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## **Observations by the Editor**

### Creationism

Until the mid-19th Century, the biblical account of the creation of life and the universe was widely accepted within Christendom. In other words, Christians accepted the biblical revelation that the material world was created in six literal days about 6,000 years ago.

But when Darwinism exploded on the scene, Christian leaders sold out quickly to the theories of scientists that the universe is billions of years old. To accommodate that supposition, Christian theologians developed the Gap Theory and the Day-Age Theory. The Gap Theory argued that there are billions of years between the first two verses of Genesis. In other words, God created the universe and then it was despoiled by the revolt of Satan, and billions of years later, God re-created the universe. The Day-Age Theory postulates that the creation days of Genesis were really days that lasted millions, if not billions, of years each.

The man who almost single-handedly revived the biblical view was Dr. Henry Morris (1918-2006). Dr. Morris graduated from Rice University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1939. Later, in 1950, he earned a doctorate in hydraulic engineering from the University of Minnesota. He then served as a professor of applied science at Southern Illinois University (1956-1957), and subsequently as professor of hydraulic engineering and civil engineering at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), where he also served as the department chair.

In 1961 Dr. Morris teamed up with a theologian named John C. Whitcomb, and the two of them wrote *The Genesis Flood*, which advocated supernatural creation by God and attributed the fossil record to the Noahic Flood.

In 1963 Morris and nine others founded the Creation Research Society which was committed to reaffirming the biblical story of creation. In 1972 he established the Institute for Creation Research which produces scientific studies that affirm a young earth and refute the Theory of Evolution.

In recent years, many other Creation ministries have been established and the



Dr. Reagan with Dr. Henry Morris in 2003

number of scientists speaking out against evolution and in behalf of a young earth has steadily increased.

The time is long overdue for Christian leaders to join that chorus of voices. Unfortunately, most of those leaders today are either silent about Creation, or else they continue to try to conform the biblical revelation about the Creation to the opinions of scientists.

In the September-October issue of this magazine, I spoke out strongly in behalf of the biblical revelation that the Creation took place 6,000 years ago in six literal days. The article was titled, "The Beginning and The Ending." You can find a copy of it on our website at www.lamblion.com.

The purpose of this follow-up issue is to emphasize the fact that a belief in the biblical story of Creation is not something limited to a few "Fundamentalist preachers." Rather, the concept of a young earth (together with a refutation of evolution) has been embraced by many with advanced degrees in science.

The author of our lead article, Dr. James Hugg, came to believe in Creationism through his study of science. He concluded that special, supernatural creation and a worldwide flood were the best scientific explanations of what could be observed on earth and in the heavens.

In my opinion, the Theory of Evolution and its assumption of a Creation that is billions of years old is the greatest fantasy ever conceived by the depraved mind of Mankind.

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# **Our Young Earth**

## It's About Time: Why I Believe in a Young Earth

James W. Hugg, PhD



The Hugg Family: Susan, James, Ellie, and Samuel.

(Editor's Note: The first guest article related to our theme topic is authored by Dr. James Hugg, who is one of the trustees of Lamb & Lion Ministries. Dr. Hugg is a renowned research scientist who holds a doctorate in nuclear physics from Stanford University. He worked for Shell and British Petroleum before deciding to shift to the field of medicine where he became an expert on MRI technology. After serving as a research scientist for General Electric in Haifa, Israel, for several years, he moved back to California to become head of research for a medical technology company. He and his wife, Susan, and their two children live in the Simi Valley area of Los Angeles. They are members of the Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch.)

For the first 18 centuries of Christianity, the Church almost universally believed in a literal Creation about 6,000 years ago<sup>1</sup> and a global flood in the lifetime of Noah. In the early 19th Century, scientists began to develop an Old Earth Viewpoint to support the rise of Evolution Theory. If the Earth is only thousands of years young, as the Bible teaches, evolution of life in all its variety from nonliving chemicals is obviously impossible. Believers in Evolution feel comfortable with their current claim that the Earth is 4.54 billion years old.<sup>2</sup> (I believe that is nowhere near enough time for random chance combinations of chemicals to produce even the simplest one-celled life form, but that discussion is beyond the scope of this article.)

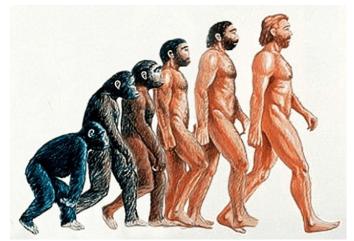
Most of the Church accommodated the Old Earth Concept by "spiritualizing" the Genesis Creation account and developing theories of theistic evolution over billions of years.<sup>3</sup> Those succumbing to this compromise approach usually also downgrade Noah's worldwide flood to a local flood.<sup>4</sup> In the past four decades, since the rise of Scientific Creation beginning in 1970 (when Henry Morris, PhD founded the Institute for Creation Research), a controversy has arisen between Young Earth Creationists (mostly Evangelical believers) and Old Earth Theistic Evolutionists (mostly mainline Protestants and Catholics).

#### **Data Selection Bias: Self-Deception**

All humans have a natural tendency for self-deception: we pay much more attention to observations that reinforce our viewpoints than to those that may contradict them. We readily dismiss contradictory data and accept confirmatory data with little scrutiny. By the very nature of this common human failure, the self-deceived are unaware that they have picked through a mountain of data to find the few observations that seem consistent with their preconceived notion of what is correct. But nowhere else have I encountered the extreme level of self-deception that exists among believers in Evolution.

Let me give you an example that I witnessed in my former career as a geophysicist for Shell and BP. You don't need to understand the details of rock dating techniques to appreciate this most important point. When geologists study a rock formation that they expect, on the basis of Evolution Theory, to have a certain old age, they extract many samples from various locations in the formation and send them to several different labs that make the measurements of apparent age. After the results come back, they begin to weed out the samples that gave the "wrong" answer by assuming that the samples were contaminated. The "right" results that meet their expectations are presumed to be reliable. After this data selection process, the geologists are left with only the results that confirm their preconceived expectations.

I apologize if I have shocked you with the revelation that well-meaning, sincere scientists can be so biased in their selection of reportable data so that they can continue to support wholeheartedly the myth of Evolution Theory and proclaim it to be a fact. Any time that a large proportion of raw measurement data is being discarded and labeled "contaminated," I suspect that the reported results will be strongly biased by the preconceived worldview.



