

## The Creator Exalted throughout the Southwest!

Nearly 3000 people from six states heard the creation message in April as ICR launched the first-of-its-kind regional speaking tour. Bill Hoesch, ICR's Public Information Officer, spoke at 25 different churches in the Southwest, paving the way for similar speaking tours in the future.

From the Spanish-speaking community of Las Vegas, New Mexico, to the predominantly Navajo audience of Holbrook, Arizona—from home school moms to research physicists—there was a very warm and eager reception to the hope-filled message of God's magnificent creation.

More often than not, ICR speakers find themselves in large churches and big cities. But hunger for creation information gnaws everywhere.

Thus, ICR has committed themselves to making it more accessible, with this tour being the first of its kind. Others are now being scheduled in the Midwest and Southeast. (See the ads on pages 4 and 5.)

The message of Biblical origins could not have been more timely as Mr. Hoesch was

speaking in Denver the very day of the tragic high school massacre. It was less than three years ago in this same area when a student's objection to an evolutionary film was shut down cold by the ACLU and local school board members. Is there a cause and effect relationship here? Only God knows for sure, but when there is no acknowledgment of our Creator, how can there be an accountability for behavior and an appreciation for life?

We are very grateful for those who enthusiastically embrace the creation message and recognize its important role in pointing people to Jesus Christ, our Creator, Lord, and Savior! Many thanks to our longstanding friends and devoted volunteers, Ed and Eileen Gross, who graciously accompanied Mr. Hoesch and handled the administrative details of the tour. And thank you pastors and churches for your warm hospitality and desire to proclaim the truth of God's Word. Praise be to God who continues to use ICR to build His Church, a work that the gates of hell shall not prevail against! ❖



## Henry Morris at Calvary Chapel Pastors' Conference

A remarkable group of 610 Calvary Chapel pastors from churches throughout the nation responded warmly to the message on "Creation Evangelism in the Book of Acts" by Dr. Henry Morris (founder and President Emeritus of the Institute for Creation Research) on May 4, 1999. The occasion was the Pastors' Conference held at Calvary Chapel Bible College in Murietta Hot Springs, California, with Dr. Morris serving as plenary speaker near the conclusion of the two-day conference.



The Calvary Chapel Bible College, with some 500 students, serves a network of over 3000 Calvary Chapel churches, all stemming from the first Calvary Chapel (Costa Mesa, California) founded by Pastor Chuck Smith back in the 1960s around the so-called "Jesus People" movement of that period. The Calvary Chapel network has grown remarkably since that time and has even had a significant impact on other evangelical churches and para-church organizations.

The beautiful facilities at Murietta Hot Springs are built around the refurbished original resort complex that was very popular back in the early years of the twentieth century.

Pastor Chuck Smith presided at the Conference sessions, giving a gracious testimony to the influence of Dr. Morris' books and the ICR ministry in general on his own life and ministry. We are grateful that the whole Calvary Chapel movement is vitally committed to creationism and Biblical inerrancy in general. ❖

## President's Column

### ICR and Y2K

Many people have asked for ICR's view on Y2K. Will it be global chaos or a minor inconvenience? Surely ICR's scientists ought to know.

Unfortunately, no one really knows what's going to happen. Several of us here have tried to keep up with preparations nationwide, most notably our computer information system expert, Mr. Don Barber. For three years now, he has been warning of problems in government, in utilities, in suppliers, and especially internationally. We have evaluated reports from many knowledgeable experts and have tried to distill down the widely varied projections as best we can.

I may be wrong, but I'm fairly confident now that Y2K problems have been substantially solved in major industries and within the government. Many smaller companies will be caught unprepared, but while in general, problems will be not long lasting, they could pose serious temporary problems, so it's wise to plan ahead.

ICR has fully prepared, and is 100% compliant, as far as we know. Our computer systems have all been changed over,



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and should run without an internal snafu. We will have an ample inventory of books and supplies on hand to out-last any shortage caused by other suppliers. The research, writing, and book fulfillment should continue without major delay. Of course, if problems occur from outside, we will deal with them as promptly as possible.

