

“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

John 1:29b (KJV)

Seasons Greetings from the Creation Research Society:

We thank everyone for their prayers and support in 2018. This past year the Society celebrated its 55th year of activity and service, and continues to publish the *Creation Research Society Quarterly* (the longest actively published creation science journal). Both the iDINO and eKINDS research initiatives move forward, as well as funding of numerous other research projects. We look forward to new activities in the coming year, including the 2019 CRS Conference to be held in Mequon, WI.

I. Research

Critics of biblical creation frequently claim that creationists do not engage in science, and that creation has no scientific evidence. Thus, Genesis (and the Bible) are just a collection of ancient legends and myths. Regrettably, our culture has been heavily influenced by such claims, as an increasing number of people no longer regard the Bible as God’s authoritative word.

As a research society, a major focus of CRS is funding, conducting, and publishing scientific studies. The Society has continually worked to develop and expand a viable creation science model. Thus, for over 50 years CRS has been working to directly counter these critic’s claims.

The Creation Research Society is currently funding a large numbers of research projects. In fact, this past year has been one of the Society’s most prolific and active years for supporting research. This research includes studying the geologic effects of a world-wide flood, low temperature zircon helium diffusion properties as related to radiometric dating methods, the speed and limitations of biological diversity, and the presence of biomaterials in dinosaur fossils.

The Society accepts proposals for research on a wide variety of topics related to developing a creation model. Proposal applications and budget guidelines can be downloaded from the CRS website or by emailing crsvarc@crsvarc.com.

a) eKINDS

Examination of **Kinds In Natural Diversification and Speciation** (eKINDS) seeks to answer key questions about diversity and speciation. Biblical creation holds that all present-day species arose from the original created Kinds (Gen. 1) and land animals rapidly diversified following the Genesis Flood (Gen. 8:17-19). Evolutionists often challenge that this creation model does not allow for speciation or provide sufficient time for all the diversity that is found in contemporary biology. eKINDS involves research exploring the mechanisms of speciation and how quickly organisms can change and diversify. Some of the work of the

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eKINDS project has already been featured in the *Creation Research Society Quarterly*. Additional articles from this initiative will be published in future issues of *CRSQ*.

b) iDINO

Investigation of **Dinosaur Intact Natural Osteo-tissue (iDINO)** seeks to study biomaterial found in dinosaur fossils. For the past several years CRS scientists have been studying the presence and preservation of tissue still retained within some dinosaur bones. Evolutionists recognize that this tissue contradicts their claim that the bones are 65+ million years old. How could biological material have survived for millions of years? Several possible preservation mechanisms have been proposed. The most popular explanation is that iron catalyzed reactions (Fenton Reactions) will stabilize the proteins, making them more resistant to degradation.

The iDINO project is currently studying these proposed preservation mechanisms, especially the conditions and chemistry involved in the iron preservation process. As part of this work, a new means of conducting protein degradation studies is being developed. This new experimental approach will enable a greater detailed analysis of each proposed preservation mechanism. The results may counter many of the evolutionists' claims, challenging their arguments and further demonstrating that these fossils are not millions-of-years old.

c) Other Projects

The Society is currently funding several projects examining flood geology models. These projects include an examination of the oolite beds in early flood deposits, geology of the Lance Formation in the western US, and surficial gravel deposits. Results from these projects will seek to further advance a global flood model and answer some key geologic questions.

Other current CRS funded projects are a study of DNA topoisomerase (an enzyme involved in winding and unwinding strands of chromosomal DNA), and the additional analysis of helium diffusion rates from zircon. The topoisomerase study will provide added understanding of God's design within cells. The zircon study expands the original helium diffusion work done as part of the RATE project (a study of radiometric dating methods).

The Society seeks funds for its numerous research projects from individuals, churches, and other interested groups that are willing to provide support with either one-time gifts or monthly donations. Through these funds, CRS will continue to support various research projects, and expand the number of projects as money is available.

