

Good Science Visits the Philippines

A "creation team" of young men in Bacolod City on Negros Island in the central Philippines arranged a series of creation science workshops and lectures conducted by ICR's Fred Willson. During this 15-day "Creation Blitz," Mr. Willson held meetings at five churches, a large sectarian college (11,000 students), and a university (7,000 students). In addition, he addressed faculty members, department chairpersons, and the presidents of the two schools.

The response to the message of creation science at these schools was very

positive. For the most part those who were present were totally unaware of the scientific evidence and material supporting the Bible and a scientific creation worldview.

These institutions are interested in receiving more information and possibly developing a teacher exchange program with ICR. The secular college's vice president for academic affairs (a Christian who was an evolutionist until he read Dr. Morris' *The Biblical Basis for Modern Science* a few years ago) wants to make the video series, "Origins:



How the World Came to Be,” required viewing for all of its students.

The creation team also arranged for several TV, radio, and press interviews which allowed the creation message to be widely heard. Numerous pastors along with parents, teachers, and college students attended the various workshops. Because poverty is quite widespread in the Philippines, these participants were pleased to receive a lot of free literature, and in many cases, free Bibles, books, and videos.

Mr. Willson also spoke to the Philippines National Police Headquarters. He pointed out to them that the authority behind their badge ultimately comes from the Creator who made the moral laws, and that the justification for their position as enforcers of the law is established by God in Romans 13.

Dean Ibanez, a firebrand for the creation message and Mr. Willson (at the Dean’s suggestion) were able, by God’s grace, to have the video, “The World that Perished,” televised on the ferry boat that transported them between islands (both ways). Approximately 3000 persons viewed the video. They also arranged for this video to be shown this June 19, Saturday, over national television.

The overwhelming success in distributing the creation message in this area of the world was due to God’s grace and the commitment of the creation team in promoting the important message of creation science, so needed in the Philippines and around the world. ☘

Dr. Gish Shares the Importance of Creation with a Hutterite Colony

Dr. Duane Gish had the unique and enjoyable experience of living for four days within the Crystal Springs Hutterite Colony, located about 20 miles south of Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Hutterites trace their origin in the early sixteenth century to Jacob Hutter in Moravia.

About 20 years ago, Elias Kleinsasser of the Crystal Springs Colony heard a lecture and debate by Dr. Gish while Kleinsasser was attending the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Since that time he has been receiving literature from ICR. In recent years, the decision was made that students in the colonies needed at least an education through high school. Desiring that their teachers not only be committed to their common faith but also possessing college degrees that would fully equip them as teachers, the colonies began to send some of their best students to universities to gain training in education and to become fully accredited as teachers. It was realized that this would expose them to indoctrination in Darwinian evolution and accompanying metaphysical ideas.

Elias Kleinsasser thus suggested that creation scientists (such as Dr. Gish) be invited to present the Biblical and scientific evidences for special creation. On Friday afternoon, May 28, Dr. Gish spoke to 100 Hutterite students and teachers from about ten colonies in Brandon, Manitoba, and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the Crystal Springs Colony, Dr. Gish spoke to 200 more. Dr. Gish relates that he appreciated the privilege of learning about the Hutterite way of life and fellowship with the Hutterite Christians. ☘



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This month we continue a series of “Science, Scripture, & Salvation” programs that will cover many basic ideas of creationism. On July 31, the first broadcast opened this series with a discussion on the relevance of creation. And this month we will examine topics such as Biblical and scientific creation, order and design, and the concept of creation *ex nihilo*. See below for the descriptions of this month’s programs.

This series will conclude next month after covering topics on the fossil record, catastrophism, and compromise views. Eventually we are planning to make extended versions of these broadcasts entitled, “Pillars of Creation,” available as a tape series through ICR. Watch this column for further information on its availability.

This month on “Science, Scripture, & Salvation”:

Weekend of: Title/Topic

Aug. 7 “Creation: The Bible Tells Me So”

Christians have many and varied views on what Genesis teaches about creation. But is there Biblical room for all these different views? Are all views equally legitimate? In this program we will look at origins from the standpoint of Scripture and see what Genesis tells us about God’s act of creation. Join us!

Aug. 14 “Creation: Science or Folly?”