An example of imaginary "science."

After I studied the scientific evidence and rejected my former faith in Evolution,<sup>5</sup> I bought a tee-shirt that declares: "Scientists should always state the opinion upon which their facts are based!" Believers in Old Earth Evolution Theory have selected a very small portion of the data that appears to support their expectations and they publish only the "correct" portion as "facts." This self-deceptive habit of Evolutionists ignoring the vast majority of the data is one of the main reasons why I believe in Creation, a young Earth, and a worldwide flood.

We should not be too surprised that many of the observations discarded by believers in Evolution do, in fact, support Young Earth Creation.

God has revealed to us in the Bible His account of the origin of the universe and life. His Creation does testify to its supernatural origins.<sup>6</sup> We can scientifically examine the Young Earth Creation model and test whether there are observations that support it.

#### Natural "Clocks" Estimate the Age of the Earth

Since no human being witnessed the creation of the Earth, we can only estimate its age by using various natural "clocks" and some assumptions. All of these "clocks" have common characteristics that we can illustrate by considering the simple example of the familiar hourglass.



An hourglass has two closed chambers connected by a narrow passage and a quantity of sand that gradually trickles from the top to the bottom chamber. We can tell how long the hourglass has been running if we measure the sand in both chambers, measure the trickle rate, assume the starting conditions (how much sand was in each chamber), assume that no sand was added or subtracted, and assume that the trickle rate has not changed.

Now, when we apply this hourglass analogy to methods for dating

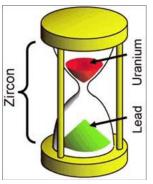
the age of the Earth, we will see that any of the assumptions may have been violated, rendering the apparent age estimate incorrect. This increases the importance of using all available methods and considering all observations.

#### **Radiometric Dating**

Let's look at the main "clock" used by Evolutionists to estimate the age of the Earth: radiometric dating of granite or basalt. The term radiometric means that the natural process of radioactive decay<sup>7</sup> is used to measure apparent age. Radioactivity is a natural process that changes a radioactive "parent" atom into a non-radioactive "daughter" atom. As a PhD in nuclear physics, I would love to explain all the intricate details of radiometric dating, but we don't actually have to look very deep to find the problems that invalidate this favorite technique.

Although there are more than a half-dozen radiometric clocks in use, one example is enough to illustrate the method: the uranium-lead clock. Tiny crystals of zircon that are found in granite are **assumed** to naturally contain some uranium atoms when they are formed, but it is **assumed** that they start with no

lead atoms. It is **assumed** that zircon crystals are impervious to addition or subtraction of uranium or lead, and it is **assumed** that the rate uranium changes into lead has always been constant. The hourglass analogy illustration shows uranium (red sand) in the top chamber and lead (green sand) in the bottom chamber. Half of the original uranium would have changed into lead in 4.5 billion years. If all the as-



sumptions were true, then measuring precisely how many atoms of uranium and lead are in a zircon sample would yield a reliable estimate of the age of the sample.

Many samples are measured and the results are then sifted. If the apparent age is younger than expected (a "wrong" answer), then the sample result is labeled "contaminated." Only those samples that give the expected result (a "right" answer) are presumed to be "uncontaminated" and reliable. You can see the circular reasoning and data-selection bias at work.

#### **Known Problems with Radiometric Dating**

*Initial Conditions Assumption is Wrong:* There are serious problems with the assumptions of initial conditions and constant change rate. Dating has been attempted on basalt rocks of known age formed from volcanic lava produced in recent history. If the dating method assumptions about initial conditions were correct, the apparent age of these newly formed rocks would be zero. But instead, examples from Hawaii, Mount St. Helens, and New Zealand have yielded apparent ages up to 3.5 million years.<sup>8</sup> The radiometric method gives blatantly wrong answers on rocks of known age, so why should we believe the (highly selected) results reported for rocks of unknown age?

**Radioactive Rate has Changed:** Under most circumstances, radioactive change rates are constant and are not affected by the environment (heat, pressure, etc.). However, in a nuclear reactor the rates are greatly speeded up. We have found direct evidence of a natural reactor<sup>9</sup> in Gabon, Africa. A "natural reactor" is a location where a heavy concentration of uranium exists, making the uranium-lead clock run very fast and thus giving the appearance of great age. If this natural reactor is later melted into magma and then becomes granite or basalt, then the apparent age of the rock formations would be billions of years, when, in fact, they are only thousands of years old. It is likely that such natural reactors were common and fed the magma released during the worldwide flood of Noah.<sup>10</sup> Thus we would expect the appearance of great ages to be measured by radiometric methods.

#### A Bigger Problem: Many Clocks Support a Young Earth

*Helium in zircon:* During the change of each atom of uranium to an atom of lead, eight atoms of helium are produced. The rate at which helium leaks from zircon has been measured. There should be virtually zero helium left in zircon if the samples are truly billions of years old, yet the large amount of helium found in the samples indicates an age of only 6,000 ( $\pm 2,000$ ) years.<sup>11</sup>

*Carbon 14 in Diamonds, Coal, and "Old" Rocks:* Carbon 14 has a short 5,730 year half-life, so it is used to date archeological samples that are thousands of years old, but not anything

expected to be millions or billions of years old. There should be virtually zero carbon 14 in anything older than 60,000 years, yet dating labs worldwide have known since the 1980's that significant quantities of carbon 14 are routinely found in diamonds, coal, oil, and other organic compounds in rock strata that are supposed by Evolutionists to be millions of years old.<sup>12</sup> This is further scientific evidence that the Earth is only thousands of years old.

**DNA Mutations:** Mitochondria are the power plants in every cell — plant or animal. Geneticists have studied the rate of mutation (genetic damage) in the DNA of human mitochrondria, which are passed only by the mother, and they have concluded that the mother of all humans — Eve — would have lived only 6,000 years ago.<sup>13</sup> Accordingly, they think there must be something terribly wrong with their data. But I see it as further evidence of a young Earth.

