

# Think & Believe

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## It's a Great Day to Be a Creationist

by Dave & Mary Jo Nutting

“It’s a Great Day to Be a Creationist!” That was Dr. John Morris’ topic at the keynote address for AOI’s Creation Celebration 2004. The regional event celebrating AOI’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary was held in Grand Junction, CO, in September. It featured Institute for Creation Research president, Dr. John Morris, a concert and teaching by Michael Card, and teaching by AOI staff and volunteers. Over 500 people attended the event which spotlighted field trips to the Colorado National Monument and a local dinosaur museum. Various hands-on workshops, and a full children’s program were also included. All of us at AOI are grateful for the Lord’s blessing on this event — and the evident interest among those who came.



Dr. John Morris signing books at Creation Celebration 2004

Indeed, it is a “great day to be a creationist!” Never before has there been so much research demonstrating the reliability and accuracy of the Bible. New research continues to affirm and support the truths found in Genesis and elsewhere in Scripture, and new finds help us to have a better understanding of the Biblical record.

Throughout the 3-Day event, Dr. Morris and other speakers demonstrated how God’s Word and His World “fit” together. Evidence was presented from geology, biology, astronomy, archaeology, and physics,

in topics like: The Amazing Human Body, Dinosaurs and the Bible, Discovering Design in Creation, and A Creationist View of the Grand Canyon.

Dr. Morris shared some of the fascinating evidence coming out of ICR’s “RATE” (Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth) Project. This 8-year project of a combined research

team of highly-qualified scientists is demonstrating fatal flaws in radiometric dating techniques used as “evidence” of an ancient earth. The study shows the failure of these methods to give

accurate dates on rocks of *known* age. That leaves very little confidence in using them to date things of *unknown* age. It is also demonstrating major flaws in the assumptions which must be made if these methods are to be accurate. One of these assumptions is that the rate of change has been constant throughout the lifetime of the object being studied. The RATE Project is demonstrating that this assumption is not necessarily true — that there are conditions under which the rate of change is not constant.

Another area of ongoing research with exciting implications for young-

age creationists is the work at Mount St. Helens. Findings there have had widespread impact on the way in which geologists interpret rock strata and erosional features. What would look like millions of years of slow, gradual deposition and erosion can be explained as the result of one catastrophic event and subsequent happenings. With Mt. St. Helens puffing again, this research could get really exciting.

A third area of very recent discoveries is in the area of astronomy. Researchers are finding an ordered, concentric arrangement of galaxies, spreading out from our galaxy. If these findings bear up under further research, it will be a “nail in the coffin” for the Big Bang theory since it would predict a much more

random distribution of galaxies.

All of these, and many more areas of research, point to the truth of God’s Word. Truly, “The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His

handiwork.” Everywhere we look we see evidence of God’s wisdom, power, and might. His Word and His world agree. We encourage you to celebrate with us, as we celebrate our wonderful Creator: God. **T&B**



Dave Nutting speaking to a large crowd at the Creation Celebration

## Why the Big Uproar? It's Just a Book!

By Dave Nutting



Anyone watching the news last spring might have wondered what

the big fuss over one book was all about. Well, this one book (**Grand Canyon: A different View**) is not an ordinary book. First of all it is loaded with tremendous and colorful scenic pictures of the canyon. We were told it was the best selling book in the gift stores at the Grand Canyon. So what's the problem? Well, it gives a Biblical Creationist view for the

formation of the Canyon – a view that the evolutionary humanists don't want people to hear. The "different view" is infiltrating the evolutionary monopoly in the national parks that they have held for decades and *they are disturbed!*

Those opposed to the book have called for Separation of Church and State! That is a favorite smokescreen, you know, to keep the public immersed in the religious worldview of Naturalism. We have been noting for a long time that it isn't that the humanists want religion out of the public, it is just that they want Christianity out and their religion in.

Anyway, get the book! Try first at the Canyon, or order it from us. Marvel at breathtaking views of the Canyon, discover the significance of the Canyon in providing a monument to the Flood, and learn little-known facts about this amazing and wonderful place. All the while, worship our awesome Creator as you see the truth of creation, judgment, and redemption revealed in the Word of God and the rock layers of the earth. **T&B**

[This 96 page, hardcover book is available from AOI for \$16.95 + s/h. Call 970-523-9943 or visit: [www.discovercreation.org](http://www.discovercreation.org).]

