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A Tribute to ICR

by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting

What a joy it was to connect with friends at the Institute for Creation Research (ICR) now located in Dallas, TX. One highlight was spending an evening with ICR President, Dr. Randy Guluizza and his wife, hearing firsthand about ICR's exciting current research. We were blessed to speak for ICR's staff chapel sharing ICR's impact on us personally and God's faithfulness over AOI's 40 years of ministry. We also visited ICR's Discovery Center and recorded a podcast with research scientist, Dr. Brian Thomas.

ICR's impact on us began in the mid-70's while we were teaching at a Christian college in Alaska. Dave was the head of the Math/Science Division, and I (Mary Jo) taught biology. Back then, we both believed in Theistic Evolution – the idea that God used evolution as his method of creating. However, God was about to upset the “apple cart” of our thinking and set us on an entirely new path!

While shopping in a second-hand store, I found a book entitled **Evolution: The Fossils Say No!** by ICR's Dr. Duane Gish. It was only 5 cents, but God used that nickel to get us started on an entirely new path: checking facts for ourselves. As a result, we became scientifically convinced that evolution didn't work. You might say we “evolved” from evolutionists to creationists, and it didn't take millions of years!

Our college had a grant that funded

lectures by visiting scientists so I wrote to ICR asking if anyone could come and speak. Months later, I received a phone call from Dr. Henry M. Morris, the Founder of ICR, asking if that weekend would work. “What weekend?” I asked, having never received his letter. In God's providence, the only open weekend Dr. Morris had was the exact weekend I had penciled in hoping someone could come! Dr. Morris shared several presentations with our students and faculty.

Afterwards, a student who had rejected God and the Bible because of evolution said to us, “If evolution isn't true, that doesn't leave much, does it? I'd better start doing some thinking!”

A couple months later, he became a Christian. It was then that we realized the deeper spiritual significance of Creation and began sensing the Lord's call to Creation ministry.

Hungry for information, we soaked in everything we could find on Creationism, mostly from ICR. In 1980, we attended ICR's 2-week “Summer Institute” and later, we both pursued


higher degrees in ICR's Graduate School. We were deeply impacted by their expertise, godliness, and humility.

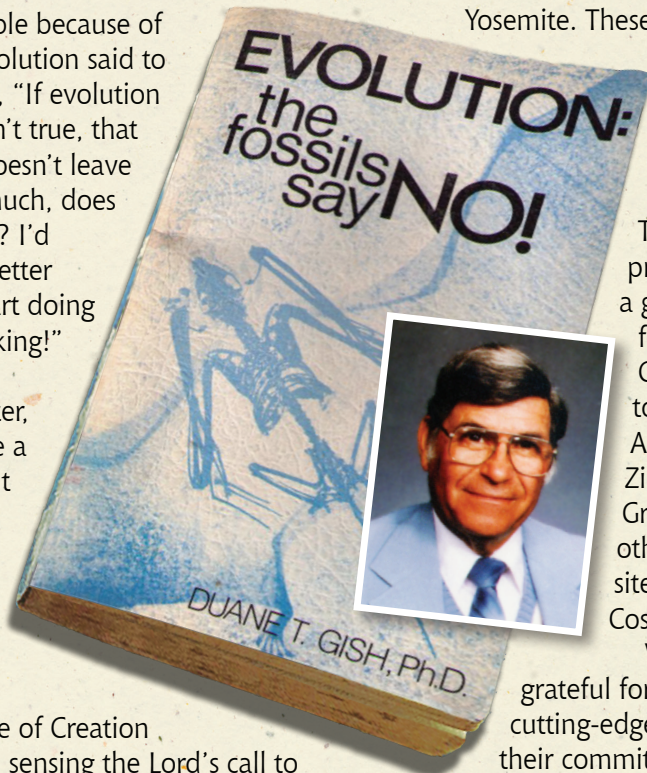
In 1984, we founded Alpha Omega Institute to pass on what we received from ICR. We began traveling and sharing in churches, schools, and wherever God opened doors. Now, 40 years later, AOI speakers have been all over the USA and in about 30 nations.