*Fossil DNA:* Evolutionists insist that DNA cannot survive longer than 10,000 years, yet bacteria supposed to be 250 million years old have been revived with intact DNA,<sup>14</sup> insects trapped in amber have yielded intact DNA strands despite their alleged age of millions of years,<sup>15</sup> and dinosaurs — supposedly extinct for 65 million years — have been found with soft tissue and blood cells complete with largely intact DNA.<sup>16</sup>

*Continent Erosion, Seafloor Mud, and Salty Oceans:* Geologists have measured the erosion rate of continents and found that it would take only 50 million years to erode continents down to sea level.<sup>17</sup> If the continents were truly 3.5 billion years old, they would be flat, just above sea level, and there would be no layers of rock strata. Continental erosion deposits 20 billion tons of mud (fine rock and dirt) on the ocean floor each year. If all the ocean floor sediment had been deposited this way, then it would have taken less than 12 million years. If the Earth were really 4.5 billion years old, the oceans would be choked with mud.<sup>18</sup> If the oceans started as fresh water with zero salt, they would have reached their current level of saltiness in about 42 million years.<sup>19</sup> All of these estimates, which don't include the effects of Noah's worldwide flood, argue that the Earth cannot be billions of years old.

*Earth's Magnetic Field is Rapidly Decaying:* The Earth's magnetic field has a total energy that is decaying rapidly at a rate for which the Earth could not be older than 20,000 years.<sup>20</sup>

*Overpressured Petroleum Reservoirs:* The Gulf of Mexico, for example, has deep deposits of petroleum (oil and gas) that are "over-pressured," that is, at very much higher pressures than expected for their depth below the ocean and sediment. The 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill<sup>21</sup> is a prime example. When I worked for BP and Shell in the 1980's, we calculated (but could not publish) that the petroleum should have completely leaked out of the over-pressured reservoirs in less than 50,000 years. The integrity of the sediments will simply not hold that much pressure. In fact, there are spontaneous natural oil seeps through-



Tell me again why I should trust scientists' ability to be accurate about life on Earth "**millions of years**" ago...

out the Gulf of Mexico. The best explanation for the existence of these overpressured reservoirs requires a worldwide flood with very rapid deposition of plants and animals, rapidly covered by sediments, at a pressure and temperature that can produce petroleum in a few centuries.

*Moon dust:* Do you remember the fear that the first moon landing would be a disaster because the landing craft would sink in very deep moon dust? Scientists had calculated the rate at which moon dust is made by the impact of meteors on the lunar surface. Assuming that the moon is also 4.5 billion years old (the supposed age of the Earth), the dust should have been 20 feet thick. In fact, it is less than an inch thick, consistent with thousands, not billions of years. The Apollo 11 "Eagle" landing module did not sink in moon dust.

#### More Evidence for a Young Earth

I have selected only a few highlights of the scientific evidence that is mounting for a young Earth that is thousands of years old, not millions or billions. You may find many more resources at websites such as the Institute for Creation Research (www.icr.org/recent-creation) and Answers in Genesis (www. answersingenesis.org/get-answers#/topic/age-of-the-earth).

Keep in mind that there are relatively few scientists brave enough to publish evidence for a young Earth and creation, so the volume of material is smaller than that published by the Evolutionists. Recall also that Evolutionists discard most raw data and bury it without publication because it does not confirm the Evolution Theory.

#### Jesus Taught A Young Earth

Jesus claimed to be "the truth" (John 14:6) and proclaimed that "the Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35). Jesus is identified as the Creator: "Through Him all things were made" (John 1:3). What then did He say about His Creation? There is much evidence that Jesus accepted Genesis 1-11 as literal history. He referred to Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and the worldwide flood as history, not allegory.

There are three verses in which Jesus referred directly to recent Creation: "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'" (Mark 10:6); "Those will be days of distress unequaled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now . . ." (Mark 13:19); and ". . . the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah . . ." (Luke 11:50-51). In all three cases He refers to humans existing from the beginning of creation, leaving no room for vast ages and slow evolution.<sup>22</sup>

#### Does It Really Matter What We Believe About The Age Of The Earth?

I claim it matters very much. I came to faith in Jesus because I became convinced that I could trust the truth of the Bible account of Creation and the worldwide flood. Genesis and Revelation are the "bookends" of the Bible. Jesus is the "Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End" (Revelation 1:8; 21:6; and 22:13). If we cannot believe God about Creation and Noah's worldwide flood, then we cannot trust Him about anything else in His Word. How could we trust Him to resurrect us for eternal life if we think He deceived us with His account of six days of creation?

I think it matters a great deal what we believe about the age of the Earth. There are many scientific reasons to doubt the claims of atheistic Evolutionists that the Earth is billions of years old. And there are many scientific reasons to trust the biblical account that the Earth is actually only about 6,000 years young

and that a devastating worldwide flood has greatly altered the face of our planet, giving us rock strata, fossils, continental breakup, coal and oil, mountains, and more.

I trust that your faith has been strengthened by considering the scientific reasons that were presented in this article for believing in the biblical account of creation and a young Earth. Believing the Bible is the most reasonable thing that an intelligent person can do.

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19) S. A. Austin & D. R. Humphreys, "The sea's missing salt: a dilemma for evolutionists," Proceedings of the Second International Conference on Creationism, vol. II, Creation Science Fellowship (1991), Pittsburgh, PA, pages 17-33.

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## A Young Earth — It's Not The Issue!

(Editor's note: Ken Ham is the founder and director of a Creation ministry called Answers in Genesis which is located in Petersburg, KY, just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati. Ken is a native of Australia and began his career there as a public school science teacher. In 1979 he decided to give up his academic career and form a ministry called the Creation Science Foundation. In 1987 he and his wife, Mally, moved to southern California where he joined the staff of the Institute for Creation Research. In 1994 Ken decided to establish his own ministry. He moved his family to the Cincinnati, Ohio area because almost two-thirds of America's population lives within 650 miles, and since a future Creation Museum was planned, this strategic location was very important in determining where to be situated. In 2007 the ministry opened the Creation Museum that has since attracted worldwide attention. The ministry's award-winning website can be found at www.answersingenesis.org. This article is reprinted with the permission of AiG.)

Time and time again I have found that in both Christian and secular worlds, those of us who are involved in the creation movement are characterized as "young-Earthers." The supposed battle-line is thus drawn between the "old-Earthers" (this group consists of anti-God evolutionists as well as many "conservative" Christians) who appeal to what they call "science," versus the "young-Earthers," who are said to be ignoring the overwhelming supposed "scientific" evidence for an old Earth.

