

## **THE TRUE NORTH SERIES: YOUR GUIDE TO THE GRAND CANYON**

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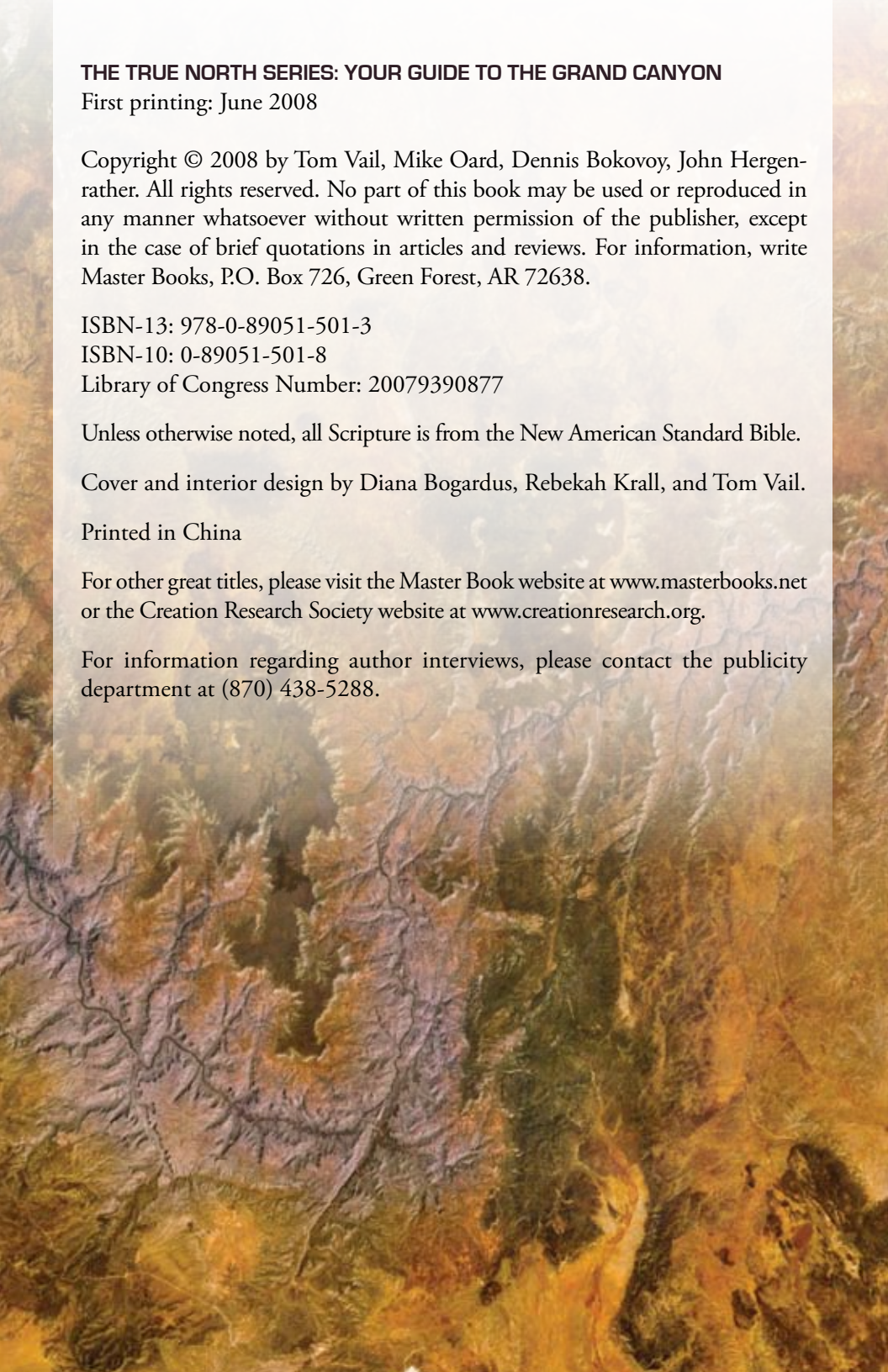
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# About This True North Guide

There are numerous books and guides written to help people understand the Grand Canyon; after all, it is a World Heritage Site and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. The vast majority of the interpretive literature available on the Canyon is based on evolutionary theory. The uniqueness of this *True North Guide* is in its perspective. *True North* was written with three purposes in mind:

- ▶ *To provide an understanding of what the visitor actually sees from the major overlooks along the Rim of the Canyon and while driving through the Park.*
- ▶ *To provide an overview of the Grand Canyon from a creationist's perspective and compare it to the evolutionary model.*
- ▶ *To show that what is observed in the Canyon is best explained by the Creation/Flood model.*



## WHERE TO BEGIN

Whether this is your first or 100th visit to the Grand Canyon, this *True North Guide* is designed to help you get the most from your visit to the Canyon. It is structured to first provide some help in planning your trip and then as an explanation of what you will see from the Rim.

