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The Age of the Earth - The Longest Myth

Part V - OK, How Old Is the Earth? by Tom Willis

Highlights of Part I - IV

Parts I - IV appear in four of the last five CSA News, starting July/Aug, 2006. See www.csama.org/CSA-NLTR.HTM. In these articles we discussed the major "scientific" strategies for "proving" an Old Earth. Basically we divided the "proofs" of the myth of an old Earth into "Geologic Evidence" and "Radiometric Evidence." While there was not space for a comprehensive refutation of every claim, we did give an analysis of the nature of these claims and illustrations of typical serious weaknesses in the evidence and logic supporting Old Earth (OE) claims. It is our position that none of these *proofs* of an old earth will withstand scrutiny by a competent opponent. That is the key reason old earthers rabidly demand exclusive control of the student population. Even with a virtual monopoly of the schools, half the graduates reject an old earth and all forms of evolution (in public schools, a lower percent in some *christian* schools). Imagine what the percent would be if the kids ever heard even one competent defense of a young earth. One important clue to the accuracy of this assertion: dismissal of young-earth teachers is often the result of teacher, not student, complaints. OE teachers cannot deal with the questions from the students.

Does Science Support a Young Earth?

Remember, "What is Sauce for the Goose is Sauce for the Gander." Arguments about the flaws in unbeliever's dating methods "largely" apply to our ability to use them, they are not perfect. Like any "Law of Science," if you believe in a young earth based on science, you do so on faith. However, "largely" is in quotes because YE Creationists make vastly different claims about dating methods than Old Earthers. A statement typical of us is, "A Carbon 14 date of 38,000 years for diamonds claimed to be 500 million years old, demonstrates that these diamonds are vastly younger than OE zealots claim."

Conversely, OE folks think nothing of hanging names like "absolute dating method" on radiometric dating. Though some may scream "That doesn't mean what you imply," in fact, they use the "absolute dating" term regularly, without any definition at all, and also think nothing of claiming very precise dates from methods whose margins of error are larger than the values they quote. Rocks they *date* at "1.13 billion years old," could have formed sometime this morning. One way to think about it is "We honor God, they pretend science is god." It is my conviction that Young Earth Creationism is a Category I faith, a reasonable faith, consistent with Biblical and scientific evidence, which contrasts with the Category III faith required by evolutionism and old-earthism, faiths held in spite of the evidence.

The only certain way to determine the truth regarding evolution, creation and the age of the Earth is if we had a reliable witness to these events, and we believed him. Obviously YE Creationists have the testimony of such a witness, but many choose not to believe Him. I am convinced that, with the caveat that, as with belief in any scientific theory, faith is required, the evidence,



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and the "science" manifestly supports a Young Earth.

What Methods Exist to Date the Earth Accurately?

We have already illustrated some of the evidence requiring a Category III faith to cling to an Old Earth. Earth's Geology is literally replete with evidence of the large scale water catastrophe described in Scripture as happening only a few thousand years ago. Evidence of rapid sedimentation is everywhere. Just recall the polystrate trees and fragile fossils, displayed in these articles, which protrude through far more *history* than is possible if slow sedimentation were true. Remember also that, like the fern leaves, virtually all fossils, of which there are untold billions, are actually "polystrate fossils, i.e., extend through multiple strata, thus through many to millions, of years of pseudoscientific history.

Reflection leads one to an unsolvable problem for the old-earth faith, "How can billions of dead creatures lay around for 5 years to 250 million years patiently awaiting fossilization, yet remaining in virtually living perfection. These include trees, shells, fish, dinosaurs, and even jellyfish, billions completely identifiable due to the detail of their fossils, yet having to lay patiently dead while waiting all these years to even get buried by these sediments which are supposed to have accumulated at the incredibly slow rate of less than a thousandth of an inch per year.

Think! There is not an animal on this planet whose living or dead body could last as long as required by OE or Evolutionist faith. Even a "sea shell" will shortly dissolve, just resting on the bottom of the ocean. The "fossil record" is virtually unassailable proof, not of a young earth, but that **the key story that purportedly refuted the Bible and young earth is manifestly false.** The "Geologic Column" did not happen slowly, and provides no fossil evidence for an old earth!

Thus, we have **Young Earth Proof #1:** The testimony of the one who claims to be the cause of the Earth who also claims He does not lie. **YE Proof #2:** The Genesis Flood is very positively vindicated by the contents of the “Geologic Column.” **And, YE Proof #3: The claim that the “Column” and the “fossil record” supports millions of years is falsified!**

YE Proof #4: The fact that animals and plants could not possibly have been fossilized over a long period of time means that the so-called 500 million year “phanerozoic period” (the entire period of multicellular creatures) does not exist in the record. Life clearly exists and was captured in fossils, but it **had** to be a short time frame. Thus, a young earth is proved!

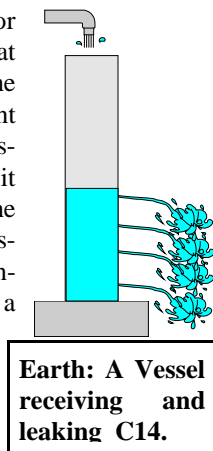
We have shown in prior articles that only a fool would trust his eternal life to the shoddy results associated with so-called “radiometric dating.” **YE Proof #5:** Radiometric Dating provides no scientific support for an old earth. This is not a proof of a young earth, but, with Proofs #1 - 4, YE Proof #5, at the very least, clearly tilts the science in favor of a young earth. But that is only to this point in our discussion, there is more.