CRS Conference

The next CRS Conference will be held on the campus of Concordia University Mequon, WI, on July 26-27, 2019. As with previous conferences, a Plenary speaker will be featured each morning, and the Henry M. Morris Memorial Lecture will be given on the evening of the 26th.

University cafeteria meals will be available for attendees to purchase. Area restaurants are also an option for those with available transportation. Plus, attendees have the option of residing in university dorm rooms. This dorm housing is limited, so attendees may need to register early to ensure a room is still available.

A function of the CRS conference is to provide a forum for creation scientists (and interested lay persons) to gather and discuss novel ideas, challenge old thinking, and offer new and even incomplete results. In fact, new and partially developed research is encouraged. No proceedings or recordings of concurrent sessions are made, encouraging presenters to offer unique and challenging ideas and to encourage attendees to engage in polite but serious discourse.

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Call us at 928-636-1153 or visit our website (www.creationresearch.org) for further information about the conference, abstract submission, registration, and lodging availability.

CRS Bookstore

The enclosed flyer lists new additions for the CRS Bookstore. *A Question of Origins?* offers a valuable resource of information on various topics, including fossils, the history of evolution, and radiometric dating. *Receding Waters* is a video featuring CRS Board Member, Mike Oard, explaining how water receding at the end of the Genesis Flood worked to shape much of our current landscape. *The Call of the Cosmos* and *Origin* are videos that explain how life and the universe are not mere acts of random chance. Also, the classic book, *Biotic Message*, has returned to the CRS Bookstore.

In addition, the bookstore is offering several videos at end-of-year special prices. You can purchase these and other books and videos from the CRS Bookstore at www.crsbooks.org or by contacting us at 877-CRS-Book.

Society Membership

CRS is a scientific membership society with a focus on research and publication of information supporting biblical creation. Membership in the Society provides an opportunity to support and encourage fellow Christians and creationists through an international society of young-earth biblical creation scientists. Membership is not restricted to scientists or individuals with advanced degrees. Anyone may become a member of the Society if they agree with the Society's statement of faith (see www.creationresearch.org/statement-of-belief). Those individuals with advanced degrees in a scientific field also qualify for voting membership. For information about membership or to apply for membership, call 928-636-1153 or visit our website (www.creationresearch.org).

Some of the benefits of Society membership include:

1. Subscription to the peer-reviewed journal, *Creation Research Society Quarterly*.
2. Subscription to the popular-level periodical, *Creation Matters*.
3. Exclusive on-line access to the members' section of the Society's web site (www.creationresearch.org).
4. Member's discount on most books and videos from the CRS bookstore, and discounts on CRS conference registration.
5. Members may submit a research proposal to the Society for funding considerations.
6. Participation in CRSnet, an internet discussion forum exclusively for CRS members.
7. Student Future Leaders provides a sponsored membership for any full-time student (high school or college).
8. The opportunity to support and encourage fellow Christians and creationists through an international society of young-earth creation scientists.

Funding and Mission

The Society depends on the prayers and generous gifts from our friends. Such gifts are what enable CRS to provide numerous research grants as well as fund our major research initiatives. While some creation ministries are involved in scientific research, few specifically focus on conducting research. This gives the Society a unique and vital niche in the creationist community.

As 2018 draws to an end, we want to offer a special thank you to all those who have supported our work. As a 501(c)(3) organization, all contributions to the Creation Research Society are tax deductible. Gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other appropriate assets are also a popular means of supporting the Society. Planned giving through a will or trust fund is an additional means of supporting the Society's work. CRS has always maintained a debt-free financial strategy, so all gifts go directly toward the Society's activities.

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In addition, use of GoodSearch.com, GoodShop.com, and AmazonSmiles can generate donations to CRS. Simply indicate the Creation Research Society as your charitable organization upon registering on these sites. Subsequently, a small donation will be given to the Society each time you use these sites. You can also “like” us on Facebook, and share our Facebook posts, which helps increase our presence on this social media venue.

We pray that everyone will have a blessed Christmas, and give thanks to our Lord and Creator for His love and the gift of His son. We look forward to 2019, and pray that God will continue to use the Society for His glory and service.


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