Dr. Forlow was a consultant to Prestonwood Baptist Church in its creation-themed VBS in 2011, and led the CSI: Creation Science Investigation program for local junior high students last spring. Additionally, she has advised ICR on curriculum development to meet the needs of science teachers more precisely.

In October, ICR launched Dr. Forlow's



new blog called Science Essentials as a resource for teachers for biblical, creation-based science materials for K-12 students. In just the first month of its launch, the site saw some 10,000 views of the blog. With articles, activities, discussion starters, and much more, Dr. Forlow's postings connect with teachers who want practical resources for teaching science from a biblical creation perspective. Visit www.science-essentials.org to explore the blog's many enriching educational tools.

For many years, ICR has partnered with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), providing speakers at their regional conventions all over the United States.



In 2011, ACSI asked ICR to provide digital video content on the issues of biblical creation and science education for their new Nexus program, which allows K-12 schools and teachers to access the same great seminars that our scientists give live to education professionals throughout the year.

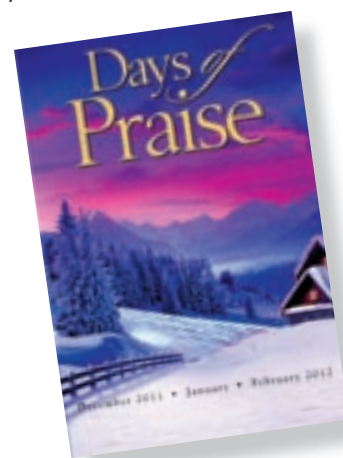
Additionally, ICR scientists and staff continue to speak at numerous Christian school and homeschool conventions around the country, giving teachers and parents first-hand exposure to biblical truth about the wonders of God's creation.

Creatively Communicating the Message

Communicating the wonders of God's creation requires a variety of creative avenues to distribute the message of the Bible to youth and adults alike. ICR is committed to our message, but we are eager to use the tools available to us to get that message across to scientists, pastors, teachers, students, and many others who desire to know what God says in His Word and how He has displayed His attributes in creation.

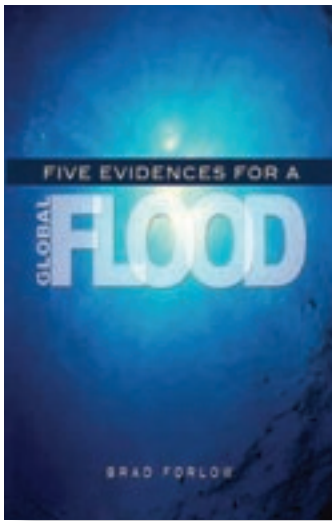


Acts & Facts is now in its 40th year of continuous publication and is ICR's signature periodical, allowing some 250,000 readers a look at biblically based articles on science, education, and apologetics. The publishing staff members at ICR who produce *Acts & Facts* each month are committed to excellence and it's my privilege to work with these fine individuals, along with each of our writers, to give readers around the world the finest presentations in creation science in a way that we can all understand. In December, we added Jayme Durant as a new Associate Editor on our *Acts & Facts* publishing team. A special thanks to Managing Editor Beth Mull for ensuring that this magazine gets into your hands each and every month.



Days of Praise, ICR's devotional, reaches over 300,000 readers every day through print, web, and email versions. The Russian-language edition reaches an additional 33,000 families in the Ukraine and other former Soviet nations.

Our publishing group is pleased with additional book titles released or in production during 2011 and the wider distribution



that ICR titles are receiving through our improved online store. Dr. Brad Forlow, Associate Science Editor, released a great little book titled *5 Evidences for a Global Flood* in conjunction with our celebration of the 50th anniversary of the seminal work *The Genesis Flood* by Drs. Whitcomb and Morris. In December, we distributed nearly 25,000 of these books to ICR supporters. And Dr. Forlow is working on future titles that will be used to encourage audiences around the country, especially at ICR conferences and seminars.

ICR will be releasing quite soon a fantastic new book on the design and complexity of the cell that Drs. Tomkins and Jeanson completed for us last year. This highly visual, hardcover book will be a wonderful addition to the many signature titles for which ICR has been best known through the decades. In addition, Dr. John Morris, ICR's president, completed a manuscript titled *The Global Flood* that will be released later this year as a great new resource in keeping with the success of his recent book *The Fossil Record*, now in its third printing.

Dr. Rhonda Forlow collaborated with our designers and scientists to create a brand-new science teaching poster last fall called *Designed for Life*, especially made for junior high and high school teachers to use in Christian schools and in the homeschool setting. This is the fifth teaching poster in our annual series. These posters are always a



great hit as giveaways at our K-12 education seminars and conventions.

Expanding into the Digital Age

In July, ICR expanded its media and broadcast emphasis, upgrading the video production studio at our Dallas headquarters in order to create a variety of promotional and teaching programs for our seminars and conferences, as well as for a new generation of viewers who need exposure to creation truth through a variety of digital avenues.



One video production that's been a hit around the world is the new weekly show called *That's a Fact* (www.icr.org/thats-a-fact), designed to give one creation truth in two minutes or less. The goal of these fun video shorts is to capture the attention of those in the 21st century who depend more on digital devices and the Internet for their information. Professionally produced in ICR's studio, *That's a Fact* airs each week to an audience in

over 100 countries. The new show had nearly 100,000 hits on its show site in the first three months of its launch. And this is just one of the many new shows that ICR will be using to teach biblical creation apologetics to up and coming generations.

Communicating the message of creation at ICR involves many dedicated staff who labor to provide easy access to biblical and scientific evidences. Did you know that ICR's website contains some 12,000 pages of articles and information for study? Richard Pferdner

and his great Internet ministries team ensure that you have access to this content each and every day, allowing you to read short, pithy articles in our Daily Science Updates, devotionals from our *Days of Praise*, or articles from our *Acts & Facts* magazine. Even

technical science articles can be found on our research pages for those who want to dig even deeper.

Running the Race

ICR is committed to providing easily accessible content about the Bible and science that is biblical and accurate, carefully developed and reviewed by our experts, and creatively presented by our Communications and Internet staff in order to reach those who still love to hold a book or magazine in their hands, as well as those who prefer to absorb our material on their phones, tablets, or laptops.

Faithful readers like you around the world bring us great encouragement with your Letters to the Editor and, of course, through your generous financial support of our work. Know that ICR will not waver in its commitment to the biblical creation message, to the accuracy of the Genesis record, and to the creative communication of these truths now and for generations to come. ●

Mr. Ford is Executive Editor at the Institute for Creation Research.

Human-Chimp DNA Comparison Research Yields Lower Genetic Similarity

J E F F R E Y T O M K I N S , P H . D .

