The 4th International Conference on Creationism

Seven men from CSA attended the 4th International Conference on Creationism (ICC) in Pittsburgh, Pa., August 3-8, 1998: Ken Carlson, Wilbur Entz, Douglas Dexheimer, Glenn Kailer, Tony Kostusie, Mark Matthews, and Tom Willis. Forty-seven papers were presented and made available in a 2-inch printed volume of Proceedings which is already available at the CSA Bookstore and will be displayed at the September meeting.

CSA has previously made available video tapes of the first three ICC's in the CSA Lending Library, and have presented many of these tapes in our Advanced Institute in Creation Science at our monthly meetings. Unfortunately, budgetary constraints led to the decision by the Creation Science Fellowship of Pittsburgh, not to video this conference. Because we feel that many exciting ideas were discussed we feel that some effort should be made to make the information available to a wider audience.

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Last Spring, several teachers and youth leaders began bringing and/or sending their students to CSA meetings. Two science teachers gave extra credit for attending CSA Meetings. Various strategies were tested for insuring the student had earned the extra credit.

From our point of view this was a great opportunity as well as somewhat of a challenge. We were unprepared for over 40 additional attendees at our meetings, and equally unprepared to handle that number of only marginally interested youth. After a couple meetings we felt were unproductive, we started holding the youth sessions in a separate room, which was packed. Five or more CSA folks took an interest in these sessions, but had difficulty coming up with a comprehensive "youth strategy." Puppet shows, Wet 'n Wacky Water Slides, ice cream socials, etc., were (very) briefly considered, but did not receive hearty endorsement from CSA leaders.

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Dinosaurs: The Whole Truth

Children's Art and Science Workshops by Visual Manna and CSA

Tom Willis of CSA will join nationally popular art teachers Rich and Sharon Jeffus of Visual Manna, to provide two fun and memorable workshops for children. The Workshops will include Five Dinosaur and Fossil Craft Projects for Children (by Visual Manna); and Five Important, Short Lessons for Children on Fossils and Dinosaurs (by Tom Willis).

AGENDA: Each workshop day will have 5 workshops by Rich and Sharon, Visual Manna (VM), 5 by Tom Willis (CSA)

- All About Fossils -- CSA
- Let's Make a Fossil -- VM
- When Did Dinosaurs Live? -- CSA
- Drawing Dinosaurs - Tromp d'oel -- VM
- Looking through a window back in time!  Are Scientists Always Right? -- CSA

- Let's Make A T-Rex? -- VM
- The Coelacanth (fish), no evolution in 60 million years -- CSA
- Drawing Fish and Fossils -- VM
- Insects in Amber - no evolution here - CSA
- Insects in Amber Art Project -- VM

When: Choose either of two memorable days full of creation science fun and art!  9:00 - 2:00 October 16 or 17, 1998.
Cost: $15.00 (1st child), $10 per additional child in the family... limit $35.00 per family. Where: The Berry Patch, 22509 State Line Rd.  Call: (816) 618-3610 or (573) 729-2100.  NOTES: Bring sack lunch, Grades 1-8, Parents welcome, Reservations required.

Creation Safaris

27 cars and 127 people joined Fossil Hunt #1, 66 People on the Ha Ha Tonka Weekend, 48 on the 4-day Western Kansas Geology Safari, 26 attended the Geology of Kansas City Safari, and 50 enjoyed some great discoveries on Fossil Hunt #2.  Coming Soon...

Sept 18 - Astronomy, Planets/Constellations: 7:00PM, The Berry Patch
Sept 25-27 - Ozark Cave Outing - Overnite in rustic cabins, campfire, S'mores, worship, hymns, hiking, visit two caves... great family outing.
Oct 16 - Astronomy, Planets/Constellations: 7:00PM, The Berry Patch
Oct 17 - KATY BikeTrail (Mo. River Bluffs): 9:00AM-5:00PM
Nov 13 - Astronomy, Planets/Constellations: 7:00PM, The Berry Patch
Nov 21 - Squaw Creek Game Refuge 9AM - 5PM, The Berry Patch
Nov 25 - Astronomy, Meteors: 7:00PM, The Berry Patch
Dec 13 (Sunday): Astronomy, Meteors- 6:00PM, The Berry Patch

