“...and the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth.” Genesis 7:18

Dennis Bokovoy

Bolivian Geology Research Report

“FLOOD GEOLOGIST NEEDED IN BOLIVIA. Can you come?” was an email received in June, 2005 by paleontologist Dennis Bokovoy. He subsequently spent four weeks in Bolivia, directing the Bolivian Geology Research Expedition Team—which studied the ToroToro Valley and its world class fossils. The assignment was to find and document evidence for the global Genesis Flood and a young earth.

On the first trip in by Cessna, giant current ripples carved by the Flood were spotted high in the mountain passes of the Andes. Huge Diplodocus and smaller three-toed dinosaur tracks were found in limestone beside the village of ToroToro. Hmm... how did dinosaurs leave their tracks in “ocean bottom sediments”?

Back at the Center for Documentation of Creation Science in Santa Cruz, plans were made to return to ToroToro. On the second expedition, eight team members drove two days by Land Rover through jungle and high elevation desert to the ToroToro valley. This time they hiked from a limestone plateau (with dinosaur tracks), mid-valley across clay beds (containing fossil turtles), and climbed 4000 feet up a flatiron mountain to view ocean shell fossils at the top. The journey down to valley floor was an exciting walk through time over the sequence of sediment buried fossils. Could it be that the supposed evolutionary sequence of the fossils in the rock layers actually is a record of the burial order of pre-flood living things as the waters of the Genesis Flood rose?

COME TO THE NEXT DSA MEETING Saturday, March 18, from 9 to 11:30 AM, for Dennis Bokovoy’s photo presentation of this incredible adventure in Bolivia (with a side trip to the mountain top Inca city of Machu Picchu, Peru)!
He followed God’s decrees to the end

In memoriam—Dr. Henry Morris, founder and president emeritus, Institute for Creation Research

by Mark Looy, CCO, AiG–USA
March 2, 2006

As I sat in a San Diego church today, listening to a eulogy for Dr. Henry Morris, the father of the modern creation movement and a great defender of the Christian faith, my mind drifted back to a verse that our Bible study group had considered on the very weekend Dr. Morris passed away (Saturday, February 25): “Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end” (Psalm 119:33).

I cannot think of anyone who lived out that verse more than Dr. Morris. Dr. Morris was as devoted a reader and follower of Scripture as I have ever known. Moreover, a passion for proclaiming biblical truths to others was the hallmark of his long and distinguished academic career, even more so than his remarkable scholarly achievements.

Dr. Morris, who died in San Diego last weekend at the age of 87, wrote more than 60 books on apologetics and other Bible themes. Fittingly, he wrote this about Psalm 119:33 in his commentary on the book of Psalms: “The godly man does not arrive at spiritual maturity instantly. It is a lifelong process, but every stage of that growth must come from the Word.” Dr. Morris was firmly grounded in God’s Word, and his godly life was a testament to the truth of Psalm 119:33.

It is widely recognized today by both friend and foe that the modern creation movement—now growing steadily across America and other western nations—had its genesis in the early 1960s. But it happened in a somewhat surprising manner. First, it came through God using Henry Morris, a soft-spoken, bespectacled academician living in central Virginia. Second, the resurgence of the creation movement in modern times (a movement that had become relatively quiet since the Scopes trial of 1925) was launched not at a major rally led by Dr. Morris nor through any controversy in the courts or schools—nothing noisy whatsoever. In fact, the event was not even associated with the first chapter of Genesis and the account of creation.

The resurgent movement’s surprising trigger was the release of Dr. Morris’s groundbreaking book The Genesis Flood (coauthored with Dr. John Whitcomb). But what a stir a book can create. The impact of this now-classic work was such that many church historians have concluded that Dr. Morris was a giant—perhaps unparalleled—in the battle for biblical inerrancy, as he defended the most-attacked book of the Bible. This unassuming scholar was to spearhead an international movement that was to shake the very foundations of the evolution establishment and, just as importantly, challenge the church to accept biblical authority from the very first verse.

Soon after the book’s publication, invitations for Dr. Morris to speak nationally on the Genesis Flood (as well as on the creation account of origins), combined with a growing network of Bible-believing scientists and engineers, led him (along with now-famous Christian novelist Tim LaHaye) to start the Institute for Creation Research in 1970.