Over the years, we've been blessed to partner in ICR's Creation tours – guiding backpack trips in the Grand Canyon and assisting with bus tours to Yellowstone, Mt. St. Helens, and Yosemite. These tours kept us

sharp and allowed us to continue learning from ICR scientists. They also provided us with a great foundation for AOI's Discover Creation Tours to Yellowstone, Arches, Bryce, Zion, Canyonlands, Grand Staircase and other significant sites – including Costa Rica!

We are deeply grateful for ICR's ministry, cutting-edge research and their commitment to God's Word, evangelism, and

education. Thank You, LORD – and Thank You, ICR! I'm sure Drs. Gish and Morris had no idea that a 5-cent book in a second-hand bookstore in SE Alaska could impact so many lives! 



ICR Discovery Center

by Dave Nutting



While speaking in Texas in November, Mary Jo and I had a great opportunity to visit the Institute for Creation



Research Discovery Center in Dallas. This center is very well

done with significant exhibits depicting Biblical Creation and science history as well as great exhibits on dinosaurs, mammoths, geologic layers, and more. I enjoyed the excellent planetarium shows as well as top notch video presentations on the Ice Age, the universe, and on Jesus' work on the cross. Mary Jo

was impressed with the exhibits and a "behind-the-scenes" look at some of ICR's ground-breaking

research in biology and flood geology. The Center also has an excellent store with books, videos, science activities, and more. If you're in the Dallas area, we highly recommend a visit to the ICR Discovery Center! **AOI**



Flooded

— by Jeff Miller Ph. D.

Review by Dave Nutting

Great book! Mary Jo and I really like this informative, beautifully illustrated book. In keeping with the feature article on Page 3, I chose this book for its excellent section on the ice age. At our seminars, we frequently sell out of this book! Besides the Ice Age, this great book answers many other questions we get from students and adults at seminars. Keep in mind that many people have rejected the Bible because they think, or have been told, that the account of the Flood in Genesis 6-8 has no basis in reality. The opposite is true. This book also includes sections on:

- Solid scientific and historical evidence for the Flood
- Formation of the Grand Canyon
- Where the water went after the Flood
- Dinosaurs
- Plate tectonics (continental drift) and Pangaea
- Biblical giants
- The fossil record and the Flood
- Meteorites
- Stone age "cavemen"
- The age of the earth.
- Much, much more!

All of this is based on solid science in a Biblical context. I highly endorse this book for elementary

students to adults. It would make a great gift to cement Biblical Truth in the lives of your entire family. (200 pages, 8.75" x 11.25" \$20 + \$7 shipping/handling **AOI**)



Ice Age: The Cold Facts

by Dave Nutting

Imagine: Ice covering the Yellowstone National Park's massive volcanics to a depth of 4-5,000 feet and areas of North and South America buried by extensive ice to depths of two miles or more! This is what scientists estimate conditions were like during the Ice Age. What would cause such extremes? Secular glaciologists frequently admit they have only very speculative ideas of how an ice age could ever develop on planet earth. Geologist David Alt stated: "Although theories abound, no one really knows what causes ice ages."¹

A Biblical Model to the Rescue!

The Biblical account of the Flood gives exactly the right ingredients to produce an Ice Age. During the Flood, we would expect huge amounts of undersea volcanism from rapid subduction of the seafloor and moving continents.² This, and other factors, would heat ocean waters to much warmer temperatures.

A warmer ocean is a key ingredient for glaciation. (Even though you folks in Minnesota might disagree as you shiver today, there is currently not enough difference between the ocean and land temperatures to cause wide-scale glaciation.) Evaporation from the warm oceans would lead to moist air passing over cooler continents. In the higher latitudes and elevations of central regions of continents, huge amounts of precipitation would occur eventually turning to cold, wet snow. This would form massive, area-wide domes of ice. Because of their massive weight, these huge ice fields would spread radially in various directions to form advancing ice sheets. Lower latitude regions would not see these big ice sheets but would still have localized mountain glaciers.