The ICR life sciences team has completed the second phase of its project comparing human and chimp DNA sequence. As we reported in a previous research column, 40,000 purportedly random chimpanzee DNA sequences were obtained from the National Center for Biotechnology (NCBI).^{1, 2} The chimp sequences (740 nucleotides each on average) were compared to four different versions of the human genome using the commonly employed genetic algorithm called BLASTN.³

As indicated in the first part of the study, 15 different experiments testing a comprehensive set of algorithm parameters were performed. These involved 600,000 attempted alignments between the chimp sequences and the human genome. In this set of experiments, no low-complexity sequence masking was performed. All of the available DNA sequence was tested and none of it was excluded.

The masking of low-complexity DNA sequence is a feature that is typically utilized by evolutionists when they compare DNA. Masking supposedly removes the non-coding portions of the genome that are not conducive to evolutionary results. However, science has proven that the entire human genome is functional and virtually every region is critical to cell life.^{4, 5} Additionally, evolutionists are now reversing themselves and claiming that the non-coding DNA is where important features related to human evolution are located and, thus, are important areas to study as well.⁶

Nevertheless, in the second phase of our human-chimp experiments, the 600,000 alignments of the first phase were completely repeated while using low-complexity sequence masking. As a result, a sum total of 1.2 million attempted alignments between the chimp and human genomes was performed, generating one of the most comprehensive genome-wide DNA sequence similarity studies ever conducted between chimp and human. The results and conclusions in their entirety are currently being published in the *Answers Research Journal* and should be available online at answersingensis.org/arj in the near future.

The usage of sequence masking in the second phase

did very little to change the overall numbers achieved in the first phase of the study. The use of masking had the effect of decreasing computational time about five- to six-fold, lengthening the alignments slightly, lowering the number of database hits in some cases, and lowering the percent nucleotide identity slightly. Depending on the algorithm parameter combinations, average sequence identity between human and chimp for both phases of the study varied between 86 and 89 percent.

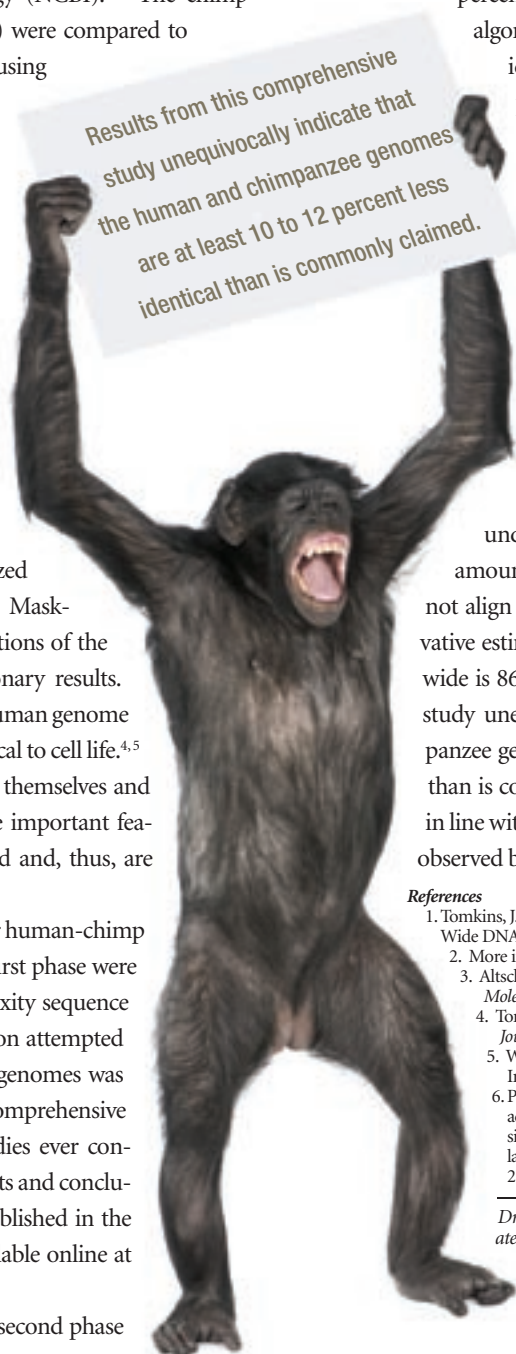
Interestingly, the chimp sequences that were utilized were subsequently implicated by personal correspondence with NCBI staff and supporting data from this study to be pre-screened for similarity to the human genome. Thus, they were not truly random chimp genome sequences, but known to be homologous to human DNA at some level.

Nevertheless, excluding data for the number of chimp sequences that did not align under stringent algorithm conditions or the large amount of bases within each chimp sequence that did not align (under all algorithm conditions), a very conservative estimate of human-chimp DNA similarity genome-wide is 86 to 89 percent. Results from this comprehensive study unequivocally indicate that the human and chimpanzee genomes are at least 10 to 12 percent less identical than is commonly claimed. These results are more clearly in line with the large anatomical and behavioral differences observed between human and chimp.

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ICR JANUARY EVENTS

■ January 13-14

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■ January 16-18

Merritt Island, FL –
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Conference
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■ January 18

Hot Springs, SD –
Cornerstone Bible Institute
(R. Guliuzza)
605.745.6878

■ January 26-29

Jacksonville, FL –
First Baptist Church Pastors
Conference 2012
(H. Morris III)
888.827.1825

For more information on these events or to schedule an event, please contact the ICR Events Department at **800.337.0375** or events@icr.org.

Understanding and Teaching Genesis

The 2012 FBC Jacksonville Pastors Conference will be held January 26-29 at First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, where ICR board member Dr. Mac Brunson is senior pastor. The theme is God in the Life of the Pastor, and the conference is designed to encourage and strengthen those who are actively engaged in ministry.

As in previous years, the Institute for Creation Research is sponsoring this significant event. In addition, ICR CEO Dr. Henry Morris III will present a special 4-part series titled “Teaching Through Genesis,” which is also the focus of his new book. As a former pastor, Dr. Morris provides valuable insights for tackling tough biblical and theological subjects. His series will offer the following

presentations:

- Seminar 1: Teaching Through Genesis—An Overview
- Seminar 2: Theological Questions in Genesis
- Seminar 3: Genesis and the Gospel
- Seminar 4: Worldview Issues in Genesis

During Seminars 2 and 3, Dr. Morris will be joined for a pastors’ Q&A by Dr. Brunson and Dr. Al Mohler, President of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and keynote speaker at ICR’s 40th anniversary celebration in 2010.

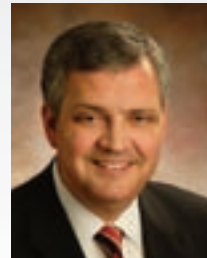
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Bait and Switch: A Trick Used by Both Anglerfish and Evolutionists

JAMES J. S. JOHNSON, J.D., T.H.D.