I want to make it VERY clear that we don't want to be known primarily as "young-Earth creationists." AiG's main thrust is NOT "young-Earth" as such; our emphasis is on Biblical authority. Believing in a relatively "young-Earth" (i.e., only a few thousands of years old, which we accept) is a consequence of accepting the authority of the Word of God as an infallible revelation from our omniscient Creator.

Recently, one of our associates sat down with a highly respected world-class Hebrew scholar and asked him this question: "If you started with the Bible alone, without considering any outside influences whatsoever, could you ever come up with millions or billions of years of history for the Earth and universe?" The answer from this scholar? "Absolutely not!"

Let's be honest. Take out your Bible and look through it. You can't find any hint at all for millions or billions of years.

For those of you who have kept up with our lectures and our articles in *Answers* magazine, you will have heard or read quotes from many well-known and respected Christian leaders admitting that if you take Genesis in a straight-forward way, it clearly teaches six ordinary days of Creation. However, the reason they don't believe God created in six literal days is because they are convinced from so-called "science" that the world is billions of years old. In other words, they are admitting that they start outside the Bible to re-interpret the Words of Scripture.

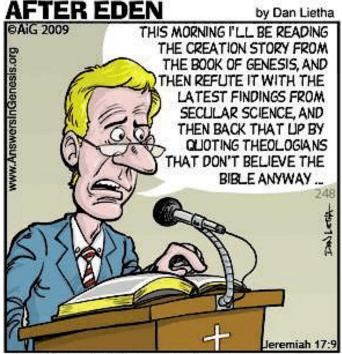
#### The Label I Prefer

When someone says to me, "Oh, so you're one of those fundamentalist, young-Earth creationists," I reply, "Actually, I'm a revelationist, no-death-before-Adam redemptionist!" (which means I'm a young-Earth creationist!).

Here's what I mean by this: I understand that the Bible is a revelation from our infinite Creator, and it is self-authenticating and self-attesting. I must interpret Scripture with Scripture, not impose ideas from the outside! When I take the plain words of the Bible, it is obvious there was no death, bloodshed, disease or suffering of humans or animals before sin. God instituted death and bloodshed because of sin — this is foundational to the Gospel. Therefore, one cannot allow a fossil record of millions of years of death, bloodshed, disease and suffering before sin (which is why the fossil record makes much more sense as the graveyard of the flood of Noah's day).

Also, the word for "day" in the context of Genesis can only mean an ordinary day for each of the six days of Creation.

Thus, as a "revelationist," I let God's Word speak to me, with the words having meaning according to the context of the language they were written in. Once I accept the plain words of Scripture in context, the fact of ordinary days, no death before sin, the Bible's genealogies, etc., all make it clear that I cannot accept millions or billions of years of history. Therefore, I would conclude there must be something wrong with man's ideas about the age of the universe.



You'll probably never hear a preacher say this is what he's going to do, but...

#### **Fallible Dating Methods**

And the fact is, every single dating method (outside of Scripture) is based on fallible assumptions. There are literally hundreds of dating tools. However, whatever dating method one uses, assumptions must be made about the past. Not one dating method man devises is absolute! Even though 90% of all dating methods give dates far younger than evolutionists require, none of these can be used in an absolute sense either.

Question: Why would any Christian want to take man's fallible dating methods and use them to impose an idea on the infallible Word of God? Christians who accept billions of years are in essence saying that man's word is infallible, but God's Word is fallible!

This is the crux of the issue. When Christians have agreed with the world that they can accept man's fallible dating methods to interpret God's Word, they have agreed with the world that the Bible can't be trusted. They have essentially sent out the message that man, by himself, independent of revelation, can determine truth and impose this on God's Word. Once this "door" has been opened regarding Genesis, ultimately it can happen with the rest of the Bible.

You see, if Christian leaders have told the next generation that one can accept the world's teachings in geology, biology, astronomy, etc., and use these to re-interpret God's Word, then the door has been opened for this to happen in every area, including morality.

Yes, one can be a conservative Christian and preach authoritatively from God's Word from Genesis 12 onwards. But once you have told people to accept man's dating methods, and thus they should not take the first chapters of Genesis as they are written, you have effectively undermined the Bible's authority! This attitude is destroying the church in America. So, the issue is not "young-Earth" versus "old-Earth," but this: Can fallible, sinful man be in authority over the Word of God?

#### The Pride of Man

A "young-Earth" view admittedly receives the scoffing from a majority of the scientists. But Paul warned us in 1 Corinthians 8:2 (KJV), "And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know." Compared to what God knows, we know "next door to nothing!" This is why we should be so careful to let God speak to us through His Word, and not try to impose our ideas on God's Word.

It's also interesting to note that this verse is found in the same passage where Paul warns that "knowledge puffeth up." Academic pride is found throughout our culture. Therefore, many Christian leaders would rather believe the world's fallible academics, than the simple clear words of the Bible.

#### A Challenge

At Answers in Genesis, we believe this message needs to be proclaimed to the Church as a challenge to return to biblical authority, and thus stand tall in the world for the accuracy of God's Word. Ultimately, this is the only way we are going to reach the world with the truth of the Gospel message.

Let's start the year by putting more and more pressure on our Christian leaders to take a long, hard look at how they are approaching the question of the authority of the Bible! Please help us fulfill our mission statement: to bring about reformation in the Church!



"The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse." — Romans 1:18-20

## <u>Guest Editozial</u>

## The Key to the Age of the Earth

#### **Dr. Terry Mortenson**



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writer for Answers in Genesis. He and his wife, Margie, have eight children and three grandchildren. This article is reprinted with the permission of AiG.)

Either the rock record is the evidence of millions of years, or it is largely the evidence of Noah's Flood. It can't be both. I have noticed a strange phenomenon in books written by Christians who say they believe the Bible but who attempt to squeeze millions of years of Earth history into or before the six days of creation described in Genesis 1. Most of these Christians ignore the account of Noah's Flood in Genesis 6–9 and its implications for understanding the geological history of the Earth.

#### Missing the Disconnection

I clearly remember separate conversations I recently had with two of my former seminary professors. Both men are justly respected for their thorough scholarship and their commitment to the inerrant Word of God. Both believe that Noah's Flood was global, but both also accept the idea of billions of years of Earth history because geologists have supposedly proven it from the rock record.