We hear all the time that evolution is science and creation is religion. It’s on TV, in magazines, newspapers, and even in science textbooks. But is evolution synonymous with science and creation based only on religion? Join us as we examine the strengths and/or weaknesses of creation and

evolution in light of science to learn which better fits the evidence.

Aug. 21 “Creation: *Ex Nihilo*”

The Bible tells us that “In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.” For some (especially secular scientists), this is unthinkable. For others, it’s a riddle. And yet for Christians, it is a simple statement of truth. There are many different explanations of this passage of Scripture. Tune in as we look at what this passage means and the implications it has to creation and evolution.

Aug. 28 “Creation: Order and Design”

Today even in secular circles we hear about design and order in the world around us. There are many who attempt to credit this design to natural processes and evolution—or to “Mother Nature.” But Romans 1:20 tells us, “For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead.” Join us as we learn about amazing examples from nature that point to the Creator. ☞

**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 community? 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.



El Cajon, California

Dr. Duane Gish spoke at the Southern California Bible College and Seminary on April 19. Dr. Gary Coombs is president of this college and seminary, which has students not only from the U.S., but from a number of other countries as well.

Sebastopol, California

Dr. Duane Gish was the speaker at the annual Western Regional Evangelical Free Church Men's Retreat, April 23–25, at Mt. Gilead Conference Center. The retreat was attended by 160 men. The meetings were arranged by Freddy Entriken. On Sunday evening, April 25, Dr. Gish spoke at the service of the Grace Evangelical Free Church of Kelseyville (Jim Keatty, pastor).

King City, California

On Sunday, May 2, Dr. Duane Gish spoke at the Sunday school and morning service of the King City Bible Church (Rev. Phillip Ellrott, pastor).

Grand Junction, Colorado

Drs. Duane Gish and Gary Parker were speakers at the 15th anniversary celebration of the Alpha and Omega Institute, May 7 and 8. David and Mary Jo Nutting are directors and co-founders of this creationist organization. They were evolutionists teaching school in Alaska when Mary Jo purchased Dr. Gish's book, *Evolution: The Fossils Say No!*, for five cents at a used book store. Reading this convinced them of the truth of creation. After obtaining masters degrees from the ICR Graduate School, they founded the Alpha and Omega Institute. Today it is a flourishing organization with about ten

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. These will be given in the evenings, Tuesday through Saturday, and mornings and evenings on Sundays. There is no charge to churches for these presentations, but a freewill offering will be taken to help offset some of our expenses. The following is a 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, IL	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, MO
Oct. 15	Pontiac, IL	Oct. 31 (A.M.)	Kansas City, KS
Oct. 16	Joliet, IL	Oct. 31 (P.M.)	Kansas City, KS

staff. The Nuttings have not only covered Colorado with their ministry, but have spoken in many other states and several foreign countries. ICR extends its congratulations to these dedicated and uniquely qualified creation scientists and their staff on the occasion of the 15th year since the founding of Alpha and Omega Institute.

Golden Valley, Minnesota

Professor Frank Sherwin and Dr. Duane Gish were the speakers at a “Case for Creation” conference held in the Golden Valley Lutheran Church (Rev. Philip Wagner, pastor), May 14 and 15. Darren Waldrep was the chairperson. The seminar was well attended by a very appreciative audience.

Surrey, England

The evening of June 6 saw Professor Frank Sherwin speaking at Cold Harbour Evangelical Free Church in beautiful southeast London. A number of unchurched indi-

viduals attended the origins presentation which was designed for that purpose. A spirited question/answer session followed as well as friendly one-on-one discussions with several evolutionists. Much thanks to creation activist and author Malcom Bowden for coordinating the event. 🌿

Important Debate at Winchester, Virginia

On Thursday evening, May 20, Dr. Duane Gish debated Dr. Massimo Pigliucci for the third time in recent months. Dr. Pigliucci (Ph.D., Botany, University of Connecticut) is Associate Professor in the Department of Evolutionary Biology of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The debate had been arranged by John Doughty, who had worked hard to publicize the debate, including invitations to science teachers, school board members,

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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. These will be given in the evenings, Tuesday through Saturday, and mornings and evenings on Sundays. There is no charge to churches, but a freewill offering will be taken to help offset some of our 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.