“Bait and switch” is one of the oldest tactics under the sun...or seawater. In it, a person (or creature) is lured by something desirable that is then switched out with something much less desirable, or even fatal. It is a fact of life in this fallen world—in the world of nature, in courts of law, and in evolutionary stories about origins.



Bait and Switch in the World of Nature

Consider the female anglerfish. These bony predators lure their prey with a shiny, wiggling, tentacle-like appendage that looks like edible bait. When a would-be diner approaches the “bait,” the female anglerfish’s teeth-laced jaws (and stretchable cheek pouches) predatorily swallow whole the doomed grazer.

The anglerfish—technically termed “teleost lophiiformes”¹—lives in deep seawater (pelagic anglerfish) or as a bottom-dweller along the continental shelves (benthic anglerfish). This strange fish displays an ecological lifestyle that requires all-or-nothing unity design; either its critical features all work together within its exotic habitat, or else the anglerfish population cannot survive its own life cycle. Its very existence defies evolution:

One of God’s amazing creations is the deep-sea Angler fish. This fish makes its home more than a mile deep in ocean water. On her forehead the female has a “fishing rod” [flexible filament appendage] tipped with an “artificial worm.” She dangles this “bait” over her mouth to attract her next meal. Ah, but there is a problem—her next meal cannot see the bait, since it is too dark under more than a mile of seawater...The only possibility [of this fish surviving] is that God created the Angler fish with all the fully-func-

tional equipment it needed to survive at great depths. To solve this darkness problem, God created a special kind of light on the bait. This light displays highly advanced technology—it gives off no heat! A compound called Luciferin is oxidized with the help of an enzyme that scientists named Luciferase, and this reaction produces heatless light. (Research scientists have broken down Luciferase into more than 1,000 proteins, but they still do not know how the heatless light is produced.)...Ask an evolutionist how a deep-sea fish could evolve the ability to produce high-tech light on an artificial bait dangled over the fish’s mouth? God has made His creation to display His glory and power. No one could look at the Angler fish and say it is the result of the “impersonal plus time and chance,” unless that person had already decided to refuse to believe in the God of the Bible (Romans 1).²

As Christians, we appreciate how ingeniously God designed and operates the various anglerfish with which He has populated the ocean. But, if we were the hungry victims tricked by the anglerfish female’s shiny “lure,” our last thought might be that we had fallen prey to a deadly “bait and switch” tactic.

Bait and Switch in the Courts of Law

The concept of bait and switch as a deceptive trade practice that victimizes consumers is a familiar problem in commercial law. For example, the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices—Consumer Protection Act prohibits “bait and switch” sales tactics as suable offenses.³ Other states, as well as some federal agencies, have similar laws prohibiting “bait and switch” marketing tactics.⁴

However, sometimes even the laws themselves seem to play bait and switch tricks on the unwary. They say one thing,

but substitute another.

What about a federal law that prohibits “discharging a pollutant” into a “navigable river” of the United States—can that law criminalize pouring sand onto an Arizona desert, or adding clean fill dirt to *dry* land? Could a local government moving trash at its own city dump be deemed guilty of “discharging a pollutant” into a navigable river? The answer to these legal questions is “yes.”⁵

In the case of *United States v. Mills*, the defendants were sentenced to 21 months in prison, plus a \$5,000 fine, plus a year of supervised post-incarceration release, because a federal law protecting navigable rivers was stretched—in a Procrustean transmogrification—to criminalize their development of their own *dry* land, causing even the federal trial judge to pause:

Of course, to a layman, a “wetland” is land that is most often, if not mostly, wet....Despite its blanket approval of the [Army] Corps’ regulatory authority over “wetlands,” it is doubtful that the Supreme Court realized that the Corps’ definition extends to land that appears to be dry, but which has some saturated-soil vegetation, as is the situation here....This case presents the disturbing implications of the expansive jurisdiction which has been assumed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers under the Clean Water Act. In a reversal of terms that is worthy of *Alice in Wonderland*, the regulatory hydra which emerged from the Clean Water Act mandates in this case that a landowner who places clean fill dirt on a plot of subdivided *dry* land may be imprisoned for the statutory felony offense of “discharging pollutants into the navigable waters of the United States.”⁶

Likewise, arid desert lands in Arizona that are normally dry arroyos may be legally defined as “wetlands,” according to this federal regulatory practice, and if they are recognized as “wetlands” they are treated (at law) as if they are “navigable rivers.”⁷

In Mount Pleasant, a small town in East Texas, the city dump covered some garbage, and the excavated area accumulated some standing water, which facilitated the growth of some “hydrophilic” weeds. Those weeds were deemed “indicator” plants; this triggered the city dump as fitting the regulatory definition of a “wetland.” Thus, the city dump’s weeds redefined the landfill as an Army jurisdiction “wetland”; it could not be used again until the expensive and time-consuming process of wetland permitting was satisfied.⁸

So, bait and switch marketing is a violation of deceptive trade practices law. Yet even the laws themselves sometimes seem like such a trap for the unwary.

Bait and Switch in Evolutionary Mythology

Bait and switch is a tactic often used by evolutionists, but it was used by the Creator’s detractors long before Darwin and Huxley. The serpent baited Eve, in Eden, with the promise that eating the forbidden fruit would make Adam and Eve “as gods” (Genesis 3:5). This was the first and worst case of false advertising.

But Darwin’s sophistic marketing phrase “natural selection” likely

holds the record as the slickest bait and switch ploy of evolution’s marketing team. By using the word “selection,” Darwin necessarily implies a “selector,” a decision-maker capable of making an information-based choice.⁹ Yet, by using the adjective “natural,” Darwin appears to remove the supernatural—i.e., God the Creator. An inanimate “pond” of mythical “soup” has no intelligence for selecting anyone or anything, so the phrase “natural selection” is itself a semantic bait and switch—implying intelligent decisions, then switching to a physical environment of nonliving “stuff” incapable of intelligent selection.

As Dr. Randy Guliuzza thoroughly analyzed and repeatedly demonstrated in his recent series of *Acts & Facts* articles, the naturalistic theory of evolution provides no identifiable “selector” who can actually make any favorable (or unfavorable) selections, whether those selections be “natural” or not.¹⁰

This is a fatal flaw in the attempted logic of evolutionary theory, because the magical phrase “natural selection” is absolutely needed to provide a theoretical mechanism to allow the possibility of past and present diversity of life (in their breedable kinds) on earth, *apart from a Creator just like the God of the Bible*.