Important Notes: CSA does not charge for safaris, but there are costs associated with some safaris, and we do require reservations.  To request a copy of the brochure: “1998 Detailed Safari Information.” or to make reservations, write or call (816) 618-3610.
"A New Foundation for Modern Science"
by Charles W. and Joseph C. Lucas
An ICC review by Tom Willis

The third paragraph of this paper begins, "The issue of truth has been largely neglected in modern science. Most high school and college science textbooks no longer even mention the logical principles that undergird science and guide it in the direction of truth. Modern science has evolved to the point that peer approval is more important than being based on the physical laws of cause and effect." The paper then develops the idea that there is a reasonable set of principles that should govern science, but do not. The authors assert that these rules have been continuously held for thousands of years (abbreviated below to conserve space):

- No theories may be based on postulates or assumptions known to be false
- To be considered valid, a theory must explain all the relevant experimental data
- All scientific theories must be self-consistent with one another
- All different types of valid measurement of the same quantity must be self-consistent with one another
- The discovery of gravity and electrodynamics add: All parts of the universe interact with one another in a self-consistent way

Most of these rules seem obvious to sensible people, but the authors then show that the modern theory of the atom, the Dirac model, based on special relativity theory and a statistical version of quantum theory, gives a nonphysical mathematical view of the universe governed 100% by random statistical processes. They then demonstrate that the accepted model of the atom violates virtually all the rules of science outlined above. It does not explain all the data, it is not internally self-consistent, it is based on a number of assumptions known to be false. They list five major inconsistent or false assumptions in the present model of the atom.

They also argue that the present model of the atom should be suspect at least to Christians because it is a random model, it is based on an assumption of an inherently unreal mathematical point, it is logically incoherent, and it was conceived as part of a philosophy intended to eliminate religion from the globe. In short, they argue that there is little connection between the present model of the atom and a search for truth, and there probably is a willful anti-Christian motive behind it. [Another paper by Phillip Dennis, disputed the Lucas paper, particularly on this one point, arguing that it was all right for Christians to believe in quantum mechanics, because the major problem with the "random nature" of quantum mechanics was banal interpretation of it. Both I and Lucas felt Dennis's paper had merit, but it did not begin to address, much less invalidate, the other points made by Lucas].

Lucas then reported on the work of a handful of physicists (including themselves and David Bergman, who also delivered a paper), to develop a totally new model of the atom. While as yet incomplete, they claim their atom is composed of real particles, is logically coherent, is dependent on no assumptions known to be false, depends only on classical electrodynamics theory, and they claim it explains all the experimental data with no ad hoc theories... including those effects "explained" by relativity and statistical quantum mechanics.

The proposed new model of the atom consists of a doughnut shaped electron with a spinning charge. The electrons have a fixed positions about the atom. A simple diagram of the atom reveals how and where it will bond with other atoms to form molecules.

Does their model work? One chemist, who had worked with it only a week, came to the meeting with a folder full of molecules he had built using it. He told me, "I accomplished more in one week with this model than I've done in 25 years with Quantum Mechanics. Is the model correct? I don't know.

Contact email Common Sense Science, David Bergman, at <102215.323@compuserve.com>

Proceedings of the 4th ICC may be ordered from CSA at a cost of $35.00 (+$1.50 postage).

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Therefore, the Lord willing, CSA will do at least two things:

1. CSA will stock a good supply of the Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference on Creationism, 1998. 658 pages, hard bound. These are now available from the CSA Bookstore by Mail for $35.00 plus postage.

2. CSA will strive to present written and verbal reviews of selected ICC papers. We will videotape the verbal reviews which will be made at the October and November, 1998 CSA Monthly Meetings, and selected other CSA meetings in the coming months. Some of these reviews will be 10 to 20 minute summaries. Hopefully, others will be more comprehensive reviews. See the meeting announcements. Written reviews will be presented in CSA NEWS (see "A New Foundation..." on this page).