Date	Location	Date	Location
Sept. 30	Roanoke, VA	Oct. 17 (A.M.)	Mobile, AL
Oct. 1	High Point, NC	Oct. 17 (P.M.)	Pensacola, FL
Oct. 2	Charlotte, NC	Oct. 18	Off
Oct. 3 (A.M.)	Charlotte, NC	Oct. 19	Enterprise, AL
Oct. 3 (P.M.)	Spartanburg, NC	Oct. 20	Dothan, AL
Oct. 4	Off	Oct. 21	Tallahassee, FL
Oct. 5	Seneca, SC	Oct. 22	Tallahassee, FL
Oct. 6	Fountain Inn, SC	Oct. 23	Branford, FL
Oct. 7	Anderson, SC	Oct. 24 (A.M.)	Jacksonville, FL
Oct. 8	Marietta, GA	Oct. 24 (P.M.)	Jacksonville, FL
Oct. 9	Cumming, GA	Oct. 25	Off
Oct. 10 (A.M.)	Fayetteville, GA	Oct. 26	Savannah/Brunswick, GA
Oct. 10 (P.M.)	Douglasville, GA	Oct. 27	Orangeburg, GA
Oct. 11	Hoover, AL	Oct. 28	Off
Oct. 12	Hoover, AL	Oct. 29	Florence, SC
Oct. 13	Montgomery, AL	Oct. 30	Columbia, SC
Oct. 14	Greenville, AL	Oct. 31 (A.M.)	Rock Hill, SC
Oct. 15	Mobile, AL	Oct. 31 (P.M.)	Charlotte, NC 🌿
Oct. 16	Pascagoula, MS		

members of the press, and even to prominent politicians and members of the U.S. Supreme Court. A total of 1000 people from several states were in attendance.

Dr. Pigliucci began by describing the nature of science and stated that evolution was a scientific theory and could be considered a fact since many facts support it. He claimed that biogeography and the fossil record support evolution and the fact that all plants, animals, and man have similar DNA and proteins, indicates their origin from a common ancestor. He insisted that there are transitional forms between major kinds, including the mammal-like reptiles. He claimed that beneficial mutations do exist. He stated that evolution does not contradict the Second Law of Thermodynamics since that law applies only to closed or isolated systems. He claimed creation cannot explain the fact that 99% of species have become extinct and the existence of physical difficulties, such as hemorrhoids and back trouble in humans. In his closing comment he stated that education is not democratic but what is considered to be best is what is taught.

In his opening statement Dr. Gish explained that neither creation nor evolution can be considered to be scientific theories since there were no human witnesses to the origin of the universe or to the origin of a single living thing, and that these events are not repeatable in the present. Creation and evolution are theories about history. Evolution is no more scientific than creation and it is just as religious. However, Gish stated, one or the other must be true and circumstantial evidence is available. Gish asserted that evolutionists step beyond the limits of empirical evidence when they insist that natural laws and processes can account for the origin of the universe and living organisms. To limit the teaching of origins to evolution only, Gish stated, is a violation of academic and religious freedom. His lecture centered on the lack of transitional forms in the fossil record, the incredible design

seen in living things, and the over-arching trend in nature toward disintegration, not evolutionary integration. He concluded with a description of the great importance of creation as it relates man to his Creator and the ultimate destiny of each individual.

During the rebuttals each debater offered evidence to counter the other debater's claims and the debate closed with 45 minutes of questions from the audience. 🌿



“CASE FOR CREATION”

- Sept. 24-25 Toccoa Falls, GA** (Gish/Riddle)
First Alliance Church, Alternate Hwy. 17 South (Big A Road).
Contact 706-886-5948.
- Oct. 8-9 Napa, CA** (J.Morris/H.Morris III)
Grace Baptist Church, 3765 Solano Ave. 707-255-4033.
- Oct. 22-23 Junction City, KS** (J.Morris/Phillips)
Junction City Municipal Bldg., 700 N. Jefferson,
785-762-4402.
- Oct. 29-30 Quincy, IL** (J.Morris/Phillips)
Site to be determined.

GOOD SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

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

“GENESIS PRESENTATIONS”

- Sept. 17,18 Sierra Vista, AZ** (Sherwin)
First Baptist Church,
520-458-2273.