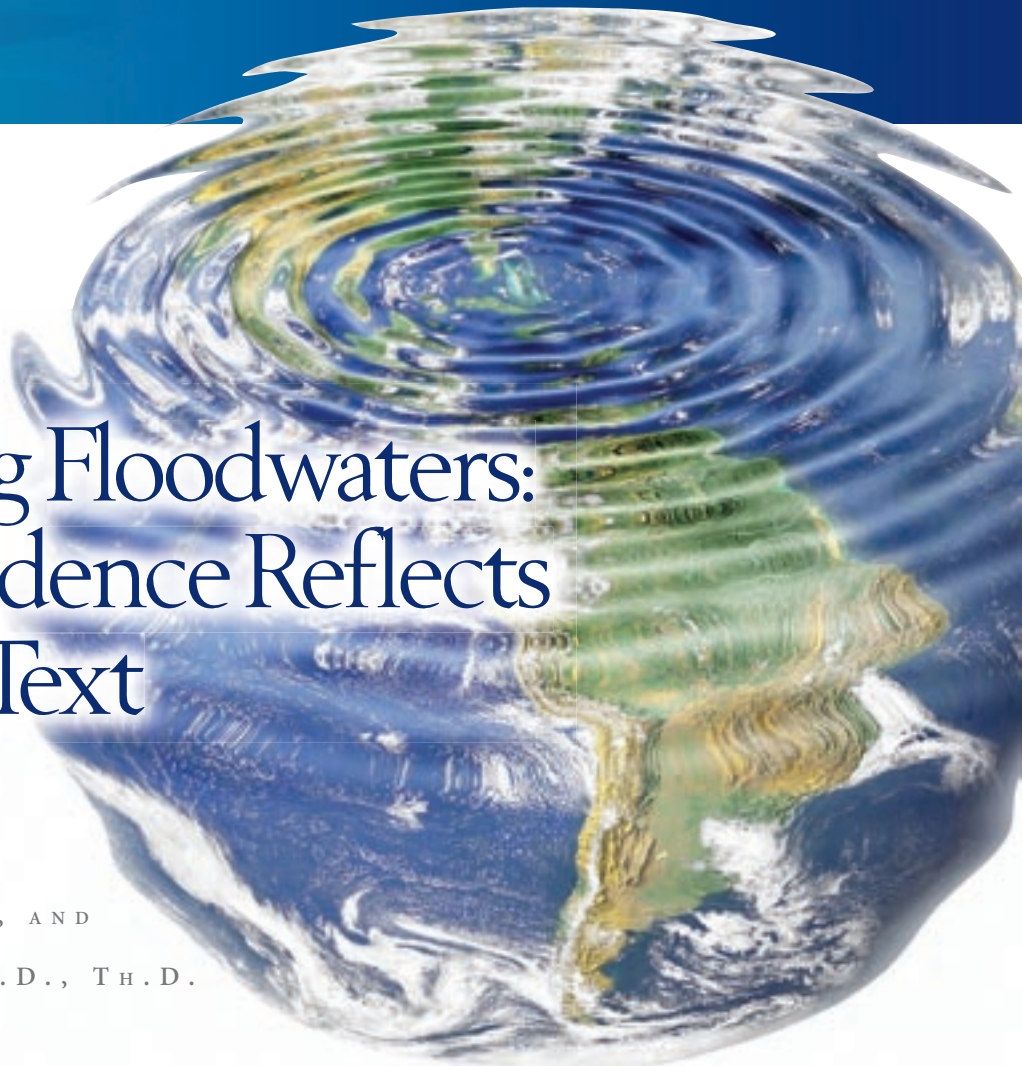
But, there is no natural “selector” to substitute for God. So, because evolutionary theory cannot explain the arrival of earth’s living creatures, there are no logical candidates to be the “survivors” who are “fittest.”

Bait and switch is nothing new. The anglerfish lure is a predator’s baiting tactic. Some laws are themselves misleading traps for the unwary. And evolution’s sales pitch, “natural selection,” is a serpentine snare.¹¹ Don’t fall for the naturalistic bait! ●

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The Draining Floodwaters: Geologic Evidence Reflects the Genesis Text

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Mainstream geology has long dismissed the idea that the earth was once subjected to a global flood that cataclysmically annihilated all land-dwelling, air-breathing life except for a remnant preserved in the Ark. In 1961, however, Drs. Henry Morris and John Whitcomb published *The Genesis Flood*, which examined the evidence and concluded that it affirms the accuracy and authority of the biblical account. Since that time, studies have continually confirmed that the geologic record aligns with the Bible’s depiction of an earth-destroying flood.

The Genesis account of the global Flood succinctly describes stage after stage of that unique catastrophe. Genesis 8:3 summarizes the stage in which the floodwaters drained enough to allow Noah’s Ark to rest on a mountainside. But while the waters were moving, they followed a remarkable rhythmic pattern of ocean-water movement—specifically a repetitious action that could be described as “to and fro” (or “back and forth”):

And the waters returned from off the earth continually; and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. (Genesis 8:3)

In the biblical Hebrew text, this verse reads as follows:

וַיָּשׁוּבוּ הַמַּיִם מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ הַלֵּוֹף וַיָּשׁוּבוּ וַיִּחַסְרוּ הַמַּיִם מִקִּצָּה
הַמַּשָּׁיִם וַיִּקָּאֵת יָם:

A few of these Hebrew words justify special scrutiny. The recession of the floodwaters is denoted by the verse’s first verb, *vayyashûbû*,

which means “and they returned.” But who or what are “they”? (In other words, what “returned” in Genesis 8:3?) The second word in the sentence provides the answer: *hamayim*, “the waters.” The next two words, *mē’al ha’arets*, translate as “from upon the earth.”

Thus, as the Flood’s globe-enveloping waters drained off the face of the earth, they were somehow “returning” to where they had originated, both the “fountains of the great deep” (Genesis 7:11) and the ocean basins.

The next two Hebrew words, *halôkh vashûbh*, provide a verbal picture of the draining waters swaying in a rhythmic mega-wave movement. Although the King James Version translates this two-word phrase with the one word “continually,” the Hebrew phrase contains more information than that. The Hebrew wording connotes the water motion as being “continual,” yet it also denotes a directional movement that matches the English phrases “to and fro” and “back and forth.” Specifically, the phrase *halôkh vashûbh* is a linkage of two Hebrew verb participles, one derived from the verb *halak* and the other derived from the verb *shûb*.

In the English language, the usual manner of producing a verb participle is to add “ing” to the verb base—e.g., add-ing, subtract-ing, read-ing, listen-ing, etc. In the Hebrew phrase *halôkh vashûbh*, the *va* is a conjunction meaning “and,” so the literal idea of *halôkh vashûbh* is that the draining Flood waters were rhythmically “*halak*-ing and *shûb*-ing.”

What does it mean that the waters were *halak*-ing and *shûb*-ing? The answer to that question can be found by determining the basic meaning of the two root verbs, *halak* and *shûb*.