However, I am a little concerned that doom-and-gloom prophecies circulating among Christians will cause a problem this fall. Only a few are "heading for the hills," but many are scaling back their activities until the problem passes. Already we've seen a dramatic cutback in seminars scheduled for the fall. Conversely, quite a few are scheduled for next spring. There may be wisdom in a temporary scaleback, but my primary concern involves donations to ICR. Our operating expenses come, almost in entirety, from Christian people on a monthly basis. We praise God for this, but we are somewhat vulnerable to disruptions in the pattern. If too many donors postpone their giving until next spring, ICR would be in big trouble.

How is my family preparing for Y2K? Much as we always have done for Southern California earthquakes, only a little more so. We will stock up on various foods, water, firewood, and other items,

just in case shortages occur. We'll invite my parents to stay with us until things clear up, and enjoy the time together. Again, I don't expect major problems, but I won't be surprised by minor ones, and I'll prepare for intermediate ones. ❄️



Attorney Doug Phillips joined ICR President Dr. John Morris as speakers for the "Back to Genesis" conference in Lake Zurich, Chicago, on April 23 and 24, at the Quinton Road Baptist Church.

Pastor Jim Scudder has long been a friend of ICR and creation thinking, saturating the K-12 school and Bible College at his church with creation. Thus, the people from his church, who made up about one-half of the total adult attendance of 1200, were primed to receive the scientific information from Dr. Morris and the Biblical and motivational messages of Doug Phillips.

Dr. Morris had given a mini-seminar in the church last fall, speaking in the Sunday worship services and on the TV broadcast. Good friendships were established which have continued to bear fruit.

Mr. Phillips has been a featured speaker at most of the spring BTG seminars. Well trained in science before becoming an attorney, he has a passionate love for creation truth, rightly seeing it as the foundational doctrine of Christianity, and the necessary background for constitutional government. Many responded to his messages with a renewed desire to serve God and have an impact in society.

As is frequently the case, the free school assemblies on Friday far surpassed the adult sessions in attendance, with a total of some 3500 students present. Many of those were home schooled, having heard of the seminar through the home schooling network quite familiar with Doug Phillips, formerly lead attorney for the Home School Legal Defense Fund. ❄️

### **DATES NOW OPEN FOR SPRING 2000 "BACK TO GENESIS"!**

Will you prayerfully consider partnering with ICR and other local volunteers to bring an area-wide creation seminar to your area? Spring 2000 dates are now available for "Back to Genesis" seminars. Call early to get your choice of dates. If you are interested in pursuing this, we will send you a complimentary copy of our new "War of the Worldviews" video. For more information, contact ICR's Director of Seminars, Mark Rasche, 619-596-6043.



# Radio Log

Following are excerpts from encouraging letters we recently received from a Christian radio station in the Midwest that airs our "Back to Genesis" program. Their listeners wrote:

Your programs keep me ever mindful of what a wondrous God we serve who has created all these marvelous things around us. (C.B.)

Your program inspires my family to get back to our Christian foundations, i.e., Back to Genesis. (G.W.)

My family and I listen to your program a lot, almost every day. We recognize that it informs us on how much we should appreciate being a Christian in these days. . . . Your pro-

gram is applauded for the help it brings to our community. (B.L.)

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

**Weekend of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title/Topic** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jul 3 "The Evolution of Law"**

As we celebrate our nation's independence, most citizens feel patriotic pride. We enjoy the picnics and fireworks, but don't realize that our national heritage and roots are under attack! Where does this attack come from? In this week's program, we will look at the foundation of American law and government, seeing how it has been influenced by evolution. We will also hear about the dire consequences this has on society. Tune in!



**Jul 10 "The Creator and a Trip to the Moon"**

Thirty years ago, on July 16, 1969, Apollo 11 was launched.

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## ICR Announces . . . *Midwest Speaking Tour!*—Fall 1999

Frank Sherwin, popular speaker and biology professor for ICR, will be touring the Midwest between October 1–31, 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 expenses. The following is a suggested schedule, subject to alteration on request. Please call Connie Perna, Seminar Coordinator, at 619-596-6042 to schedule a "Creation Presentation" for your church or for additional information.

