

RESPONDING TO SUPPOSED EVIDENCE OF AN OLD EARTH
(Genesis 1:1 - 2:4)

- I. Opposing INTERPRETATIONS of the SAME DATA: Introduction
 - A. Evolution assumes ALL LIFE developed from a COMMON ancestor
 - B. Creation says God created EVERYTHING in SIX "SOLAR" DAYS
- II. The Challenge of DISTANT STARS
 - A. A functionally MATURE system must have the APPEARANCE of age
 - B. Relativity PREDICTS that light would arrive here within TWO DAYS from ANYWHERE in the known universe
- III. The Challenge of GEOLOGY
 - A. CATASTROPHIC Deposition of Rock LAYERS
 - 1. Tsunami: the most POWERFUL change agent observable today
 - a. Highest recorded, 56 feet
 - b. Flood predicts heights exceeding 1000 feet
 - 2. Turbidites: underwater MUD SLIDES that deposit LAYERS of sediment
 - a. Found WORLD WIDE, as only the FLOOD model predicts
 - b. Illustrated by the GRAND CANYON and MT. ST. HELENS
 - 3. FOSSILS: "millions of DEAD things buried in rock layers laid down by WATER all over the earth"
 - a. Flood would have left VAST deposits of plants and animals QUICKLY buried in sediment which turned to stone
 - b. Fossils show evidence of RAPID catastrophic deposition
 - 4. Petrified WOOD
 - a. In growth POSITION but not growth LOCATION
 - b. Often standing cross-strata, IMPOSSIBLE in evolutionary model

5. Rock LAYERS show no evidence of time passing BETWEEN them
- B. REGIONAL Stratigraphy
 1. The Tapeats Sandstone covers almost all of NORTH AMERICA
 2. The Sauk sequence of SEDIMENTARY layers sit atop the sandstone
 - C. Sediments DEFORMING while SOFT
 1. The Kaibab Upwarp lifted a vast plateau of MULTIPLE LAYERS
 2. The seam is BENT and WARPED, not BROKEN
 - D. RAPID Canyon Formation
 1. Required much more ENERGY and WATER than currently available
 2. Occurred much more RAPIDLY than uniformitarians assume
 - E. Inconsistent DATING
 1. Radioisotope dating of igneous rock gives INCONSISTENT results
 2. Dating of sedimentary rock uses CIRCULAR reasoning
 3. Radiocarbon dating supports a YOUNG earth
- IV. Opposing INTERPRETATIONS of the SAME DATA: Conclusion
- A. EVOLUTIONARY model
 1. Earth is 4.5-6.0 BILLION years old
 2. Grand Canyon's "FOUNDATION" is about 2 billion years old
 - a. Overlying rock layers 550-250 MILLION years old
 - b. Erosion occurred about 70 MILLION years ago
 - c. An overlying layer on the surface dated at 1.3 BILLION years
 - B. CREATION model
 1. God CREATED the earth about 6000-10,000 years ago
 2. God FLOODED the earth about 4500 years ago
 - a. During which ALL the ROCK LAYERS were laid down
 - b. In which ALL the FOSSILS were encased