Like so many conservative Bible scholars, they have only a superficial understanding of geology and of the biblical and scientific evidence for a 6,000-year-old creation. They had never though through the implications of Noah's Flood on their belief in billions of years. So, why is the Flood so crucial to the question of the age of the Earth?

#### A New Belief

We need to realize that for the first 1,800 years of church history virtually all Christians believed that Noah's Flood was a global catastrophe. It was not until the early nineteenth century that Christians began to abandon this belief, as deistic and atheistic geologists developed new hypotheses of Earth history involving millions of years.

As they looked at the thousands of feet of rock layers and fossils worldwide, many early geologists, both Christian and non-Christian, simply assumed that the Flood could not have produced them. Based on this and other anti-biblical assumptions, they invented theories that those rock layers and fossils had formed long before man came into existence. They proposed two groups of theories. Some said the rocks were formed by a succession of regional or global catastrophic floods separated by



Millions of years of erosion by the Colorado River was once the standard explanation for the formation of the Grand Canyon. Even some evolutionary geologists reject that view today, attributing the Canyon's formation to many catastrophic floods. But their worldview can't accept the single global Flood of Noah's day and its after effects.

long ages of time (a view known as "catastrophism"). Others said the rocks were formed by slow, gradual processes of sedimentation and erosion (a view known as "uniformitarian-ism").

These old-Earth geologists didn't do any experiments to show whether the Flood waters could have produced these rock layers. And because they didn't pay careful attention to Scripture, they had inaccurate views of the duration, violence, and complex nature of the Flood. One result of their theories was that people began to believe that Noah's Flood didn't happen, or that it wasn't global, or that it left no surviving geological evidence.

#### The Evidence

But think about it. A global, year-long, catastrophic Flood did happen at the time of Noah. We can say this with confidence because of the clear authority of the historical record in Genesis. We can also confidently assert that such a catastrophe would have left a massive amount of geological evidence, more than any event before or since.

It would have produced vast sedimentary deposits, burying billions of land, air, and sea creatures along with much of the vegetation. And it would have done so on the entire planet. Then, as the waters receded with great power from the continents, they would have eroded many of the sediments laid down in the first half of the Flood and redeposited them elsewhere.

Our minds are boggled when we try to imagine the geological devastation. The worst floods since then are like a Sunday school picnic on a sunny day compared to Noah's Flood. The geological features of the Earth today are exactly what we should expect to result from such a complex, destructive event. To say that Noah's Flood left no geological evidence or that it was all erased by the relatively miniscule processes of geological change since this unique event is an absurdity of the highest order.

#### The Choice

So, either the rock record is the evidence of millions of years, or it is largely the evidence of Noah's Flood. It can't be both. If we believe what the geological establishment says — that the Earth is billions of years old and shows no sign of a

worldwide Flood — then that belief contradicts our belief in Noah's Flood. If we accept God's inspired, inerrant testimony regarding the Flood, we cannot logically believe in millions of years. Noah's Flood truly washes away millions of years.

While researching the early nineteenth century developments in geology, I often wanted to pound the table in protest as I read the writings of the old-Earth geologists and saw how they ignored the biblical text (especially on the Flood) but declared authoritatively that their theories did not conflict with the Bible. At other times, I almost wept with tears of joy as I read the biblically sound, geologically informed, and compelling arguments of a handful of Christians, known as the "Scriptural geologists," who back then were refuting these old-Earth myths. Sadly, most of the church followed the secular thinking of old-Earth geologists and ignored or superficially dismissed the arguments of the Scriptural geologists.

The debate about the age of the Earth is ultimately a question of whose word we are going to trust: the all-knowing, truthful Creator who has given us His inerrant book (the Bible) or finite, sinful creatures who give us their books that contain errors and therefore are frequently revised. If you firmly trust and carefully read the Bible and become informed on creationist interpretations of the geological record, you can easily see how the rocks of the Earth powerfully confirm the Bible's teaching, both about Noah's Flood and a young Earth.

### The "Scientific" Age of the Earth

C cientists claim the Earth is 9 to 20 billion years old. Where do **O** they get that calculation?

Edwin Hubble (1889-1953), an American astronomer for whom the Hubble space telescope is named, was the one who came up with the theoretical mathematical formula for measuring time back to the initial "Big Bang." His calculations originally estimated about 18 to 20 billion years as the age of the universe.

Then, a few years ago, some other scientists decided Hubble had made a grievous mistake and Edwin Hubble appeared on the cover lations. Thus, the age of



was 50% off in his calcu- of Time magazine in February 1948.

the universe was cut in half (from 18 to 20 billion years to 9 to 10 billion years) by the stroke of a pen!

Some scientists still hold to the 20 billion year figure. They realize that even 20 billion years is statistically not long enough to evolve the universe and all the diversity it contains.

The above article was taken from Jobe Martin's book, The Evolution of a Creationist, page 232.

## The Mystery of Red Sirius

#### Dr. Paul D. Ackerman

(Editor's note: This is an excerpt from Dr. Ackerman's book, It's a Young World After All which was published by Baker Book House in 1986. It recently appeared on the Internet in the form below as a daily devotional produced by Creation Moments at www.creationmoments.com. It is used with their permission.)

"[It is God] Who commands the sun not to shine, and sets a seal upon the stars; who alone stretches out the heavens, and tramples down the waves of the sea." — Job 9:7-8

 $\mathbf{C}$  pace is full of mysteries. Those who think that the universe S is millions or billions of years old have more mysteries to solve than Bible-believing Christians do.

One of these is the mystery of a star named Sirius B. This mystery is so great for evolutionists that it was one of the main topics of discussion at a scientific symposium at Louisiana State University in 1978.



NASA photograph of Sirius B made by the Hubble space telescope.

Records of Egyptian astronomers dating back to 2,000 BC describe Sirius B as a red star. The Roman senator Cicero, writing in 50 BC, also said Sirius B was red. And Seneca described Sirius as being redder than Mars. In 150 AD, Ptolemy, one of the most famous astronomers in history, listed Sirius as one of the six red stars.

There is no question that Sirius was red. Today, Sirius B is a white dwarf star. That's a problem because according to modern evolutionary astronomy, it should take at least 100,000 years for a red giant star to collapse into a white dwarf star.