Date	Location	Date	Location
Oct. 1	Kansas City, MO	Oct. 17 (a.m.)	Naperville, IL
Oct. 2	Kansas City, MO	Oct. 17 (p.m.)	Wheaton, Aurora, IL
Oct. 3 (a.m.)	Marshall/Boonville, MO	Oct. 18	Off
Oct. 3 (p.m.)	Columbia, MO	Oct. 19	Ottowa/Peru, IL
Oct. 4	Off	Oct. 20	Moline, IL
Oct. 5	St. Peters/St. Charles, MO	Oct. 21	Rock Island, IL
Oct. 6	St. Louis, MO	Oct. 22	Iowa City, IL
Oct. 7	Granite City, MO	Oct. 23	Off
Oct. 8	Alton, IL	Oct. 24 (a.m.)	Des Moines, IA
Oct. 9	Litchfield, Atwater, IL	Oct. 24 (p.m.)	Des Moines, IA
Oct. 10 (a.m.)	Springfield, IL	Oct. 25	Off
Oct. 10 (p.m.)	Springfield, IL	Oct. 26	Council Bluffs, IA
Oct. 11	Off	Oct. 27	Omaha, NE
Oct. 12	Peoria, IL	Oct. 28	Lincoln, NE
Oct. 13	Bloomington, IL	Oct. 29	Nebraska City, NE
Oct. 14	Normal, IL	Oct. 30	St. Joseph, KS
Oct. 15	Pontiac, IL	Oct. 31 (a.m.)	Kansas City, KS
Oct. 16	Joliet, IL	Oct. 31 (p.m.)	Kansas City, KS

Four days later, man was walking on the moon. And although it took just a small step for the astronauts, what brought them there were many steps and leaps and bounds of scientists and engineers who carefully planned and tested new ideas along the way. On this week's program we will hear from men involved in the Apollo space program. Join us as we get their perspectives.

**Jul 17 "Apollo and the Origin of the Moon"**

Five years ago, the Institute for Creation Research produced a special broadcast to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Apollo 11, and man's first walk on the moon. On this program, we will share with you portions of interviews conducted for that broadcast. Tune in to hear perspectives on

what we learned from the early space program.

**Jul 24 "Not a Blind Faith"**

"God said it! I believe it! And that settles it!" is the cry of many Christians. And although a steadfast belief in Scripture is admirable, we are also called to be ready to give an answer for our faith. Tune in and be encouraged that our faith is not a blind one!

**Jul 31 "What Does it Matter?"**

More and more prevalent in the Church is the idea that creation really doesn't matter. There are many who believe that it is a side issue. What they don't understand is that the creation account in Genesis is foundational to many other doctrines of the faith—including the gospel. Join us as we look at the relevance of the creation account. 🙏

**ICR Announces . . . Southeast Speaking Tour!—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 expenses. The following is a suggested schedule, subject to alteration on request. Please call Connie Kotch, Seminar Coordinator, at 619-596-6040 to schedule a "Creation Presentation" for your church or for additional information.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
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.)	Douglasville, GA	Oct. 27	Savannah, SC
Oct. 11	Hoover, AL	Oct. 28	Walterboro, SC
Oct. 12	Birmingham, AL	Oct. 29	Orangeburg, SC
Oct. 13	Montgomery, AL	Oct. 30	Columbia, SC
Oct. 14	Greenville, AL	Oct. 31 (a.m.)	Rock Hill, SC
Oct. 15	Atmore, AL	Oct. 31 (p.m.)	Charlotte, NC
Oct. 16	Mobile, AL		



## Meeting Highlights

### Arlington, Texas

Dr. Henry Morris was speaker for a five-day Creation Bible Conference at the Arlington Baptist College (Dr. David Bryant, President) April 26–30, speaking each day to about 400 students, faculty, and visitors. The college is sponsored by the World Baptist Fellowship, a strongly Biblical association of about 1200 churches, all committed to Biblical creationism as well as full Biblical authority.

### Fort Worth, Texas

Speaking to a gathering of all the Sunday school classes for the hour between the two morning services, Dr. Henry Morris brought a challenging message on “Creation Evangelism” at the Temple Baptist Church (Pastor Mike Evans) on May 2. The previous Sunday (April 25) he had spoken on the subject of “The Two Trees—Evolution and Creation” to a similar congregation at the Pleasantview Baptist Church of Arlington, Texas (Pastor D. L. Moody).

### Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Dr. John Morris and Frank Sherwin presented the scientific and Biblical “Case for Creation” to a warm and enthusiastic crowd at the New England Baptist church on April 30–May 1. Even though ICR speakers had never ministered directly in that area before, many people related how ICR books had changed their lives.

“A baby Christian at best, I had serious doubts about the goodness of God and the trustworthiness of Scripture. A friend insisted that I read *The Genesis Flood* and suddenly Christianity and the Christian worldview became clear. That book was the first step toward a committed and fruitful Christian life.”

### Shasta, California

In the first week of May, Professor Frank Sherwin of ICR taught the life sciences

section of a creation science class at Shasta Bible College (Dr. David Nicholas, President). During the second week of class, Dr. Larry Vardiman taught the physical sciences, culminating in a class outing to investigate the geology of Lassen National Park. The 18 students were very receptive to the case for Biblical creation and were challenged to further investigate this important issue of origins.

### La Mesa, California

Professor Frank Sherwin spoke to 240 enthusiastic people at Journey Church. May 11 in La Mesa, California. The obvious contrast between the two worldviews was presented and results described from wrong thinking based on evolution. Eric Anderson coordinated the evening’s event. 🇺🇸



## ICR Meetings

### “CASE FOR CREATION”

- Sept 24-25 **Toccoa Falls, GA** (Gish/Riddle)  
First Alliance Church, Alternate Hwy. 17 South (Big A Road).  
Contact 706-282-4005.
- Oct 8-9 **Napa, CA** (J.Morris/H.Morris III)  
Grace Baptist Church, 3765 Solano Ave. 707-255-4033.

### GOOD SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

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

- Jul 24 **Rushville, IL** (D’Armond) K-6.  
Please contact Chuck Smith at 800-322-4369.
- Aug 14 **Goshen, IN** (D’Armond) 7-12,  
one day workshop. Call 888-458-3657.
- Oct 12-16 **Virginia Beach, VA** (Willson)  
Contact 757-471-4262.

### “CREATION PRESENTATIONS” TOURS

- Sept 7-30 (B. Hoesch) **Pennsylvania and New York.**
- Sept 30-Oct 31 (M. Riddle) **North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida.**
- Oct. 1-31 (F. Sherwin) **Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska.** 🇺🇸



# Stewardship & Trust Services

## Giving to Ministries May Be an Act of Dishonoring One's Parents

In Matthew 15:1–20 and Mark 7:5–13, the Lord responds to a question from the Pharisees as to why His disciples violate God's law by their traditions. He uses Exodus 20:12 (the command to honor ones' parents) and Exodus 21:17 (the command to put to death a child who doesn't honor his parents) to present a hard-hitting condemnation of the Pharisees and a stern warning to us. Christ's warning: We are to be constantly on guard lest we allow the traditions of men (cultural norms of our day) to cloud our vision as to God's will for us.

I believe Scripture is teaching that one of those "clouds" may be overshadowing God's will for us when we make gifts to ministries (during our life or after death through our will or trust) without first considering the needs of our parents.

Consider Christ's teaching in Matthew 15:5,6 and also Mark 7:6–13: "But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honor not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition."

The Pharisee-approved practice of the day was to allocate (pledge) an asset to God and be freed (actually prohibited) from using it to meet the needs of parents. I know that none of us would intentionally do this, but this may be the effect of a gift that goes to a Christian ministry or secular charity instead of one's needy parent(s).

I realize that such counsel is not usually offered by ministries such as ours, but then, we have never been timid about standing upon God's Word as it relates to science—we shouldn't be on stewardship either. God wants our hearts—yours and ours. When He has these, He has access to our pocketbooks. We know our needs will continue to be met through those whose heart is His.

We praise God for those who have demonstrated that their heart is His by sharing His resources with us currently and through your will or trust. We urge you to be sure this generosity is not at the expense of your parent's needs.

If you have comments or questions, please write or call.

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