Radiometric Dating Really Proves a Young Earth

This may come as a shock to many but there really are “radiometric clocks” that provide rather convincing proof of a young earth. In one of the earlier articles we shared the observation that Helium content of granitic crystals is way too high proving a recent burst of very high radioactivity, further invalidating the reliability of all conventional radiometric “clocks” which require a constant rate. This evidence also profoundly demonstrates a Young Earth for the simple reason that, if 500 million year old rocks cannot be anywhere near that old, and 4.5 billion year old rocks cannot be that old, then, we are quite near a solid proof that, **YE Proof #6:** There are no old rocks, therefore, the Earth itself cannot be old!

Willard Libby, University of Chicago, invented “Carbon Dating” in the 1950’s. Libby was apparently a pretty good scholar, so he did look into prior research regarding Carbon 14. He found that studies had been made which showed that the rate it was being produced (by bombardment of Nitrogen in the upper atmosphere by cosmic rays) exceeded the rate we were losing it by its decay into daughter products. Thus the earth inventory of C14 was steadily increasing. Of course, he also knew the present inventory of C14 by measuring the percent in a given volume of atmosphere. Now, consider the diagram as representing the earth. Our C14 situation is like a vessel with water (representing “C14”) being added at the top, but leaking out holes up the side. With C14, the “add rate” is greater than the “leak rate” so the level in the tower (representing Earth) will continue to rise i.e., the C14 atmospheric inventory will continue to increase. The amount leaking will also continue to increase because there is more to leak thus, “more holes to leak from.”

Anyone with a Bachelor’s degree in Nuclear Engineering can calculate that, after about 31,000 years, the vessel would reach “equilibrium,” the leak rate would equal the fill rate, the increase in level would terminate. But, after “4.5 billion years of evolution” this has not happened. Yes, it is possible for some C14 to be “removed” by storing it in Carbonate rocks (limestone, etc.). It



is well understood how large output of C14 by the voluminous formation of carbonate rock is easily explained in conditions like the Biblical Flood, it is a simple fact that this is not happening very much under “uniformitarian” conditions, like today. And this is considered as part of the “leak rate.” **YE Proof #7:** Therefore, C14, the most famous “dating method” ever invented, when used properly, clearly proves to anyone with eyes to see that the earth cannot be much older than 31,000 years, and is probably much younger! Libby knew all of this and even mentions it in his book, but it is disguised in such fog that you must know what you are looking for. You see, Libby had a faith that he also “knew” the earth is billions of years old, so, he pretended to ignore inconvenient evidence. This history also furnishes evidence of the destructive delusion associated with Old Earth faith, people holding this faith routinely fulfill Romans 1:18, they suppress the truth when it conflicts with their faith.

There are many other proofs of a young earth. Since Creationists tend to believe we have found no reliable clocks for Earth Age other than God’s testimony, we tend to like “Upper Limit Clocks.” These are processes which, like the ones OE believers use, do not give an accurate “age,” because initial values cannot be known, but these processes do set upper limits on age far below ages believed by those believed by the OE Faith.

YE Proof #8: Sodium content in the oceans: Rivers and other sources dump 450 million tons of sodium in the ocean annually. About 27% is thought to get back out of the ocean, the remainder seems to accumulate. According to OE faith, the oceans are over 4 billion years old, but there is only 42 million years worth of sodium. Remember, this kind of clock cannot give an age, because one cannot know how much was there to begin with. Since the oceans were designed by God to fulfill His purposes, then it is very doubtful that the oceans began much different than present values, else sea life would have to have changed dramatically. Thus, this clock is very consistent with the notion that the oceans have been here only a few thousand years, and strong proof they have not been here even near a billion years.

YE Proof #9: About 25 billion tons of sediments erode from Earth’s continents each year. At that rate all continents should be eroded to sea level in 15 million years, but present continents are supposed to have existed many times longer than that. In fact, many fossils, rock formations, etc. are claimed to be over 60 times that old.

YE Proof #10: OE faith has a similar problem with sediment accumulation. At the rates the continents are eroding, ocean sediments should be many miles deep, but average about 800 feet! Ocean sediments clearly indicate a young ocean.

Available space precludes covering many more that are available, but this should be enough to get you started thinking for yourself. Yes, evolutionists try to answer most of these. While they proclaim themselves to be apes, they are, in fact, human, and can come up with some good arguments. However, because they are human, and lost, their arguments seldom carry as much weight as they claim. With God, we invite you to “Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good.” 1 Thess 5:21.

Next Issue (the Lord willing): **The Christian Case for an Old Earth.** “I’m a Christian, too.” “But God Could Have Used Evolution,” “You know, ‘One day with the Lord is as a thousand years,’” and other such *christian* proofs of an old earth. Or, “When *Christians* make Old Earth pronouncements, are they speaking ex-cathedra?”

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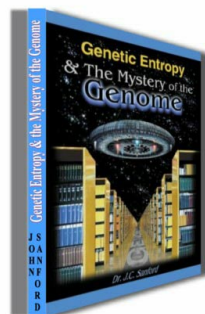
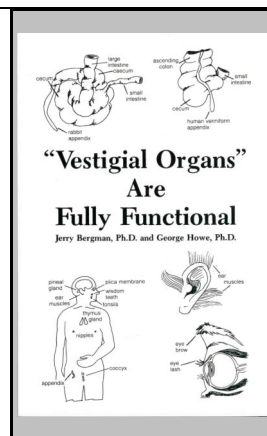
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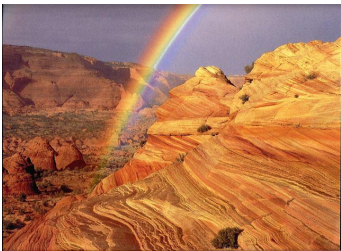
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By: Kevin Anderson



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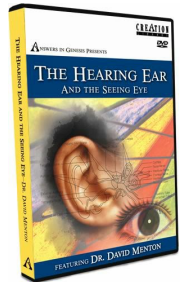
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