The mystery of how the red giant Sirius became a white dwarf in less than 2,000 years was, and still is, the topic of hot debate. Sirius B calls into question the most basic theories about the supposed evolution of the universe. Obviously, those evolutionary ages are not nearly so well "proven" as evolutionists would like us to believe!

Prayer: I thank you, Lord, that even as the stars glorify You, they witness to the truth about the history of the universe as revealed in Scripture. Help me, too, to be a witness for You and Your forgiving love for humankind in Christ Jesus. Amen. 💠

## <u>Guest Editozial</u> Has Evolution Been Proved?

#### **David Cloud**

(Editor's note: The article below is drawn from two articles by David Cloud who is the founder and director of the Fundamental Baptist Information Service located in Port Huron, Michigan. Cloud is a renowned researcher who has written extensively on the issues of Evolution and Creation. His website can be found at www.wayoflife.org. I have added comments that are indicated in brackets.)



High Schools, colleges, and universities typically teach only

David Cloud

When the National Academy of

Sciences in America published an

educational tool in 1998 entitled

"Teaching about Evolution and the Nature of Science," they posed this

question, "Don't many scientists

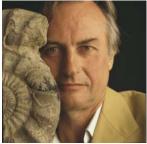
reject evolution?" The answer was,

"No; the scientific consensus con-

cerning evolution is overwhelm-

one theory of origins, that being evolution, and the students are not presented with a creationist or even an Intelligent Design viewpoint. In fact, they are often given the idea that no true scientist today is a creationist.

#### **Arrogant Scientists**



**Richard Dawkins** 

Richard Dawkins, a brash athe-

ist and anti-creationist, says in his book, *The Greatest Show on Earth* (2009):

ing."

Evolution is a fact. Beyond reasonable doubt, beyond serious doubt, beyond sane, informed, intelligent doubt, beyond doubt evolution is a fact . . . and [my] book will demonstrate it. No reputable scientist disputes it, and no unbiased reader will close the book doubting it.

According to Dawkins, if you reject evolution, you are unintelligent and your sanity should be questioned, and he proclaims that no reputable scientist disputes it.

#### Scientists of Faith

In fact, modern science was invented by men who believed in divine creation. In his book, *Refuting Evolution* (2008), Jonathan Sarfati, who has a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, says:

It is fallacious to claim, as many evolutionists do, that believing in miracles means that laboratory science would be impossible. In fact, most branches of modern science were founded by believers in the Bible's account of creation.

Consider some examples:

Physics — Newton, Faraday, Maxwell, Kelvin, Joule Chemistry — Boyle, Dalton, Ramsay Biology — Ray, Linnaeus, Mendel, Pasteur, Virchow, Agassiz Geology — Steno, Woodward, Brewster, Buckland, Cuvier Astronomy — Copernicus, Galileo, Kepler, Herschel, Maunder Mathematics — Pascal, Leibniz, Euler

In 1979, *Science Digest* reported that "Scientists who utterly reject Evolution may be one of our fastest-growing controversial minorities," and stated that, "Many of the scientists supporting this position hold impressive credentials in science." (Larry Hatfield, "Educators Against Darwin," *Science Digest Special*, Winter 1979, pp. 94-96).

Of course, even if NO scientist disputed evolution, this does not mean it is correct. The Bible says, "Let God be true, but every man a liar" (Romans 3:4); and Jesus said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes" (Matthew 11:25).

But the fact is that thousands of men and women with higher degrees reject Evolution and believe the Bible.

The Creation Research Society membership consists of more than 600 men and women who hold advanced degrees in science and are committed to Biblical Creationism (www.creationre search.org).

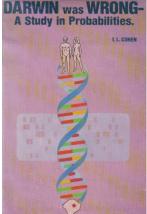
[Likewise, the Institute for Creation Research has a membership of hundreds of scientists who reject Evolution and believe in a young earth (www.icr.org).]

The membership of the Korea Association of Creation Research includes 450 scientists, 150 of them with Ph.D.s in the sciences. The President of this organization, Young-Gil Kim, Ph.D. in Materials Science, is with the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology and is the inventor of various important high-tech alloys.

#### Secular Scientists

Critics of the Theory of Evolution can also be found among scientists who do not endorse supernatural creation. I have many books in my library by such scientists questioning and outright debunking the major principles of evolution. Consider the examples below:

**I. L. Cohen:** "... every single concept advanced by the theory of evolution (and amended thereafter) is imaginary and it is not supported by the scientifically established facts of microbiology, fossils, and mathematical probability concepts. Darwin was wrong . . . The theory of evolution may be the worst mistake made in science" (*Darwin Was Wrong: A Study in Probabilities*, 1984, pp. 209, 210). Cohen is a mathematician and researcher and a member of the New York Academy



#### of Sciences.

David Berlinski: "The structures of life are complex, and complex structures get made in this, the purely human world, only by a process of deliberate design. An act of intelligence is required to bring even a thimble into being; why should the artifacts of life be different?... For many years, biologists have succeeded in keeping skepticism on the circumference of evolutionary thought . . . But the burning fringe of criticism is now contracting, coming ever closer to the heart of Darwin's doctrine" ("The Deniable Darwin," Commentary magazine, June, 1996). Berlinski, is a



Wolfgang Smith: "The point, however, is that the doctrine of evolution has swept the world, not on the strength of its scientific merits, but precisely in its capacity as a Gnostic myth. It affirms, in effect, that living beings created themselves, which is, in essence, a metaphysical claim . . . Thus, in the final analysis, evolutionism is in truth a metaphysical doctrine decked out in scientific garb" (Teilhardism and the New Religion, 2009, p. 24). Smith is a Ph.D. in mathematics from Columbia University and has been a mathematics professor at MIT, UCLA, and Oregon State University.

Ph.D. in philosophy from Princeton and has done post doctoral work in mathematics and biology at Columbia University. He has taught philosophy, mathematics, and English at Stanford, Rutgers, the University of Paris, and elsewhere.

Michael Denton: "My fundamental problem with the theory [of evolution] is that there are so many highly complicated organs, systems and structures— from the nature of the lung of a bird, to the eye of the rock lobster - for which I cannot conceive of how these things have come about in terms of a gradual accumulation of random changes. It strikes me as being a flagrant denial of common sense to swallow that all these things were built up by accumulative small random changes. This is simply a nonsensical claim, especially for the great majority of cases, where nobody can think of any credible explanation of how it came about. And this is a very profound question which everybody skirts, everybody brushes over, everybody tries to sweep under the carpet" ("An interview with Michael Denton," Access Research Network, Vol. 15. No. 2, 1995). Denton, who has a Ph.D. in biochemistry from King's College London, is Senior Research Fellow in molecular biology at the University of Otago, New Zealand.