Institute in Origins Science for Youth

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A Brief Review of the Institute Topics Follows:

- **Introduction**
  - The History of the World as Told by God
  - The Importance of Creation
  - What is Science? or The Philosophy of Science

- **Geology (Earth Science) Unit**
  - Rock and Fossil Formation: Sedimentation, Volcanism, Plate Tectonics
  - Mountains, Canyons and Caves
  - The Ice Age or Ages
  - Age of the Earth and it's Formations - Uniformitarian and Radiometric Dating

- **Biology (Life Sciences) Unit**
  - Origin of Life: Creation or Chemical Evolution
  - Origin of Kinds: Separately Created Basic Kinds (or Types) versus Biological Evolution
  - Dinosaurs: Their Life and Times
  - Mankind: Image of God or Image of Apes (or Apelike Creatures)?
  - Ecology: The Roll of Man in Maintaining and/or Destroying the Earth

- **Cosmology and Astronomy Unit**
  - Nature and Origin of Matter, Space, Time
  - Origin of Stars, Galaxies, Solar System
Neanderthal Explained...
What Happens to the Craniofacial Structure of Humans Who Live Past 100 Years? Neanderthal Similarities.
by John W. Cuozzo

At virtually the same time Darwin published The Origin of Species, supposedly demonstrating the truth of evolution, Neanderthal Man was discovered, and immediately hailed as proof of Darwin's theory. Neanderthal was obviously human to anyone who can see. He made and used tools, ceremonially buried his dead, etc. Yet he had larger brow ridges and skull shape and thickness that enabled some to claim he was "more apelike." John Cuozzo is an Orthodontist who visited natural history museums carrying one of the few high quality portable X-ray machines in the world. He obtained permission to X-ray their oldest known humans, specifically including Neanderthal.

Among other things Cuozzo was interested in the effect of age on skeletal structure. In the process of studying old present day humans and Neanderthal, based on the data he had obtained, he developed a computer model which graphically displays (or prints) changes in skeletal structure with age. As we age, among other changes, skull thickens and changes shape, and eyebrow ridges begin protruding. The model clearly showed that a normal "modern" human would look like Neanderthal when he got to about 400 years old! The Bible clearly teaches that early man lived many hundreds of years. Neanderthal was not "apelike," he was simply old!

Audio/Video Tapes of CSA Meetings:
The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
by: Larry Rink
The Scripture teaches the title of this talk, but do we really believe it, and how do the heavens declare God's glory? Larry Rink conducts about 10 Astronomy Safaris each year, attended by several hundred people. After his talk you should have several different ideas how the heavens declare God's glory, and mitigate against random processes.
Audio: A0163A & B (2 tapes) - $10.00.
Video: Not available of this meeting - $13.00

Science, Evolution and the New Age
by: Willy Peterson
As an environmental compliance engineer, Willy Peterson encounters the influence of the New Age in US environmental law. This, and his love for the Word prompted him to research the New Age far more than most folks. He has published a book "A New Age Primer" (available from CSA) and authored several papers on anti-science in environmental law. You will not be bored in this presentation.
Audio A0164: $5.00
Videos: Not available of this meeting

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Attend CSA Meetings remotely by ordering the Audio ($5.00) or Video tapes ($13.00). Advanced Session Tapes are not available for Purchase, but they (as well as meeting tapes and many others) can be borrowed from...
The CSA Lending Library
8904 Mastin, Overland Park, Ks 66212, (913) 492-6545

Are You Participating in CSA As Much as You Should?
"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Are you doing all the Lord has called you to do in the war for the minds and souls of our citizens... especially our youth? CSA is not a closed fraternity. Any born-again believer who is abiding in the words of Jesus, and has been gifted in research, computers, speaking, clerical activities, writing of articles or book reviews, etc., and who has heard a call to serve in an origins ministry should consider and pray about serving with us. Write or call for more information.
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Some of the papers we plan to review: New studies explaining why radiometric dating yields more questions than answers, several papers on evidence of enormous catastrophic water effects in geology, a striking new interpretation of Neanderthal, Carbon 14 dating of objects in thousands of years that are supposed to be millions, a compelling new way to present the truth of creation, and much more.

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