Not too many people are aware that Dr. Morris had already become well known within academic circles (especially in the discipline of hydrology), mostly through a secular textbook he authored, Applied Hydraulics in Engineering. It was a widely used text found in many secular universities around the world. (In fact, my unbelieving uncle read this textbook as a civil engineering student in Canada; he once told me that he was clearly impressed with Dr. Morris as an academician and writer, but my uncle did not manage to hide his surprise when he learned that Dr. Morris was a biblical creationist.)

After Thursday’s memorial service, Ken Ham, AiG–USA president shared this: “Dr. Morris is one of my heroes of the faith. Ministries like AiG—and so many other creation groups worldwide—stand on the shoulders of this giant of a Bible scholar and creation researcher.” (By the way, joining Ken and me at the celebration service to pay his respects was AiG’s chairman of the board, Pastor Don Landis.)

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Dr. Whitcomb, coauthor of _The Genesis Flood_, spoke to AiG earlier this week about his dear friend and colleague. Dr. Whitcomb especially recalled how Dr. Morris had affected his life in so many ways. No event was more important in their half-century relationship than what happened during their first meeting in 1953. After a lecture that Dr. Morris gave at Grace College in Indiana, Dr. Whitcomb (a Grace College professor at the time) decided to give up the compromise view called the “gap theory” when Dr. Morris showed that Scripture clearly argued against adding long ages to the Bible. After frequent letter exchanges in the 1950s, they eventually decided to cowrite what would become _The Genesis Flood_ (1961).

Dr. Whitcomb cut short an Atlanta, Georgia, speaking engagement (with the blessing of the host church) in order to be at the memorial service on Thursday. He spoke to approximately 750 people who gathered at Shadow Mountain Community Church in eastern San Diego to pay their respects to this giant of the Christian faith. “Henry Morris still speaks. His books and tapes will continue to have a profound impact around the world,” Dr. Whitcomb said.

Knowing Dr. Morris for so many years (and having had the privilege of working with him for several of them), I can think of a number of qualities that help describe this godly man, eminent scholar and exceptional defender of God’s Word.

_Tirelessness_—One example of devotion to his life’s work of defending the authority of the Bible was manifested inside the copies of the first run of his other classic book, _The Genesis Record_ (a tool that God used to get Ken Ham in creation ministry). While America was celebrating its bicentennial on July 4, 1976, what was Henry Morris doing? Taking the day off? No, he was spending much of the day personally signing hundreds of copies of his new book.

_A devotion to God’s Word_—Henry was a walking Bible concordance. On more than one occasion, I would stop him in the hall and ask him where I could find a certain passage of Scripture (when a concordance was of no help). Invariably he would not only know the book of the Bible where the passage was found, but he could also cite chapter and verse. As much as Dr. Morris was knowledgeable about so many fields of science, it probably did not surpass the knowledge he had regarding the Word of God. That was reflected in many of the “meaty” devotionals he wrote for ICR’s _Days of Praise_ daily devotional booklet, where his insightful gleanings from Scripture easily eclipsed most of what you would read in typical devotionals today. They were full of substance, not fluff.

_Humility_—For all his accomplishments, Dr. Morris never appeared to boast of his many significant accomplishments. He came across as quiet and reserved. But that could be misleading to those who did not know him well. Dr. Morris, for example, was formidable in creation/evolution debates, and he would not hesitate to tackle compromise in the church when he saw it. But he did so with grace and in a gentlemanly fashion.

In addition to the many professional connections I had with Henry, there were also some personal ones. The reason I moved to San Diego in 1973 was to study under Dr. Morris and Dr. Gish (my other “spiritual grandfather”) at Christian Heritage College (now called San Diego Christian College), of which ICR was a division at the time. One course I took from Dr. Morris featured a mimeographed manuscript of what was to become another outstanding apologetics book of his: _Many Infallible Proofs_.

Dr. Morris leaves his wife of 66 years, Mary Louise, and five children (including Dr. John Morris, president of ICR), in addition to 17 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. John and his siblings knew well what their father believed regarding why there is death in this world (yet hope), for Henry once wrote:

_The world is now under God’s Curse (Genesis 3:17) because of man’s rebellion against God’s Word. This ‘bondage of corruption,’ with the ‘whole world groaning and travailling together in pain’ (Romans 8:21, 22), is universal, affecting all men and women and children everywhere. God did not create the world this way, and one day will set all things right again. In that day, ‘God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain’ (Revelation 21:4).’_

I believe that this good and faithful servant of God will receive one of the warmest “well done” accolades ever heard in heaven as Dr. Morris enters the presence of his Creator—and Savior.

References and notes

1 Only recently did I become comfortable calling him by his first name. My respect for the man’s accomplishments was such that I called him “Dr. Morris” for most of the 33 years I knew him.