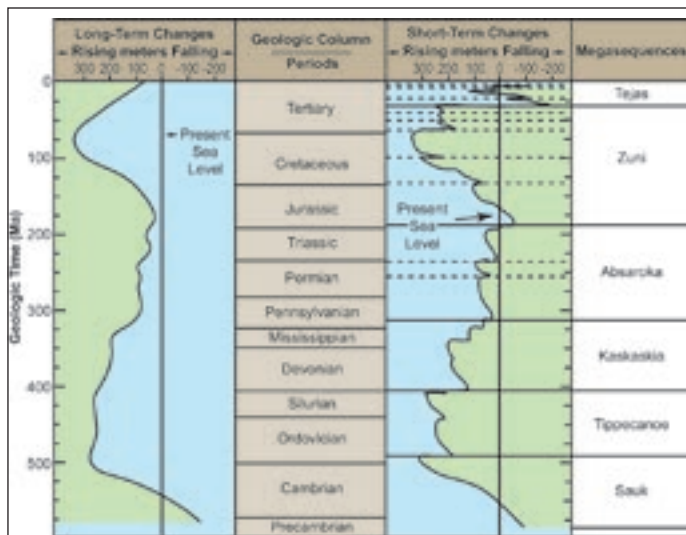
A review of the Old Testament Index-Lexicon in *Young’s Analyti-*

cal Concordance to the Bible (page 17) shows that the Hebrew verb *halak* is most typically translated as “go” (217x *qal*, 8x *piel*, 8x *hithpael*) and “walk” (110x *qal*, 32x *hithpael*), but also as “come” (16x *qal*) and similar words that involve travel-like directional movement. *Young’s* also shows that a similar Hebrew verb, *yalak*, is translated by comparable words, e.g., “walk” (123x *qal*) and “go” (630x *qal*) (page 53).¹

Young’s indicates that the Hebrew verb *shûb* is most typically translated as “return again” (369x *qal*), “come again” (43x *qal*), “turn again” (40x *qal*), “bring again” (66x *hiphil*), and similar words that indicate a returning directional movement (page 47).¹ Because both Hebrew verbs (*halak* and *shûb*) are participles, their combined action is a continuing action—the waters are *continually* going and returning.

Thus, as the floodwaters were abating (i.e., draining), they were also continuing to move in a repetitive (perhaps rhythmic or wave-like) manner, going back and forth, to and fro, like the tides of the ocean.

A repetitive back-and-forth movement of floodwaters is the rock-solid evidence we observe in the geologic record of the Flood. The sedimentary rocks and fossils left in the floodwaters’ wake contain abundant evidence of the ocean-waters transgressing over the continents and then regressing back into the ocean. In fact, geologists have identified at least six separate worldwide “transgression” and “regression” sequences called “megasequences” preserved in the rock record.



Sea level changes over geologic “time,” with transgressions swinging to the left and regressions back to the right. Notice that the sea level changes ignore geologic periods but define the megasequences. Modified after Sloss and Vail.²

The accompanying chart references the standard concept of geologic “time,” with the long-ago past at the bottom and the present at the top, with individual periods noted. This is thought to represent the period of time that complex life has existed on earth. Note that during the latter part of the Zuni Megasequence, the ocean level rapidly oscillated, yet it was “coming and going” throughout all periods.

Of course, recognizing that old-earth scenarios are hopelessly flawed,^{3,4} we would certainly disagree with the chart’s long time span of

600 million years, preferring instead to interpret the whole as the record of the great Flood of Noah’s day. Moving upward, we see the bottom as the early Flood period, then the mid-Flood, the waning stages of the Flood, and the post-Flood time at the top. The Genesis 8:3 grounding occurred during the later Zuni, when floodwaters were at their maximum and then began to wane. Within the rising and maintaining Flood portions of the chart is where geologists have seen these six (maybe subdivided into more) megasequences. During the final drainage, the waters came and went with greater frequency.

Each of these sequences begins with a record of violent incursion of the ocean over the land, first depositing a basal coarse sand, then smaller grains, and then chemical precipitation as the energy levels lessened, ending with the water rushing back seaward with a mighty erosion episode. Each transgression landward followed each regression seaward in a continuous cycle of floods, until all was totally destroyed. These were not separate floods but one unimaginable super-flood, with repeated pulses of terror.

In the beginning, God created everything “very good,” with man as God’s caretaker over His creation (Genesis 1:26-31). Tragically, it wasn’t long before man fully rejected the Creator’s authority and chose to disobey. But disobedience is sin, and “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23), and from that point forward all things began to die. Before long, sin dominated the earth to such an extent that the Creator decided to destroy sinful man and the tainted creation and start again with a remnant who would be spared. The primary purpose of the Flood was judgment of sin and its terrible effects.

Scripture doesn’t give us all the details of the Flood events, but geology can “fill in the blanks.” Remember, God’s primary purpose for the great Flood was total annihilation of the continents and the life they held (Genesis 6:7).

The Flood involved much more than water flooding the land, standing above the mountains for a while, and then draining. Moving water contains much energy, while standing water does little work. God promised He was going to destroy the wicked, violent inhabitants of earth along with the earth, and super-powered cleansing floodwaters—washing “back and forth” across the land—appears to be the tool God chose to accomplish it. ●

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The St. Peter Sandstone

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In this month's Impact article, Dr. James Johnson and I introduced the concept of megasequences in geology, which are confirmed by a literal reading of Genesis. Recognition of the fact that the sedimentary geologic layers are not separate entities, but are grouped in "packages," came through plotting the sediment types, location, and "ages" on the continental scale. The megasequences were first discovered by professional geologists who were primarily involved in oil and gas exploration through field identification of correlating layers, and oil well logs and cuttings. The concept was much extended through the use of subsurface seismic exploration, and now all professionals have adopted and use the concept.

Each grouping of sedimentary layers contains features best understood in the sense of a transgression of the ocean onto the continents, followed by a regression back into the sea and the resulting erosion, followed by a second sequence, and then another. Uniformitarians interpret each sequence as having taken many millions of years.

During transgression, the waters brought and deposited sediment (usually marine) on the continent. During regression, the waters eroded much newly deposited and older sediments as they ran off the continents, producing a recognizable erosional boundary called an unconformity. The six (or more) megasequences comprise the entire Phanerozoic (fossil-bearing) geologic column, and have been correlated with beds right across North America and even onto other continents. Since rapidly moving water can accomplish much geologic work, while stationary water does little, this concept bears promise as the primary character of the great Flood of Noah's day.



Area covered by the St. Peter Sandstone and correlating strata, the basal sandstone deposited at the beginning of the Tippecanoe Megasequence.

Each sequence begins with a basal sandstone containing sand grains of lessening diameter as one moves upward through the layer. This is typically covered by shale or siltstone composed of tiny particles, which in turn is covered by extremely tiny, precipitated particles. The lowest megasequence is the Sauk Megasequence, which was followed by an erosional unconformity. The overlying megasequence is called the Tippecanoe Megasequence. The pure quartz sandstone at its base is called the St. Peter Sandstone, and above that lie shale and limestone beds, also followed by an unconformity.

