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And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts...And the water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. Gen 1:31-2:1; 7:19

The Next Meeting: . July 26th, 2008
at 7:00 pm for the main event. We also have a video at 6:00 pm that stresses some aspect of creationism. Everyone is welcome. We usually meet the fourth Saturday of each month except December. The map on the last page gives the location of our meeting place. See page 4 for membership information.

Speaker for July 2008: Dr. Steve Deckard
Dr. Steve Deckard's topic will be: "Overheated-Examining the Views on Global Warming from a Biblical Perspective." He asks, "How should Bible-believing Christians react to this controversy? Does the Bible address the issues related to Global Warming and the modern-day Environmentalist Movement? How does this movement relate to the young-earth creationist belief and its worldview?"

Dr. Deckard is a lifelong educator, having served as a teacher, researcher, and administrator in both the private and public sectors. He is the author of three books and numerous articles with much of his writing focused on the creation/evolution controversy and the dynamics of the interplay of the two world views. He currently resides in Lynchburg, VA, with his wife Mary and son Daniel.

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Dr. William McMullen's lecture in June had this title: "Playing Fairly with Cosmology and Abstract Science: Honest Ways Toward Understanding Creation." He said that cosmologists (whether secular or Christian) endeavor to learn the "how" of the origin of the universe. Problems arise when cosmologists put too much faith in their theories and assert that they can answer "why." This approach is logically flawed because scientific reasoning requires phenomenological observations. Simply stated, we can understand the mechanics of certain aspects of Creation, but we can never answer "why." Understanding the "why" question requires philosophical approaches or a depth of understanding that only God has.

Dr. McMullen described modern cosmology and what it can and cannot tell us about Creation. In the past, many scientists postulated the "eternal universe"; that is, the universe has and always will exist. With the introduction of the "big bang" theory, secularists were caught off guard and refused to acknowledge the connections with Genesis. On the other hand, some Christians accep-

tea the theory because they thought it implied God used a "big bang" as His starting point for Creation.

Dr. McMullen outlined the top-level picture that emerges from the theory, namely that prior to the big bang, nothing existed and then God intervened, causing the Creation of space, time, matter, energy, the fine-tuning of certain physical constants, and the rapid formation of the universe. Dr. McMullen also explained that there are serious gaps in both the cosmological picture of the universe and the theories used to understand the early universe from an elementary-particle perspective. He stated that this is part of the never-ending quest to connect phenomenology with theory but doesn't get us any closer to the "why" of Creation. Fundamentally, theorists cannot explain how the early universe expanded to arrive at its current shape. In addition, current ideas proposed to account for the "fine-tuning" of physical constants are very primitive and not supported by theory or phenomenology. It stands to reason that in decades to come and certainly a hundred years from now, the secular picture will change dramatically. This makes it difficult and rather foolish to take the secularists seriously.

Dr. McMullen's lecture resulted in many questions from the audience, thus suggesting that we need more Creationists as speakers on this subject. Dr. McMullen earned his BS in Engineering and a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry at UGLA. Present work: Internal Consultant , Northrop Grumman.

Future Speakers:

September 20&8: Dr. Timothy Standish will discuss "Design Arguments: The Last 2,500 Years, or More." He says, "Understanding the history of interaction between arguments for and against design in nature provides a valuable perspective from which to appreciate both the arguments made in the Bible and those being made today against a Bible-based understanding of the creation.

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1. Register online at www.icc08.org
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The registration fee does not include housing or meals. Accommodations should be arranged directly with the hotel. Meals and additional proceedings can be ordered on the registration form. We offer discounted registration rates for those who stay at the Radisson Hotel.

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Free Evening Presentations - August 3, 4, 5 and 6

- **Sunday, August 3** - Speaker: Dr. Russ Humphreys, PhD
Topic: Why is the "Age-Issue" important to the Origins Debate and in particular to the Creation Model of Origins?
- **Monday, August 4** - Speaker: Steve Austin, PhD
Topic: Understanding the Mud Flow Revolution
- **Tuesday, August 5** - Speaker: John Baumgardner, PhD
Topic: Catastrophic Plate Tectonics: A Mechanism for the Flood.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 6** - Speaker: Andrew Snelling, PhD
Topic: The Creation Model: Its Past, Its Present and Its Necessary Future

No registration is needed to attend these evening sessions. Just mark your calendars.

All evening sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. (Leave time to visit our massive Creationist bookstore.)

The technical level of the evening presentations will be appropriate for the average adult audience. Teenagers, parents, pastors, and anyone interested in the topic of origins will all find these evening sessions beneficial.

No child care is provided.

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Map to the Radisson Hotel - home of The 2008 International Conference on Creationism

How You Can Help Promote the ICC Conference

Since only the daytime technical sessions require registration, please make a special effort to forward this email to individuals who have specific training in the sciences and can thus benefit from the technical daytime sessions.

Good candidates for the daytime technical sessions include:

- scientists from any field (geologists, biologists, chemists, paleontologists, etc.)
- Christian high school science teachers
- science teachers at Christian colleges
- medical doctors
- other individuals who have been closely studying origins science

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