2 Dr. Henry Morris, _Sampling the Psalms_, p. 175.

3 Even secular historian and creation/evolution researcher Dr. Ron Numbers has acknowledged Dr. Morris’s pivotal role in launching the modern creation movement [see p. 33B of The Creationists]. Of the several dozen creation groups active around America today, many of their leaders trace their beginnings in the creation movement to the influence of Dr. Morris and one of his books [especially _The Genesis Flood_].

4 There were other connections, too. For instance, we fellowshipped in the same church in eastern San Diego county for many years [where I eventually met my wife]. And the hospital in which he died last Saturday was where two of our sons were born. Our lives intersected in many ways.

5 Dr. Henry Morris and Dr. Martin Clark, _The Bible has the Answer_, p. 259.
Catherine Creek Wildflower Field Trip
Wednesday, April 19, 2006

What? Design Science Association will conduct a field trip to study and enjoy the blooming spring wildflowers of our area. Instruction will be based on a Biblical view of origins and earth history.

Where? Our destination is Catherine Creek, WA, which is a beautiful area of pine-oak woodlands east of Bingen. Be prepared for 3–4 miles of moderate hiking over somewhat rough ground.

Meet: We will meet at 7:30 AM in Lewis and Clark State Park just east of Troutdale [take exit 18 from I-84 east of Troutdale just after crossing the Sandy River. The road winds so that you stop facing the river. Turn left, and go a short distance (under railroad trestle) to the parking area of Lewis and Clark S.P.] Carpooling arrangements will be made at the park.

Leaders:
Ruth Hazen, John Hergenrather

Bring: Day pack, sack lunch, canteen, binoculars, notebook and pencil, adequate clothes for wet or cold weather. Long pants are strongly encouraged because of abundant poison oak. Ticks are common in the east gorge in spring so a repellant is recommended. Rattlesnakes may be encountered (no repellant available!). Special item: If possible bring a copy of Wildflowers of the Columbia Gorge by Russ Jolley. A few copies of this book may also be available for loan.

Cost: There is no charge for the trip, but a small donation to DSA is appreciated!

Limit: 25 participants.

Questions? For further info, contact Ruth Hazen (field trip coordinator) at kkadhazen@juno.com.

Registration: Catherine Creek Field Trip □ Wednesday, April 19

Name:____________________________________ Date of Registration:___________________
Address:___________________________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________________________

Number in party: ______adults _____children

SEND TO:
Design Science Association
PMB 218 465 NE 181st Av.,
Portland, OR 97230
Geology & Wild Flowers of Old Scenic Hwy 30
Friday, April 21, 2006

This Spring come walk among fields of beautiful wild flowers in the Columbia Gorge. Enjoy the geology of the scenic Gorge as explained by local experienced geologist and botanist, Dennis Bokovoy. Join us for a fun mid-day geology and wild flower trip from Mosier to The Dalles. Short hike along the Old Columbia Gorge Scenic Highway with a walk through the famous Mosier Tunnel. Also see here the Coyote Wall and the American Indian rock walls archaeological site.

The wild flowers and geology at the Tom McCall Wild Flower Preserve are spectacular. A short introduction to the two different views of earth history: the progressive/evolution theory and the creation/catastrophe theory will be presented. We will consider how the evidence in the Gorge relates to these two theories. Learn about the of the huge lava flows of the Columbia River Basalt in the Northwest. We will consider the events of the Glacial Lake Missoula Flood that ran 1000 ft deep through the Gorge and discuss the Mystery of the Mima Mounds. Lunch will be at Mayer State Park on the Columbia River.

Guide: Dennis Bokovoy
When: Friday, April 21
Departure: 10:00 AM sharp at the Hood River Inn
Return: 4:00 PM
Fee: $30
Limit: 13 people
Box lunch: Order when registering or bring your own
Bring: Camera, binoculars, and drinking water
Registration: H.R. Community Educ.
541-386-2055
Missoula Flood Discovery Tour
May 6 & 7, 2006

This 2 day field trip will tour the Columbia River Gorge and the giant coulees and canyons of Washington. Your guides, Dennis Bokovoy and John Hergenrather, have been researching the Glacial Lake Missoula Flood with Michael Oard and Rick Thompson in preparation for publishing a new road guide. Our tour will be incorporating interesting new information with new stops & short hikes.