The erosion and resulting unconformity that ended the Sauk Megasequence was totally unlike anything we have ever witnessed, and would actually be wholly impossible today. This erosional episode worked on the recent Sauk deposits and planed them off to a nearly flat, featureless plain. On the entire continent, no mountain remained, for the St. Peter Sandstone covers essentially the entire continent with a sheet of sand roughly three thousand miles by one thousand miles in area,

yet less than 300 feet thick! Evidently, even though subsequent erosion has now removed the sandstone in some areas, it was essentially continuous at first, implying there were no high places on the continent that received no sediment. This can be better comprehended by considering a sheet of paper 0.1 millimeters thick measuring 1 kilometer by 0.6 kilometer draped across a surface flattened with extreme care. This could not have been accomplished by river erosion. The only adequate mechanism is by "sheet erosion"—rapidly flowing water of equal depth that covered a wide area.

Uniformitarianism considers the sand to have been deposited by a transgressing shoreline, with sand accumulating on the beach and offshore over about five million years, all the while migrating across the continent. They consider the St. Peter Sandstone to be Early Ordovician in age, or about 480 million years old. But the widespread catastrophic conditions required make the Flood proposal more likely. ●

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Basic Questions Remain for the Secular Scientist

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As we proceed into the 21st century, secular scientists are still attempting to eke out a purely material explanation for the origin of the universe and life on this planet. They will not succeed.

New Scientist magazine is a popular British publication for scientist and layman alike. In July 2011, it asked “Why does the universe exist at all?” and “Why is there something rather than nothing?”¹ Biblical explanations are not tolerated, of course, which leads evolutionists to suggest unsatisfying alternatives such as “perhaps the big bang was just nothingness doing what comes naturally.”² But the supposed Big Bang itself has a host of problems.³ In fact, the most basic of all scientific laws—the law of cause and effect (no effect can be greater than its cause)—becomes so much rubbish if the cosmos is the product of chaos, appearing and then evolving by chance.

Not only that, but what is the universe made of? Secular science doesn’t know: “Trouble is, we still haven’t a clue what most of the stuff is made from.”⁴

Science reporter Amanda Geffter says, “It’s lucky you’re here.”⁵ But not surprisingly, the Bible teaches a purposeful creation with man created in God’s image to have dominion over the rest of creation (Genesis 1:26-28).

Attempted explanations of organic life springing from inorganic non-life (abiogen-

esis) fare no better. Currently, evolutionists envision a primeval molecule called an RNA (ribonucleic acid) replicator that somehow assembled itself in Darwin’s “primordial soup.” But there is no geologic evidence for this soup or for how such reactive nucleotides could begin to accumulate and organize themselves.

Indeed, Michael Marshall reported, “But there is still one huge and obvious problem: where did the RNA come from in the first place?”⁶ and “Life must have begun with a simple molecule that could reproduce itself.”⁷ “Must have” is a phrase born out of conviction that the supernatural does not exist and there “must be” a purely materialistic explanation. Further into the article, Marshall laments:

We may never know for sure but many promising avenues are being explored. Most biologists think there must have been something like a cell right from the start, to contain the replicator and keep its component parts together.⁸

As scientists’ knowledge of cellular complexity continues to escalate,⁹ some evolutionists see it as increasingly unrealistic that such an entity arose spontaneously. Is it any wonder they conveniently bypass sophisticated biochemical challenges of spontaneous abiogenesis by simply saying it was “something like a cell right from the start”? Problem solved!

Nevertheless, evolutionists as a whole are

confident they have the right idea:

One day soon, [John Sutherland, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology] says, someone will fill a container with a mix of primordial chemicals, keep it under the right conditions, and watch life emerge. “That experiment will be done.”¹⁰

Don’t hold your breath—good science says otherwise. Life only comes from life.

The wonderful message of creation is not one of chance, time, and natural processes, but one of purpose and plan from the mind of the Creator Himself. ●

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On the Origin of DOGS

B R I A N T H O M A S , M . S .

Overall, there are more dogs than children in American and British households.¹ Dogs have become a huge part of humans' lives. How and when did they get here?

Chromosomes show that "the domestic dog, *Canis lupus familiaris*, is a grey wolf."² Additional DNA studies provide "strong evidence" that all dog breeds descended from a wolf population that was domesticated in southern East Asia.³ Dogs, wolves, coyotes, and foxes can interbreed, so they represent the created dog kind. Over 230 dog breeds have been defined in the 4,300 or so years of post-Flood history.⁴

In his 300 B.C. book *Historiae Animalium*, Aristotle listed the dog separately from the wolf and fox. But University of Otago archaeologist Helen Leach wrote that "systematic breeding only emerged within the

past 300 years."⁵

Over 200 breeds were produced in only 300 years? That doesn't fit with evolution's theory of gradual change, in which new features are supposedly favored by natural selection over vast time periods. A recent experiment proved that dogs most likely changed in just a few generations through pre-designed genetic programming and intentional breeding.

In a study published in *Bioessays* in 2009, Russian researchers selected foxes for "tamability." The experiment began "about 50 years ago" and has produced scores of foxes that look very different from their ancestors.⁶

Researchers selected foxes that were the least aggressive and then bred them. They chose 100 females and 30 males "as the initial parental generation." Then, they carried forward the tamest approximately 10 percent into each successive generation. "As a result of such a rigorous selection, the offspring exhibiting the aggressive and fear avoidance responses were eliminated from the experimental population in just two-three generations of selection," the study authors wrote.⁶

They didn't need thousands of years to produce these changes, just three generations. And at the sixth generation, fox pups eagerly sought human contact, complete with wagging tails, "whining, whimpering, and licking in a dog-like manner."⁶

Quite unexpectedly, however, the newly tamed foxes displayed standard mammalian traits of domestication. Wild horses, cows, sheep, pigs, dogs, and rabbits have stable traits like erect ears, straight tails, uniform coat colors, restricted breeding seasons, and similar body sizes. However, the tame varieties often have floppy ears, curled

tails, spotted coat colors, variations in coat textures and lengths, no set breeding seasons, and marked skeletal size and proportion differences.

Natural selection was supposed to have "fixed" the stable traits into the wild animals over their supposedly countless past generations. But the researchers watched their recently wild fox population rapidly unfold new trait variations that looked just like those of domesticated dogs, cows, and rabbits. Clearly, natural selection has not been filling its billing.

Also, chance-based genetic mutations could not produce the same trait variations in so many different mammals. For this reason, the authors wrote, "Finally, it is difficult to interpret the changes in the domesticated foxes as a result of randomly arisen new mutations."⁶

Instead, changes in gene regulation must have caused the trait variations. Differing gene activity during development resulted in multiple simultaneous physical changes. That's not evolution by mutations, but variations by design. According to the biological evidence, dogs could have developed from a wolf ancestor into "man's best friend" in only three dog generations by selective breeding in the recent past. ●

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Christian Students Hear from Creation Science Expert

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Students from Prestonwood Christian Academy and other area Christian schools got to participate last November in a creation science panel discussion as part of the school's annual Biblical Worldview Institute.

