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PREFACE

The Creation Science Fellowship, Inc. (CSF), presents these Volumes as the written record of the Second International Conference on Creationism (ICC). The Conference had a multifaceted purpose:

- 1) To provide a platform for entry level and intermediate presentations offering an overview of the creation model of origins.
- 2) To provide a platform for the discussion of the educational and legal ramifications of the origins debate.
- 3) To provide a platform for high level presentations of leading-edge creationism. These papers were refereed by the authors' peers.

To accomplish these purposes the Conference was divided into three tracks:

- 1) The Evening Track was for the general public on the topic of "Creationism and You", dealing with the importance of the origins issue to the average person.
- 2) The General Track was designed to offer coherent presentations of various themes within the creation model of origins to a non-technical audience. The papers were on an entry level or an intermediate level for the purpose of furthering the understanding of the creation model of origins. Within this track were papers dealing with the educational and legal aspects of the origins debate. The size of this Track increased over that of the 1986 ICC, from three days to four and from two ongoing parallel sessions to three, thus showing the growing interest in creation science.
- 3) The Technical Symposium contained papers that are on a higher scientific level. They were to be new, original, or systemizations of leading edge creation science. The purpose of this Symposium was to provide a forum for the presentation of ideas in an open atmosphere of review and response. The presentation sequence consisted of the author's paper, the discussers' reviews, and finally the author's closure.

Not included in these Proceedings are questions, comments and rebuttals offered from the floor during the question and answer periods. These periods are available on tape at the ICC address.

Volume I contains the papers delivered during the General Track and represent topics that tend to be the more developed areas of the creation model. Also contained in this Volume are papers dealing with the educational and legal aspects of the origins debate.

Volume II contains the Evening Addresses; Poster Session Abstracts; and the Technical Symposium papers, including reviews and rebuttals, and authors' closures.

Neither the ICC nor CSF endorse all points of view contained herein, but rather it is our desire that these Proceedings accomplish the edification of the reader and aid in the systemization of the creation model of origins.

To God be the Glory!

The ICC Executive Committee
June 1990

PREFACE

The Creation Science Fellowship, Inc. (CSF), present these Volumes as the written record of the Second International Conference on Creationism (ICC). This Volume contains the papers presented in the Technical Symposium Sessions and other additional topics.

The Technical Symposium presentations contain three sections. First, the paper itself. Secondly, comments and criticisms (called discussions) by individuals who were felt to be knowledgeable on the author's topic. These individuals were selected by the Technical Review Committee (TRC) of the ICC in the spirit of attempting to build upon and further the creation model. Lastly, the author's closure. Here the author was given the opportunity to respond to his discussors and offer additional information or data not included in his paper. The CSF believe this open forum of critique and response will aid creationists build a coherent model of earth and universal history.

The "additional topics" section includes Dr. Eidsmoe's paper which was not available at the time of the printing of Volume I and an update on research of the carbon dating of dinosaur bones by several researchers.

Regrettably what is not included are the Evening Addresses as well as the Poster Session Abstracts. These items unfortunately had to be excluded from the written Proceedings because of available space. However, these items as well as all of the presentations are available on audio and video cassette. One may write to the CSF address on the first page to obtain information about ICC materials. Moreover, at the Evening Sessions two awards were presented to two creationists of the past generation in recognition of their untiring efforts presenting the creation model of origins to the community at large. Dr. Henry M. Morris, was presented the **Byron C. Nelson Award** for his contribution to the initial systemization of the creation model, and Dr. Duane T. Gish was given the **Luther D. Sunderland Award** in recognition of his lifelong service presenting the evidence of creation on the "front lines".

Each paper in the Technical Symposium was judged by the Symposium participants. Criteria included, scientific merit, how the paper added to the knowledge of the creation model, did the paper offer a systemization of some aspect of the creation model?, etc. The paper receiving the "Best Technical Paper Award" was, "3-D Simulation of the Global Tectonic Changes Accompanying Noah's Flood", by Dr. John R. Baumgardner. Two other papers received honorable mention, "The Sea's Missing Salt: A Dilemma for Evolutionists", by Drs. Steven A. Austin & D. Russell Humphreys, and "Physical Mechanism for Reversals of the Earth's Magnetic Field", by Dr. D. Russell Humphreys. These authors were recognized at the final evening address for their outstanding contribution to the creation model of origins.

Within the Technical Symposium several important topics were addressed and are worthy of note. First, the ideas of Cavitation and Resonance were discussed in the Symposium. These ideas will no doubt be very important in describing the "goings-on" of the Deluge. Secondly, the further systemization of the Earth's Magnetic Field can not go unmentioned. The implications of greater field strength in the past along with a model for its apparent reversals are crucial to a proper model of creation. Finally, the topics of "Discontinuity Systematics" and "Baraminology" were introduced at this ICC. These "avant garde" topics promise an extremely powerful and objective methodology for classification, and could very well have a significant effect on the current understanding of systematics.

As creationists continue to develop a coherent model of earth and universal history, it will no doubt become apparent that nature contains an infinite amount of diversity, yet is a totally unified entity. This notion of diversity within unity is the classic idea of, *trinity*. Therefore, the universe can be thought of as, "a fundamental diversity within a fundamental unity".(1) In this light it can be stated that the nature of the universe must also reflect the Nature of its Creator. We can say then that the Nature of the Creator is, "The Fundamental Diversity within The Fundamental Unity". This means that the creation model of origins must include as a fundamental element, the notion of *trinity*. In touching upon this idea of diversity within unity, we offer the following words from Sir Isaac Newton's, *Principia*:

... This most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets, could only proceed from the Counsel and Dominion of an Intelligent and Powerful Being. And if the fixed stars are the centres of other like systems, these, being formed by the like Wise Counsel, must be all subject to the Dominion of One; especially since the light of the fixed stars is of the same nature with the light of the sun, and from every system light passes into all the other systems; and lest the systems of the fixed stars should, by their gravity, fall on each other, He hath placed those systems at immense distances from one another.

This Being governs all things, not as the soul of the world, but as Lord over all; and on account of His dominion He is wont to be called, *Lord God*...(2)

The context of the above quotation is Sir Isaac addressing the idea of the complexity (our term, diversity) of the solar system, yet its perfect behavior (our term, unity). He concludes that the solar system must be the design of the Designer.

The ICC's continue to provide a forum for creation scientists to further the creation model of earth and universal history. Neither the CSF nor the authors themselves claim absolute truth about the ideas and models contained within. Rather, it is hoped that these Volumes will aid the creation community in systematizing their model of origins.

In the hope of free and open investigation, we offer these Volumes as the permanent record of the Second International Conference on Creationism, held July 29 - August 4, 1990.

To God be the Glory!

Robert E. Walsh
March 1991

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