SOME PROMINENT BENCHMARKS IN THE 20TH-CENTURY REVIVAL OF FLOOD GEOLOGY
AND ATTENDANT CONTROVERSY—with some emphasis on Calvin College events.

--For the single most-complete review of the revival of Deluge Geology, see Ronald Numbers, *The Creationists*, 2nd ed. 2006

--This document focuses on the revival of Flood Geology and does not attempt to incorporate the history of the Intelligent Design ("ID") movement...

0. 1874: John William Draper publishes *History of the Conflict Between Science and Religion*; 1896: Andrew Dickinson White publishes *A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom*.


2. 1923: George McCready Price (7th-Day Adventist; 1870-1963) publishes *The New Geology*, which attacks biostratigraphy and mainstream geology. Price publishes several books during his long life and teaches at diverse Adventist colleges.

3. 1925: John Scopes prosecuted in Dayton, TN for supposedly teaching evolution in a public school in Tennessee. Prosecutor, William Jennings Bryan, agrees to be put on the witness stand and is ridiculed by defense lawyer, Clarence Darrow. Bryan dies a few weeks after the trial.


5. 1941: American Scientific Affiliation founded by evangelicals of diverse opinions on geochronology. One of the founders is Jack Van Haitsma, biologist, from Calvin College. F. Alton Everest serves as its first president, from 1941-1951.

6. By late 1940’s: J. Lawrence Kulp, Christian geochemist at Columbia Univ., has convinced many scientists in the ASA that the Earth is old. Splinter groups favoring Flood Geology begin to form.

7. 1946: Harold Clark, protégé of G.M. Price, publishes *The New Diluvialism*. Although written from a recent creation perspective, accepted the reality of order to the fossil record and aroused ire of Price.
8. 1948: John DeVries, chemist of Calvin College, publishes *Beyond the Atom*. Discusses antiquity of the universe. Diverse reactions within the Christian Reformed Church.


10. 1958: Jan Lever, Professor of Zoology at the Free University of Amsterdam, publishes *Creation and Evolution*; examining evidences for life’s genealogy and mechanisms; advocates strongly providentialistic view of the course of Earth and life history.


   --eventually, the GRI is relocated on campus of Loma Linda University, California.

   --patient, credible work accomplished by staff: Ariel Roth, Leonard Brand, et al.


   --Society currently (2014) includes >1600 members.

   --1964: the CRS begins to publish the *Creation Science Research Quarterly* (CSRQ), one of the more scholarly journals devoted to Creation Science.


16. 1974: ICR publishes *Scientific Creationism*; a Flood Geology text with no Bible references, for public school use.

17. 1977: Daniel Wonderly authors *God’s Time-Records in Ancient Sediments*. Davis Young authors *Creation and the Flood*.

   Both volumes provide strong evidence against Flood Geology.

18. 1978: Carl Wieland, Australian M.D., founds magazine, *Creation*. 

   --In 1987, Carl Wieland becomes managing director.


   --Brown authors book, *In the Beginning: Compelling Evidence for Creation and the Flood* Now in 8th edition and downloadable; you can also purchase a hardbound copy.

   --in correspondence with Dave Young & me, Brown reveals himself as a very charitable and considerate Christian. Tops as a person but I disagree with him!

21. 1981: ICR is granted accreditation for its graduate school; begins to offer M.S. programs.

22. 1982: Davis Young authors *Christianity and the Age of the Earth*, critiquing Flood Geology. (Young had earlier authored *Creation and the Flood* (1977).

   --Henry Morris responds with short volume, *Science, Scripture, and the Young Earth*, accusing Young (and others) of “compromising” and “aiding the enemy”.

23. 1983: The National Center for Science Education (NCSE) is founded in Oakland, California, by scientists concerned to counter the claims of Flood Geology and recent Creationism.

   --1987: NCSE hires Eugenie Scott, physical anthropologist, as director. Scott becomes prominent speaker and author of anti-creationist material.


25. 1986: Hugh Ross (astrophysicist at CalTech) and wife Kathy (English instructor) found Reasons to Believe Ministries (“RTB”); work out of office at Sierra Madre church. Ross becomes a prominent speaker to the southern California evangelical Christian community and comes under attack by ICR spokespersons.