“CREATION PRESENTATIONS” TOURS

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

Stewardship & Trust Services

“The fashion now is to tolerate anything lest we gain a reputation of being intolerant. The tender-minded saints cannot bear to see Agag slain (I Samuel 15), so they chose rather to sacrifice the health of the Church for years to come by sparing error and evil; and this they do in the name of Christian love.

“We are under obligation to disturb all seats of wickedness, and where this is done out of sincere love for God and men, great good is bound to follow. No true work of God will suffer from the prayerful examination of Spirit-filled men. Timidity masquerading as love has allowed unscriptural practices to persist in many a church till they have slowly smothered the life out of it and brought it to desolation.

“We must not be afraid to inquire. The difficulty, of course, is to do this in a Christian spirit. It is hard to find fault without being a fault-finder or to criticize without being censorious. But we have it to do if we hope to keep the work of God pure in a day of iniquity.”

It is interesting to note that A. W. Tozer, in writing *The Price of Neglect* made this observation as mainline denominations were abandoning their stewardship of the unfathomable riches of the Word of God (I Corinthians 4:1). Is it possible that today’s evangelical church is entering that same disastrous “drift” into apostasy? Are we not timidly adopting humanistic doctrine and denying the power, authority, and majesty of the God of creation and eternity when we endeavor to make the Word of God “relevant” to our age? Are not He and His Holy Word “relevant” because He is God? Lord, forgive us!

The Institute for Creation Research’s mission statement mandates an unapologetic adherence to God’s “very relevant” Word. While our preference is to take His truth to the unbelieving world, in recent days we also have found it necessary to incorporate a thrust to an unbelieving church, caught up in the high-sounding call for “tolerance.” But tolerance today means affirming all views as equally legitimate, demoting God’s truth to one of many. This we cannot and will not do.

This battle for truth requires many soldiers and sufficient resources. Will you join us? Can information generated here help arm you for the battle? Can you help “supply the troops” with a financial gift? If such a gift requires careful planning and I can help, please contact me at the address below.

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Recently, this comment was found on one of the many anti-creation websites on the Internet:

First of all, *I am not against Christianity*. In fact, I am a Christian . . . What I am opposing here is the secularization of our public schools under the guise of so-called “Creation Science” . . . It is pseudo-science . . . it is fundamentalist, radical, dogmatic, theocratic and self-justifying religion. In particular, I am opposing the specific doctrine of “Young Earth Creation Science. . . .”

Our Christian brother, instead of resorting to name-calling, need only list some empirical evidences for neo-Darwinian macroevolution to make his case. Such a summary would silence the “Young Earth Creationists.” In the meantime, let’s apply his list of names to the alternate view, that of evolution as viewed by its leading thinkers:

Pseudo-science? “We take the side of science *in spite* of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, *in spite* of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, *in spite* of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so stories, because we have a prior commitment, a commitment to materialism. It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that we are forced by our *a priori* adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is an absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door” (R. Lewontin, “Billions and billions of demons,” *The New York Review*, January 1997, p.31).

Fundamentalist? “. . . there was a world of bacteria here that preceded us” (Kenneth Nealson, microbiologist at NASA. *Newsweek*, September 21, 1998, p. 12). “Evolution is a process which has produced life from non-life, which has brought forth man from an animal, and which may conceivably continue doing remarkable things in the future. In giving rise to man, the evolutionary process has, apparently for the first and only time in the history of the Cosmos, become conscious of itself” (T. Dobzhansky, “Changing Man,” *Science*, v. 155, January 27, 1967, pp. 409–15).

Dogmatic? “Evolution is a fact, fact, FACT!” (Michael Ruse, *Darwinism Defended*, 1982, p. 58).

Radical? The Kansas Science Education Standards (December 1998) states that these “unifying concepts and processes . . . transcend the traditional disciplines of science.” An anthropologist at Rutgers contends that “Darwinian science inevitably will, and should, have legal, political, and moral consequences. . . .” (*Scientific American*, October 1995).

Theocratic? “Like all important ideas, evolution attracts controversy; . . . it has affected not only science but also philosophy, religion, and human attitudes” (*Botany*, W. C. Brown, 1995).

As is easily seen, naturalistic evolution is a total worldview, not well based in science. Name calling doesn’t change this fact. ❖