Calculations show that the huge volume of water trapped in the ice would lower sea levels by about 400-500 feet. This means the continental

shelf would be mostly above water. However, the temperatures would be reasonably mild since they bordered the warm oceans. This would allow broad migration paths over much of the earth for animal and human dispersion. This could also account for large, undersea canyons found along the continental shelf.

As the oceans cooled, they would experience less evaporation and precipitation. Melting ice would produce huge inland seas behind ice dams and uplifted



areas (Psalm 104:8 states that the mountains rose up and the valleys sank down). These large volumes of water would break through those barriers causing huge canyons to form in days. One example is when Lake Missoula in Montana catastrophically drained forming multiple canyons in eastern Washington and leaving behind dry waterfalls in many places, as well as huge gravel and boulder deposits. This all happened in a matter of 24-48 hours.³

How long would it take to accumulate and melt most of these vast ice fields? According to

meteorologists, Dr. Larry Vardiman, and Dr. Michael Oard, this whole process could take as little as 500 years. Millions of years and multiple ice ages are not needed.

Is the Ice Age in the Bible?

It's not mentioned specifically, but it is possible that the book of Job is referring to the Ice Age in these passages: Job 38:22: "Have you entered the treasury of snow, Or have you seen the treasury of hail, Job 38:30: "The waters harden like stone, And the surface of the deep is frozen."

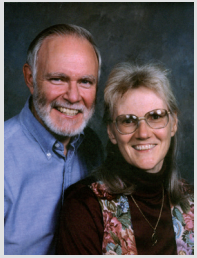
Keep in mind that the writers of the Bible lived in lower latitudes of the Middle East. These areas would lack glaciation except in high mountains. There were no TV's or internet to give instant weather reports in far-off places! Also, the Bible was not meant to be a comprehensive science textbook, but a history of God at work in space and time in the lives of ordinary people. It's a revelation of His nature and His amazing plan to restore humanity to a relationship with the Father through the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and the empowering work of the Holy Spirit. **AOI**

¹Alt, D., Glacial Lake Missoula and Its Humongous Floods, Mountain Press Publishing Company, Missoula, MT, p. 180, 2001
²<https://www.discovercreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/n2013-3low.pdf>
³<http://www.discovercreation.org/documents/NovandDec1989.pdf>

For more on this topic, check out Michael Oard's **Frozen in Time** and, for a more technical understanding, consider Jake Hebert's **The Ice Age and Climate Change**. Both are available from AOI. In addition, we've produced a free Yellowstone Creation Tour app. It has helpful articles on the Ice Age, mammoths, etc. Download this app from your app store. Search "Yellowstone Nat'l Park Tour," scroll down to the AOI logo.

Director's Column

by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting




Now that you're shivering from all that talk about the Ice Age, thaw out by coming to AOI's 2025 Costa Rica

Creation Tour! Marvel at the vibrant colors and intense greenery in the amazing diversity of plants and wildlife! Explore volcanoes, rain forests, and a Pre-Columbian archaeological site. Relax in a hammock or lawn chair and soak up the beauty of the Pacific beach. If you prefer more adventure, go snorkeling in the ocean, ziplining over the forest canopy or trekking across hanging bridges (very safe and all included in the tour) Enjoy coffee and cocoa tours, visit an indigenous people group, and learn about their history and culture.

Is this strenuous? That is up to you. All major features of the tour can be enjoyed by young children to seniors. If you have concerns about how an activity might fit with your physical capabilities, feel free to call AOI.

Although you can read about design or watch a video about geology, being there makes God's creation come alive! Join Mary Jo and me, March 2-12, 2025, for a wonderful time of discovery, learning, sharing, and fellowship. For daily destinations, activities, and lodging details, see www.discovercreation.org/camps-tours/costa-rica-creation-adventure/.

Note: We see an amazing amount on this tour, but if you want to book some additional days in Costa Rica, we can work with you to extend your visit. 

Interested in hosting a seminar?

Email AOI@DiscoverCreation.org to schedule a seminar.



Do you have a question related to creation?

Call 970-523-9943 and one of us will get back to you. **God Bless you and have a wonderful 2025!**

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