"We hold the Biblical Worldview Institute every year for our students, and then we invite other members from the community," said Dan Panetti, PCA's biblical worldview director. "Other schools have started coming to it, and so has our faculty."

The event, which took place on November 17, 2011, included speakers from the young earth, old earth, and theistic evolution perspectives. About 2,000 attendees from six or seven Christian schools came to the conference this year, including ones from Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. The year before, when the panel discussion featured renowned atheist Christopher Hitchens, about 20 schools attended, including ones from North Carolina, Tennessee, and New Mexico.

The primary issues covered this year were the age of the earth, the fossil record, and the age of humanity. Cell and developmental biologist Nathaniel Jeanson from the Institute for Creation Research presented for the young earth perspective.

"I am very encouraged about the state of the young earth creation science movement

after participating in the panel discussion at Prestonwood," Dr. Jeanson said. "I was pleased with how defensible the young earth position is. Nearly all the arguments made for an old universe and old earth were predictable, and all were easily diffusible."

Biochemist Fazale Rana from Reasons to Believe presented for the old earth perspective, and molecular biologist Raymond Bohlin from Probe Ministries spoke for theistic evolution.

The panel discussion took place from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. and featured talks by each of the presenters, as well as a 30-minute Q&A session with questions from both facilitators and the audience.

At the end of the presentation, the students had lunch and then attended an advisory period, in which groups of ten students and an advisor discussed some questions prompted by the experts.

"We try to raise a bunch of questions and not just answer them," Mr. Panetti said. "Our priority is just to raise the questions and put this on their radar so that the students can start hearing the information and asking intelligent questions."

"During the question and answer time, the students themselves challenged the old



earth position with the positive data for the Flood that I presented," Dr. Jeanson said. "Overall, I think the audience left knowing that the young earth and global Flood views are very well supported by the observable scientific evidence."

The information stayed with the students, Mr. Panetti said, even after a long holiday.

"[The students] were interested in the speakers and what they had to say," he said. "But they were also interested in finding out more information on their own afterwards. And that was the big takeaway for us—that the kids were still talking about this days and even weeks later as they came back after the Thanksgiving break."

"So, it's been good because [the panel discussion] raised a greater level of awareness," he said. "And our main priority is getting our students to think about these things and to think critically." ●

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R H O N D A F O R L O W , E D . D .

The Institute of Creation Research's Science Essentials blog is making an impact! Since its official launch on October 24, subscribers have demonstrated over and over that creation-based science is a high priority for those who teach K-12 students. As ICR's Education Specialist, I currently host the blog, which offers a variety of K-12 creation science resources. Written for Christian school science teachers and administrators, as well as home-

school parents, Science Essentials provides visitors with practical tools for their science and worldview classes—such as discussion starters to use in the classroom and around the dinner table, elementary and secondary activities, thought-provoking questions and ideas, and more.

The blog has almost 1,000 subscribers as of this writing, and readers viewed the first month's posts almost 10,000 times! My Monday posts are more personal and set the

stage for the topic of the week. They will often include a question to answer, as well as a creation science topic structured around ICR's popular *That's A Fact* video shorts. Wednesday posts are separated into elementary (K-5th grade) and secondary (6th-12th grade) science activities to use in the class with students. These activities are designed to be practical and helpful resources to the teacher. Friday posts center around questions to spark discussion in your classroom or around the dinner table at night. Some of the comments we have received are:

We are a homeschool family. I was looking for a way to approach creation science but I didn't know how to do it, or where should I begin because I was educated with an evolution point of view. Thanks to this site, I'll be able to embark on this learning process along with my children. Thank you very much.

Great to see your science stuff here. I am glad you have science education activities available for teachers to use. God bless you and your family as you minister at ICR.

ICR recognizes the challenge Christian teachers face in today's increasingly anti-Christian world. Our desire is to assist you through the resources on this blog in preparing students to defend the faith in a culture biased by an evolutionary worldview that is hostile to the biblical account. Visit the blog at www.science-essentials.org to see our updated look, leave comments, or sign up for emails to receive the latest posts. ●

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Regarding ICR's new *That's a Fact* online video program: I wanted to write and commend you on this fantastic new resource, brilliant for kids because of the short duration but high impact.

— K.G.

I wanted to thank you for the *Days of Praise* daily emails. They have been just what I needed every morning. I look forward to the devotions and have been consistently challenged and renewed by the daily offerings. I signed up for the emails in September and there has not been one day that the email did not pertain to my life in one way or another. Several times I have passed them on to friends and family. Thank you for offering solid, biblical readings on a daily basis that encourage and bring conviction. They are filled with integrity, character, and are very interesting to read. I look forward to it every day.

— L.C.

I've followed ICR for about 30-some years. I got to hear the first Dr. Morris speak when he was at Grace Theological Seminary one time....Thanks for remaining faithful to the true Word of God. I'm afraid many Christian organizations and churches are laying His Word aside. Lots of false doctrine out there. I know God will help you and bless you in your ministry.

— L.D.M.

Just wanted to let you all know how much I appreciate the solid biblical and Christ-centered devotionals and articles you produce. I am forwarding your information to family and friends to encourage them to read it also.

— J.F.

Most of my life I was drilled into thinking evolutionary theory was true by T.V. and my

education in biology and different sciences. I had some problems with the theory, though. It turned out after I found my husband that some of your articles (especially the one about chemically disproving evolution at the cellular level) and other creation ministries provided me with an explanation for creation. I used to laugh at my husband and say sarcastically, "Have you EVER watched the Discovery channel?!" But he was persistent in trying to show me the truth, and told me later he laughed at the lady who tried to show him the light, too. For a long time I wanted a different way of thinking and am very grateful for having learned the true knowledge of creation and being closer to God. Thank you for all your publishing, and continue on through your journey in finding evidence to support the Bible and God's hand in creation. We appreciate all your hard work and teaching.

— C.D.

It was a special blessing to have Dr. Henry Morris with us to address our students and the public meeting. Many were encouraged by the presentation and ministry of ICR. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry of proclaiming the mighty power of God in creation and redemption. Your work is a vital one and we pray that the Savior would be glorified through the entire team.

— L.S.

I have received ICR's devotional guide before, for many years, and also the *Acts & Facts* while homeschooling my son. The devotional guide and booklet are very helpful in defending our faith. Thank you for being faithful when all the world demands that Christians follow its ways.

— S.H.