27. 1987: Ken Ham is delegated to the ICR from AiG; moves to U.S.A.

28. Late 1980’s: Calvin College geologists (Young, Menninga) and astronomer (Van Till) ridiculed in full-page ads in Grand Rapids Press. Known as the “three professors”.
   --Synodical committee appointed to investigate.
   [1986: Van Till, Young and Menninga had authored Science Held Hostage, (IVP Press); attempting to find a middle way between atheistic materialism and young-Earth creationism]


30. 1990: Van Till, Young, and Calvin Seminary Prof. John Stek publish Portraits of Creation.

31. 1991: CRC publishes Report 28, of the Committee to Study Creation and Science. Committee commends Calvin faculty; allows that an old universe and Earth do not conflict with Christian doctrine and specifically not with Christian Reformed creeds.

32. 1990: Meteorologist Michael J. Oard (now based in Montana) authors Ice Age Caused by the Genesis Flood, published by the ICR. Oard begins long series of young-Earth interpretations of the Ice Age, including Frozen in Time (2004).

33. 1990’s to today: ICR uses Grand Canyon as a major demonstrative project for Flood Geology.

   --Eventually, Hovind styles himself “Dr. Dino”...


37. 1998: “Dr. Dino” sets up web site, offers to debate anyone.
   --Groups as diverse as AiG, Reasons to Believe, and Answers in Creation, all critique the arguments of Dr. Dino.
   --2000: Hugh Ross debates Dr. Dino on the John Ankerberg Show.

39. 2003: Answers in Creation, privately-operated website, found by Greg Neyman, “dedicated to sharing the Gospel and to supporting Christians who believe in an old earth”. By 2010, over 350,000 visitors to site. Site includes lots of criticisms of AiG, etc.
   --Now titled Old Earth Ministries


42. 2005: ICR publishes two volumes of the RATE project. Main conclusion: lots of radioactive decay has indeed occurred! ...This must have occurred during the Creation week or during the Flood.

43. 2006: ICR establishes the Henry Morris Center for Christian Leadership in Dallas, Texas.
   --2007: ICR moves its headquarters to Dallas.
   --2008: disappointment—Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will not accredit its graduate school. [go online to www.icr.edu/soba to read statement regarding lack of accreditation]

   --2009: Courts rule that Dinosaur Adventure Land could be seized & sold to satisfy Dr. Dino’s federal tax debts. DAL closed until further notice.

   --April 2010: visitorship hits the 1 million mark.
46. November 2007: Geneticist Francis Collins, Director of Human Genome Project, founds the organization, BioLogos.

2008: Physicist Karl Giberson authors *Saving Darwin: How to be a Christian and Believe in Evolution*; accepts position as executive vice president of BioLogos

August, 2009: Collins appointed Director of the National Institutes of Health; resigns as director of BioLogos; shortly thereafter, Karl Giberson leaves.

Darrell Falk of Point Loma Nazarene University becomes president of BioLogos; headquarters on campus of Point Loma Nazarene University.


49. 2009: IVP publishes *The Bible, Rocks and Time*, by Davis Young and Ralph Stearley


51. 2010: AiG’s Creation Museum, in tandem with spin-off for-profit Ark Encounter LLC, floats plan to build full-scale wood replica of Noah’s Ark with theme park on grounds, with several hundred employees: “Ark Encounter”. Controversy ensues when Kentucky governor Steve Beshear announces support for tax incentives, based on estimated 1.6 million visitors per year and $214 million economic impact during first year of operation.

52. Summer 2011: Two Christian homeschool conferences remove Ken Ham from speaker list for his uncharitable speaking style; Ham admonished. The Great Homeschool Convention’s advisory board writes to Ham “Our Board believes Ken’s comments to be unnecessary, ungodly, and mean-spirited statements that are divisive at best and defamatory at worst.”


54. 2015 Estimated publication date for *Grand Canyon: Monument to an Ancient Earth*. Edited by Carol Hill, Gregg Davidson, Wayne Ranney, Tim Helble.