## A Flood of Evidence Supports God's Word

by Dr. Dan Korow

You may have heard the skeptics say, "You can't use the Bible to prove the Bible!" No problem. A wealth of non-Biblical evidence backs up the Bible as God's Word. Based upon anthropological research, the non-Hebrew cultures already believe many of the things that the Hebrew Scripture teaches about Noah's Flood. When a comparison is made between the Noahic Flood account of Genesis 6-9 to the flood legends present in over 200 cultures world-wide, striking similarities surface. In Dr. John Morris's article "Why Does Nearly Every Culture Have a Tradition of a Global Flood?" (*Back to Genesis*, Sept. 2001, #153), he lists a summary of these tremendous similarities:

1. Is there a favored family?	88%
2. Were they forewarned?	66%
3. Is flood due to wickedness of man?	66%
4. Is catastrophe only a flood?	95%
5. Was flood global?	95%
6. Is survival due to a boat?	70%
7. Were animals also saved?	67%
8. Did animals play any part?	73%
9. Did survivors land on a mountain?	57%
10. Was the geography local?	82%
11. Were birds sent out?	35%
12. Was the rainbow mentioned?	75%
13. Did survivors offer a sacrifice?	3%
14. Were specifically eight persons saved?	9%

To me, the most phenomenal points are numbers four and five which demonstrate the nearly universal belief of a global catastrophe which was a flood. When one considers that any number of common disasters could have been listed, such as an earthquake, a hurricane, a tsunami, a volcanic eruption, or even fire, the idea of a flood catastrophe becomes even more compelling!

Dr. Morris states from the above study: "One of the strongest evidences for the global flood which annihilated all people on Earth except for Noah and his

family has been the ubiquitous [*universal*] presence of flood legends in the folklore of people groups from around the world... Local geography and cultural aspects may be present but they all seem to be telling the same story." In addition, Dr. Morris contends that myth research conducted by anthropologists is often "...the faded memory of a real event. Details may have been added, lost, or obscured in the telling and retelling, but the kernel of truth remains. When two separate cultures have the same "myth" in their body of folklore, their ancestors must have either experienced the same event, or they both descended from a common ancestral source which itself experienced the event. The only credible way to understand the widespread, similar flood legends is to recognize that all people living today...have descended from the few real people who survived a real global flood...Their descendants now fill the globe, never to forget the real event." **T&B**

# Nautiloids: An Amazing Discovery in the Grand Canyon

by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting

What in the world are nautiloids, and what do they have to do with the layers of the Grand Canyon? It's an amazing story of an amazing discovery with startling implications in the debate over the age of the earth.

Nautiloids were extinct marine creatures that resembled squids living in hard, chambered shells. Paleontologists have known about nautiloids for a long time but, until the past decade, these fossils have been thought to be extremely rare in the Grand Canyon. However, research by Dr. Steven Austin from the Institute for Creation Research has revealed an extensive nautiloid bed running the whole length of the Canyon and extending

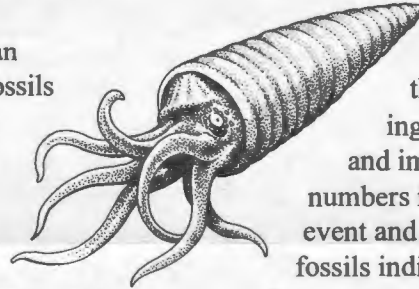


all the way to Las Vegas, NV. It is now estimated that there are millions of nautiloid fossils in the Grand Canyon itself.

How could such an extensive display of fossils remain hidden for so long? To be fair, they are in the depths of Grand Canyon, on rock ledges in the

Redwall Limestone – not exactly an easy place to get to. However, they are accessible and easily visible to the trained eye. So why haven't they been discovered before now? Dr.

Austin believes it is because traditional geologists have not been asking the right questions. He says, "You find what you're looking for." Because of his worldview which includes the



historical accuracy of the Genesis Flood, Dr. Austin believed there should be evidence of this Flood left in the rock layers of the earth. Through some rather serendipitous events, careful attention to details, and faith in a God who answers prayer, the discovery was made.

The significance of this find is truly staggering — both in its extent and implications. The sheer numbers indicate a mass-kill event and the orientation of the fossils indicated burial under a fast-moving, laminar flow. This totally demolishes the traditional interpretation of the slow and gradual deposition of the Redwall Limestone under shallow, placid seas. It also cuts out "millions" of years of time from the rock strata — time in which evolution was thought to occur. These findings fit perfectly with the Biblical account of creation, followed by a catastrophic Flood. **T&B**

## Where did all that water go?

by Dave Nutting

There are two questions that are frequently asked regarding the Flood. The first one is, "If there really was a global flood, where did all that water go?" The second is, "How could there be a worldwide flood? We do not have enough water to cover the whole earth above the tallest mountains.