**Soren Lovtrup:** "I believe that one day the Darwinian myth will be ranked the greatest deceit in the history of science" (*Darwinism: The Refutation of a Myth*, 1987). Lovtrup is a Swedish biologist.

**Richard Milton:** "I am seriously concerned, on purely rational grounds, that generations of school and university teachers have been led to accept speculation as scientific theory and faulty data as scientific fact; that this process has accumulated a mountainous catalog of mingled fact and fiction that can no longer be contained by the sparsely elegant theory [of evolution]; and that it is high time that the theory was taken out of its ornate Victorian glass cabinet and examined with a fresh and skeptical eye" (*Shattering the Myths of Darwinism*, 1992, p. 4). Milton is a science journalist and design engineer. He has been a member of the Geologists' Association for over 30 years.

**Michael Pitman:** "Neither observation nor controlled experiment has shown natural selection manipulating mutations so as to produce a new gene, hormone, enzyme system or organ" (*Adam and Evolution*, 1984, pp. 67, 68). Pitman was a chemistry professor at Cambridge University. **Lee Spetner:** "Despite the insistence of evolutionists that evolution is a fact, it is really no more than an improbable story. No one has ever shown that macroevolution can work. ("Lee Spetner/Edward Max Dialogue," 2001, *The True Origin Archive*). Spetner earned a Ph.D. in physics from MIT, and worked with the Applied Physics Laboratory of the John Hopkins University from 1951-70.

William Thompson: "As we know, there is a great divergence of opinion among biologists, not only about the causes of evolution but even about the actual process. This divergence exists because the evidence is unsatisfactory and does not permit any certain conclusion. It is therefore right and proper to draw the attention of the non-scientific public to the disagreements about evolution. But some recent remarks of evolutionists show that they think this unreasonable. This situation, where scientific men rally to the defence of a doctrine they are unable to define scientifically, much less demonstrate with scientific rigour, attempting to maintain its credit with the public by the suppression of criticism and the elimination of difficulties, is abnormal and undesirable in science" (Introduction to The Origin of Species, 6th Edition, 1956, p. xxii). Thompson was an entomologist and Director of the Commonwealth Institute of Biological Control, Ottawa, Canada.

**Colin Patterson:** "The explanation value of the evolutionary hypothesis of common origin is nil! Evolution not only conveys no knowledge, it seems to convey anti-knowledge . . . Most of you in this room will have to admit that in the last ten years we have seen the basis of evolution go from fact to faith! It does seem that the level of knowledge about evolution is remarkably shallow. We know it ought not to be taught in high school, and that's all we know about it." (Patterson was the senior paleontologist at the Museum of Natural History in London when he gave this address at the American Museum of Natural History in 1981; cited from White and Comninellis, *Darwin's Demise*, 2001, p. 47.)

#### **Believing Scientists**

I think it is also insightful to take a look at statements by scientists who are Christians. [Two books in recent years have highlighted their viewpoints. The first, published in 2001 and edited by John F. Ashton, is titled *In Six Days: Why Fifty Scientists Chose to Believe in Creation*. The second, published in

2004 and edited by Carl Wieland, has a similar title: *The Genesis Files: Meet 22 Modern Day Scientists Who Believe in a Six-Day Recent Creation.*] Some excerpts from these books and others are reproduced below.

Edward Boudreaux: "There is not one single instance whereby all the tests essential to the establishment of the scientific validity of evolution have been satisfied. There are hypotheses, grandiose models, suppositions, and inferences, all of which "Evolution is not adhered to on scientific grounds at all. Rather, it is clung to though flying in the face of reason, with an incredible, fanatical, and irrational religious fervor. It loudly claims scientific support when, in fact, it has none worthy of the name."

are formulated and reinforced within the collective and self-serving collaborations of the evolutionist gurus. However, none of this amounts to true scientific evidence for evolution. It was in the 1970's that, to my great surprise, bewilderment, and disgust, I became enlightened to this. Up until that time I had not given the evolution matter very much thought. On the contrary, I presumed that researchers committed to the study of evolution possessed the same integrity as that expected of any credible scientist... Subsequently, the greatest embarrassment of all was for me to find that THERE SIMPLY WAS NO VALID SCI-ENCE WHATEVER, in any of these numerous publications touting evolution." (Boudreaux earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from Tulane University and served as a professor emeritus of chemistry at the University of New Orleans. Quoted from, *In Six Days*, pp. 205, 206.)

**John Cimbala:** "Over a period of a couple of years, it became apparent to me that the theory of evolution has no legitimate factual evidence." (Cimbala holds a Ph.D. in aeronautics from the California Institute of Technology. Quoted from, *In Six Days*, p. 201.)

**Raymond Jones:** "As I looked at the evidence — trying to be a dispassionate scientist — I could not find the evidence for the multitudes of intermediate forms which should exist if evolution was true." (Jones has a Ph.D. in biology. Quoted from *The Genesis Files*, 2004, edited by Carl Wieland, p. 28.)

**Angela Meyer:** "I have never seen any evidence for evolution. All that I see around me in nature points to a divine designer." (Meyer earned a Ph.D. in horticultural science from the University of Sydney. Cited from *In Six Days*, p. 143.)

**Colin Mitchell:** "How secure is the idea that there is an uninterrupted creative sequence from the big bang through the formation of the solar system, the solidification of the earth, the spontaneous generation of life, and the evolution of plants, animals, and humans to end in the world around us today? Is this scheme impregnable? By no means. It has fatal gaps and inconsistencies." (Mitchell's Ph.D. is in desert terrain geography from Cambridge University. Quoted from *In Six Days*, pp. 318, 319.)

**Gary Parker:** "For three years, I used all the evolutionary arguments I knew so well. For three years, I lost every scientific argument. In dismay, I watched the myth of evolution evaporate under the light of scientific scrutiny, while the scientific case for Creation-Corruption-Catastrophe-Christ just got better and better. It's no wonder that the ACLU fights by any means to censor any scientific challenge to evolution!" (Parker's Ph.D. is

in biology and geology from Ball State University. Quoted from *Persuaded by the Evidence*, 2008, p. 254.)