We will trace the path of the catastrophic Lake Missoula flood across central Washington and down the Columbia Gorge. This Ice Age flood deposited huge gravel bars often 30 stories tall and miles long. It was 1000 feet deep as it thundered through the narrows of the Columbia Gorge changing it forever. Evidences will be found and compared for both the Missoula flood and the Genesis Flood. During the trip we will be comparing two different views of earth history: the progressive/evolution theory and the creation/catastrophe theory. Some highlights of the trip will be the huge Moses Coulee and glacial features, the spectacular Ginko Petrified Forest, Dry Falls, and the laser light show projected on Grand Coulee Dam. Exploring the Blue Lake fossil rhinoceros cave will be an optional 2 mile hike.

Transportation, Lodging and Trip Cost: The cost is $150 per person and includes interpretation by two experienced guides, transportation, and double occupancy motel at Grand Coulee. We will travel by 15 passenger vans with a max. of 12 passengers per van. If we have over 35 people, we will travel by luxury commercial bus. All meals at your expense. A list of things to bring and a Portland place to meet the bus is provided upon registration with Community Ed.

Guides: John Hergenrather and Dennis Bokovoy

When: Saturday and Sunday May 6 & 7
Departure: 7:30 AM sharp from Coe School parking lot 1009 Eugene St. in Hood River
Return: 6:00 PM
Fee: $150
Registration: Hood River Community Education 541-386-2055

Photo by Rick Thompson
Join us for a spectacular Memorial Day weekend at the Oregon Coast. Your guide will be Dennis Bokovoy, geologist and oceanography instructor. This trip is designed especially for Design Science Association and home school families. On this special trip your guide will take you to his favorite places on the coast. Family Trip first done in 2004.

Study the geology and biology of estuaries, capes, beaches, and tide pools. Observe coastal life including birds, seals, whales, tide pools at low tide and coastal plants. The places we visit include the Tillamook Estuary, Cape Mears Lighthouse & sea bird rookery, Cape Lookout State Park, Sand Lake Dunes, Tide Pools, Devil’s Punchbowl, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon Aquarium (optional, has entry fee), and more. Some fun things we will do include fossil hunting at Moolack Beach, “Glass Float Finders Keepers” beach hunt, kite flying, and of course, sea food and The Tillamook Cheese Factory.

Creation Evidences is the special extra feature of this Family Coast Trip. We will discuss how Biblical Creation and the Creation/Catastrophe Model explain the rocks, fossils, living things, and the beautiful Oregon landscape.

Transportation will be by family vehicles. However, a 15 passenger air-conditioned rental van is reserved if needed. Talk to Dennis if interested in sharing the van at: 12 people at $27/person or: 8 people $40/person. These prices include the 2 day van rental and 45 gallons of gasoline.

**Family Lodging and Trip Cost:** Dennis has arranged for family lodging on the tide pool beach at the Seagull Motel in Lincoln City. The cost for lodging and trip guide is $120.00 for a family of 4 to $140 for a family of 6. Call Dennis to include your family for this trip as soon as possible.

**Reservations:** Call Dennis Bokovoy at 541-386-2223 to reserve your place on this fun family weekend and get any questions answered.

**Date:** May 27-28, 2005 (Memorial Day Weekend).

**Register by:** May 12 at noon.
Deschutes Canyon Rafting
Tuesday, July 11, 2006

What? Design Science Association joins with Discovery Outfitters, a Christian outdoor ministry, to conduct a one day raft excursion on Oregon's Deschutes River.

Why? Besides enjoying good Christian fellowship and the adventure of white water rafting, DSA members Steve Hayley and Keith Swenson will present a creationist perspective on the biology and geology of the Deschutes Canyon.

Who? All interested persons are welcome to register. Anyone younger than age 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Meet: We will meet in the parking lot of Central Bible Church at 7:00 AM and drive to Maupin, OR, where the raft trip begins. Return time will be early evening.

Bring: Provided by Discovery Outfitters will be all rafting equipment, and lunch. A list of personal items recommended will be sent to each person registering.

Cost: $60. per person. (Due with this application).

Registration: To register, simply return the completed coupon below with your payment. Acceptance will be on a first come, first serve basis. You will be notified if trip is full. (Limited to 35)

Questions? For more info, contact coordinator Ruth Hazen at kkadhazen@juno.com

Deschutes Raft Trip
Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Name: ______________________ Date of Registration: ________________

Address:__________________________

Phone: ____________________ Number in party: ______ adults ______ kids

Amount Enclosed: $______

(Please note: you will be contacted if trip is full)

Make Checks Payable To: Design Science Association

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