These arguments sound good on the surface until one dives a bit deeper. The answer to this question is amazingly simple yet well-known (and even Christian) scholars have never thought of it. In fact, popular "progressive Creation" teacher, Hugh Ross says that he can't believe in a global flood because of the first point.

Both objections can be answered together: What if the mountains

were not as high before the flood as they are today? Psalm 104:8 (NASV) says, "The mountains rose; the valleys sank down ..." This appears to be at the end of the Flood. So we might conclude the waters ran off as the mountains rose and the valleys and sea basins deepened. Indeed, there is ample evidence that the mountains have risen (in fact, it appears that some are still doing so). Also, there is abundant evidence of catastrophic erosion – both in the form of "sheet" erosion resulting in broad, relatively flat plains or plateaus, and in the form of deep-cutting valley or canyon erosion.

Additionally, if you look carefully at a globe, you will find that nearly

75% of the earth is covered with water. Calculations show that if you could "flatten" all the mountains and make the earth smooth like a billiard ball, there would be enough

water to cover the entire earth by 1-1/2 to 2 miles of water.

So, was there enough water to cover the earth? Yes, indeed. Where is it now? Some of the floodwaters are probably still locked in the

sediments of the earth, underground reservoirs, and glaciers but most of it is in the oceans. God's Word and God's world agree. **T&B**



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- To receive continual reinforcement that the Bible is True — even Genesis!
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**2004:** Nov 5 • Dec 3

**2005:** Jan 7 • Feb 4 • Mar 4 • April 1 • May 6

These programs are designed for ages 10 — adult. Younger children are welcome in the main program but, due to staff limitations, we are not able to provide a nursery or separate children's program. If you feel God is calling you to help with this ministry, let us know. 

## Upcoming Events

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D&MJN = Nutting, RS=Stepanek

- 1/2-1/31, Curriculum writing - Please Pray - D&MJ  
1/14, Fredericksburg, TX, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Carlos Garza, (830) 997-6042, RS, L&MJ  
1/15, Kerville, TX, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Carlos Garza, (830) 895-3935, RS, L&MJ  
1/19-23, Monterrey, Mexico, Instituto Universitario, Lic. Julio Montes, Mtz., RS, L&MJ  
1/24-27, Reynosa, Mexico, Rio Bravo Ministries, Mike Kremnitzer, (959) 580-1135, RS, L&MJ  
1/24-2/21, Speaking Pending - UT, NV, D&AK, 970-523-9943  
1/28-30, Monterrey, Mexico, X-Life Conference, David Chan, (956) 928-3200, RS  
2/1-3/1, Speaking Pending - Southeastern U.S., D&MJN, 970-523-9943  
2/2, Pharr, TX, Grace Christian Church & School, Lori Barber, (956) 787-5343, RS, L&MJ  
2/5-11, Speaking Pending - McAllen, TX, RS, L&MJ, 970-523-9943  
2/13-19, Speaking Pending - Houston, TX, RS, L&MJ, 970-523-9943  
2/16-17, Kerrville, TX, Grace Christian Church, Pat Patterson, (830) 896-1783, RS, L&MJ  
2/20-21, Rockport, TX, Salt Lake Baptist Church, Chris Brock, (361) 729-3872, RS, L&MJ  
2/2-27, Speaking Pending - Tribune, KS, RS, L&MJ  
2/26-28, Salt Lake City, UT, Calvary Chapel, Terry Long, (801) 264-9999, D&AK  
3/5-8, Cedaredge, CO, First Baptist Church, L&MJ

**Thank You!** From all of us at AOI to all of you who partner with us by praying, volunteering, and giving. We appreciate you! Have a wonderful



holiday season as you remember God's blessings and celebrate His wonderful love.

**You can host** an exciting Discover Creation seminar in your area. Contact us for more information. If you know someone who would benefit from this ministry or would like to sponsor a seminar, send us their name and we will contact them. (Please get their permission first!)

### Financial Update

As with many ministries, AOI has experienced serious financial shortfalls. We have been forced to cut back hours for several staff and to take only partial salaries. This is time to move ahead not cut back! Please see the enclosed flyer, pray, and help if you can!



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