I would like to tell you how much I enjoyed The Creationist Worldview course. It is jam-packed full of useful information. I lived my first 40 years in the flesh and have been a follower of Jesus Christ for 6 years now. My biggest hang-up was evolution, so the Lord placed me in charge of the creation ministry at my church. This program was such a blessing to me in so many ways. I've been able to use the things I have learned to teach a few Sunday school classes, and also in some schools in Ghana, West Africa, where I believe God wants me to return to at least once every year with the news of creation....

I am also thankful that I was able to finish the program on my own time. It did take me awhile, and sometimes I thought I would never finish, but that was the flesh talking. The last few lessons on politics were really hard for me because I never cared about that stuff before. Thanks for opening my eyes! I wish I could personally thank everyone involved in your ministry. Again, it was a great blessing to me.

— W.Y.

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PLANS for the NEW YEAR

HENRY M. MORRIS IV

As the Institute for Creation Research begins a new year of service, we are thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon our ministry. Now in our fifth decade of service, evidence of the Lord's providential hand has been unmistakable as He directed our steps, answered our prayers, and supplied our needs through many like-minded believers. By God's grace, ICR's work and ministry continue to expand and are now reaching more people today than ever before with the scientific evidence for creation and the relevant truth of Christ our Creator.

But while He tarries, there is still much work left to do and our agenda has been filled with many new and exciting initiatives. But true to the biblical principles to "wait upon the Lord" (Isaiah 40:31) to "supply all your need" (Philippians 4:19), ICR will not proceed with any project until our Creator first provides the resources. Several needs have "risen to the top" recently—we list them here with the hope you will be led to pray, and give as you are able, to see that these needs are fulfilled.

- **Additional Staff:** ICR has been blessed with a tremendously skillful and dedicated staff, but we could greatly increase our effectiveness if the necessary means were available to hire more of the right people. ICR is in par-

ticular need of high-quality editors, science staff, graphic artists, and video professionals, and we would be grateful for your financial support in this endeavor.

- **Book Projects:** Several major book projects are in process on such fascinating topics as a true understanding of Genesis, the Flood, and the Ice Age, as well as a much-needed reprint of *The New Defender's Study Bible*. Our biggest need, apart from the time and effort of our authors and editorial staff, is the enormous expense required to print quality books. Since ICR gives away more books as part of our ministry than we ever sell, your help in bringing these wonderful new resources to fruition would be greatly welcomed.
- **Online Media Projects:** As testament to the potential of online media to reach vast numbers of people, our new *That's a Fact* online video shows have had nearly 100,000 viewers, while our new Science Essentials blog was viewed almost 10,000 times in its first month. Several exceptional DVD projects are also in the works, addressing topics on the creation week, Mount St. Helens, and the age of the earth. ICR is greatly encouraged by these early results, and with your continued gifts of support we hope to produce

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many more high-quality video programs this year.

- **Facility Expansion:** ICR's recent growth has produced a real need for more usable space. By the Lord's provision, ICR already owns a building on our campus that is perfectly suited for this need—but we need help converting it into a more functional use for our ministry.

While you are making your own plans for this coming year, please prayerfully consider joining with us by helping with the ministry needs mentioned here. It won't be long before we see the fruit of our labor standing around the throne of God, "for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9). May God grant you a truly blessed New Year in service to Him! ●

Mr. Morris is Director of Donor Relations at the Institute for Creation Research.



New Video Show Receives Rave Reviews

Here's something worth a post or a tweet!

In October, the Institute for Creation Research debuted *That's a Fact*, a new series of online video shorts aimed at delivering fascinating facts about science, the Bible, and more in an entertaining manner—in two minutes or less.

Initially conceived as a monthly program, due to popular demand—nearly 100,000 viewers in over 100 countries—in December *That's a Fact* began airing weekly. New episodes appear each week, and viewers can share these fun videos with friends via social media networks. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for new episode announcements and updates.

That's a Fact is just one of the exciting new developments at ICR in our mission to equip believers with evidence of the Bible's accuracy and authority.

Visit our website at www.icr.org to keep up with the latest news feeds, events, and features, like our *That's a Fact* video show, *Days of Praise* devotionals, Daily Science Updates, ICR radio, and much more.

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Comments on the opening episodes:

I'd like to see a lot more short videos like this one. It is a great art form in sharing a worldview perspective!

— L.N.

Great job! Informative and easy to understand. My kids will love these. Can't wait for more.

— S.L.

I think this is an excellent use of media! It is an exciting, striking presentation that captures the attention. The use of the written word on the screen following the spoken is effective. The information is sound and correct. This is a HOME RUN for ICR and I am excited to see more.

— N.W.

Kudos, ICR! A wonderful tool to explain BIG concepts. May God be glorified through this effort!

— R.H.

These clips are great! I have been working to gather information from many sources to put together some basic apologetics material that I can use for my three sons to help strengthen their faith. These videos are a great supplement. Please keep doing the good work you are doing. It is very helpful and profitable for the kingdom of God.

— E.C.

I really appreciate this video's message. Working in research for over 30 years and now teaching alternative energies, I have to use textbooks that are filled with the "billions" of years theory. Most that I work with know this is false, but we keep getting fed a stream of it. Of course we know that the eruption of Mt. St. Helens proved that theory wrong with deposits made in a few years instead of billions. Keep up your great work!

— R.J.C.

This is fabulous! Evolutionists claim that "Science is evolution and evolution is science." Nothing could be further from the truth. Science is founded upon the Scientific Method; which developed from Christian philosophy. In reality, there aren't any problems between science and Christianity, there are enormous and growing problems between science and evolution.

— M.D.B.

Excellent! These short videos might be good to use at Good News Club with children in grades 1-6.

— B.R.

I like it. Great tool to use with friends and others to get them thinking about what we've been fed by our public schools! Think about it! Pass it on.

— S.S.

So....take a minute and a half to view this convincing video, then tell me if you believe that random chance resulted in the Human Brain and all of the other fascinating and super highly complicated parts of the Human Body....I believe in the Creator of Heaven and Earth, and that the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Ghost created it all in six days just as described in the Book of Genesis.

— S.K.

Three pounds and the consistency of wet cheese describes the physical nature of the human brain. Yet it detects beauty, it supports complex language, it houses consciousness, it is more wonderful and amazing and more complex than the space shuttle. How many space shuttles occurred from "random chance," appearing out of "nothing"? Praise the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth, may all His creatures praise Him!

— B.L.

I've always wondered what we would have learned by now if scientists had researched and analyzed their research in view of the Bible.

— C.N.P.

Every so often I have an opportunity to show my science students that many of the earlier scientists believed the Bible and did science that is lasting. I like them to know that evolution is a threat to the solid foundation laid by these Christian scientists.

— G.M.C.

God has gifted people with many talents which enable them to produce amazing products to share God's power, wisdom, and love for us all. This video is one such creation. ICR: you're amazing! God bless you all.

— B.P.

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