The large fold-out map on page 21 gives an overview of the entire park and then each section, or sub-section, has a detailed map showing the roads and overlooks that may be of interest. Additional sections are designed to provide more specific information, such as:



2	<p>PERSPEC- <i>page 14</i></p>	<p>An explanation of why the Canyon is important from a biblical perspective is provided in the Perspective section.</p>
3	<p>HOW TO SEE THE CANYON <i>page 18</i></p>	<p>Provides the information needed to make your trip more enjoyable and give you some tips on the best way to really experience the Canyon. It provides suggested itineraries based on how much time you plan to spend at the Canyon.</p>
4	<p>WHAT EVIDENCE WILL YOU SEE? <i>page 34</i></p>	<p>An overview of some of the data seen here that supports the biblical model of the Canyon's formation. It will introduce you to ten of the main issues worthy of investigating as the significance of the Canyon is considered.</p>
5	<p>EXAMINE EVERYTHING CAREFULLY <i>page 38</i></p>	<p>Contains a three-page foldout of all the major overlooks at the Canyon. Each foldout offers an explanation of some of the main points seen as the Canyon is explored and provides references to other sections for more in-depth information. As with the Canyon, the overlooks are divided by the South and North Rims. The South Rim is sub-divided by three geographic areas as well.</p>
6	<p>UNDER- STANDING THE CANYON <i>page 140</i></p>	<p>Provides some background for understanding not only what is seen here, but also the way in which it is interpreted. This section presents a foundation for the Geology, Fossils, and Ecology sections.</p>
7	<p>GEOLOGY <i>page 148</i></p>	<p>A Geology section specific to the Grand Canyon which provides more detailed information than what is given on each overlook foldout.</p>
8	<p>FOSSILS <i>page 162</i></p>	<p>Offers more detailed information regarding fossils found in and around the Grand Canyon.</p>
9	<p>ECOLOGY <i>page 168</i></p>	<p>Provides more detailed information regarding ecology in the Grand Canyon than what is given on each overlook foldout.</p>
10	<p>HISTORY <i>page 176</i></p>	<p>Offers a brief historical background of man's involvement in and around the Canyon.</p>

## WHAT THIS GUIDE IS AND IS NOT

This *True North Guide* is not meant to be a technical publication, but presents the information in a way that a person with little or even no technical background can understand. Doing this requires the use of some terms that may be unfamiliar to the first-time visitor. Therefore, a glossary (page 182) is included to provide definitions for many of these terms.

Although the *True North Guide* was current when written, things do change and therefore it is not designed to replace the maps and information supplied by the National Park Service. We encourage you to obtain the Park Service newspaper, *The Guide*, as you enter the Park, as it will contain useful and current information, and is available in French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Japanese. *The Guide* for both North and South Rims may also be obtained from the National Park Service's Internet site at: [www.nps.gov/grca](http://www.nps.gov/grca).

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It is also not our intent to provide a complete list of lodging and dining options in and around the Park. Although we do list a few within the Park for your convenience, their listing does not imply any endorsement of their service or facilities. The National Park Service's Internet site maintains a more comprehensive listing along with most of the logistics necessary to visit the Canyon.



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## SAFETY TIPS

- ▶ The Grand Canyon is an awesome place, but it can also be a dangerous place. In order to enjoy your time at the Canyon, it is imperative that you follow several safety rules. The most obvious is to not get too close to cliffs. People fall and are killed every year. Do not venture out past the guardrails on overlooks or along the Rim Trail. You also need to be on the watch for rattlesnakes and scorpions, especially down in the Canyon.
- ▶ If hiking into the Canyon, you must carry more than enough water. Do not remain on an isolated overlook, or under an isolated tree, during a lightning storm.
- ▶ Pets must be on a leash at all times and are not allowed below the Rim. Service animals must have a permit to go below the Rim (available at the Backcountry Office.)
- ▶ For emergency services or health care, the National Park runs a walk-in clinic with no appointments necessary. You can either phone 911 or 638-2551.

## STEWARDSHIP

The Bible says that we are stewards of the earth, as Adam was told to take care of the garden. The Canyon has also been designated as a National Park and therefore requires us to, as President Roosevelt said, “Leave it as it is.” This goes along with the idea of “take only pictures and leave only footsteps.” You will enjoy your stay more knowing that you left no trace of your visit behind.

Help protect the Canyon by following Park regulations, such as staying on the trails so that you do not destroy the fragile vegetation. Do not litter. In fact, should you find litter, pick it up and deposit it where it belongs.

Don't deface the Park by scratching your name on rocks or tree trunks. Not only does it carry a hefty fine, but it is not the way we have been commanded to care for our environment, including the Canyon.

Please do not feed the animals, as it is not only dangerous for you, but what you feed them is not likely their natural diet. “Human food” can result in sickness and malnutrition. It is also against the law.

“Leave it as it is.”  
—President Roosevelt

*Then the Lord God took the man and put him  
into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and  
keep it.*

Genesis 2:15

Rock squirrel