**Timothy Standish:** "Progressing in my studies, I slowly realized that evolution survives as a paradigm only as long as the evidence is picked and chosen and the great poll of data that is accumulating on life is ignored. As the depth and breadth of human knowledge increases, it washes over us a flood of evidence deep and wide, all pointing to the

conclusion that life is the result of design." (Standish holds a Ph.D. in biology and public policy from George Mason University. Quoted from *In Six Days*, p. 117.)

**Ker Thomson:** "If the evolution or creationism discussion were decided by sensible appeals to reason, evolution would long ago have joined the great philosophical foolishnesses of the past, with issues such as how many angels can dance on the head of a pin, or the flat-earth concept . . . Evolution is not adhered to on scientific grounds at all. Rather, it is clung to though flying in the face of reason, with an incredible, fanatical, and irrational religious fervor. It loudly claims scientific support when, in fact, it has none worthy of the name." (Thomson has a D.Sc. in geophysics from the Colorado School of Mines. He is the former director of the U.S. Air Force Terrestrial Sciences Laboratory. Quoted from *In Six Days*, p. 217.)

**Jeremy Walter:** "The principles and observations of true science do not contradict a literal interpretation of Genesis 1, but in fact offer support for the creation of all things in six days!" (Walter's Ph.D. is in mechanical engineering from Pennsylvania State University. Quoted from *In Six Days*, pp. 21, 22.)

**Keith Wanser:** "I am firmly convinced that there is far more scientific evidence supporting a recent, six-day creation and global flood than there is an old earth and evolution." (Wanser, has a Ph.D. in condensed matter physics from the University of California, Irvine. Quoted from *In Six Days*, pp. 103, 104.)

**A. J. Monty White:** "I became convinced that people believe in evolution because they choose to do so. It has nothing at all to do with evidence. Evolution is not a fact, as so many bigots maintain. There is not a shred of evidence for the evolution of life on earth." (White earned his Ph.D. in gas kinetics from the University College of Wales. Quoted from *In Six Days*, pp. 257, 259, 260, 263.)

#### A Challenge

In 1969 Dr. John Grebe, speaking to the Texas State School Board, offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone who could "provide any first example of physically verifiable evidence (or even a basic mathematical model) sufficient to elevate the hypothesis of macroevolution up to the status of scientific theory." The challenge was offered to the top evolutionary scientists of that day. Grebe was the director of nuclear and basic research at Dow Chemical, Midland, Michigan. One man who tried to collect was atheist David Bradbury. He had been a brash defender of evolution for 20 years since his university days. Not only was he not able to find the evidence to defend evolution, Bradbury eventually became a Bible-believing Christian and he re-offered Grebe's challenge. On January 28, 2002, Bradbury wrote:

This \$1,000 challenge remains open (and uncollected). Until someone (teacher, board member or professor) can cite even a single example of empirically confirmable evidence that random shifts in gene frequency acted upon by natural selection can (or does) cumulatively collect to produce macro-evolutionary change, it would appear only reasonable to responsibly refrain from introducing such conjecture as proper scientific theory to students and to the public" ("Report on Comments on Proposed Modifications to Draft of Ohio Science Academic Content Standards," http://www.arn. org/docs/ohio/ohioreport020402. htm, viewed April 5, 2010).

There is no evidence that a self-replicating cell could arise from non-life. There is no evidence that mutations and natural selection could account for the vast complexity of life. There is no evidence that man did arise from or even could have arisen from the animal kingdom. There is no evidence that gradualism could have produced the global distribution of fossils.

In spite of the lack of evidence, multitudes have gone out into eternity trusting that the Bible is wrong and that evolution is true.

#### A Tragic Example of Misplaced Faith

Consider the sad case of Ar-

thur Keith. He was one of the

greatest anatomists of the 20th

century, but he was duped by the

Piltdown hoax. His book, The An-

tiquity of Man (1915), centered on

Piltdown, treating it as the missing

link. In his autobiography Keith

described attending evangelistic

meetings and being on the verge of

converting to Christ, but he re-

jected the Gospel because he felt that the Genesis account of cre-

ation had been proven to be a



Sir Arthur Keith

In reality, Keith gambled his eternity on evolutionary myths. In 1953, he was informed that the Piltdown fossils were a hoax, but by then he was an old man steeped in humanistic rationalism and a "pronounced opponent of the Christian faith." As far as we know, he went to his grave in that condition. He should have looked at the evidence for the Bible much more carefully and prayerfully. He should not have been so ready to believe what Bible critics and evolutionists taught. The stake was far too high, and the same is true today.

myth.

I, for one, refuse to stake eternity on unproven theories that are constantly changing. I don't care if the entire scientific world believes that evolution is true. They must provide real evidence to support their theory, and they have never done this.

#### An Example of Firm Faith

While many in the early 20th century turned away from the Bible because of evolution's popularity, many others were wise and refused to follow such flimsy "science." One of these was John Mann, who was awarded the M.B.E. (The Most Excellent Order of the Empire Medal) by the Queen of England for his work in solving the cactus problem in Australia. The cactus, which had been imported into the country in 1839, was proliferating out of control and by 1914 had taken over 60 million acres of prime farm and ranch land. Mann discovered how to mass breed the *Cactoblastic cactorum*, a caterpillar that is a natural enemy of the cactus. In an interview in 1982, he reminisced about the debate over

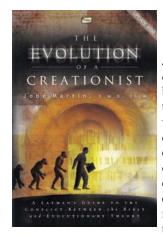


John Mann

evolution in the 1920s and how he decided not to accept it.

One man who influenced me was the Professor of Anatomy at the University of Adelaide. He wrote the Progress Prize Memorial Lecture, "The Ancestry of Man." He wrote about the discovery of an exceedingly early fossil anthropoid in America. This fossil animal was named Hesperopithecus. Not only was it named but its complete form, both male and female, were shown as a whole page illustration in an English illustrated weekly, as part of an article on "The Early Humanoid in America," by Professor Elliot Smith. But the anatomy professor pointed out the only evidence on which this was based, consisted of a single water-worn molar tooth, and that there were other learned authorities of the day, such as Dr. Smith Woodward, who had suggested that it was the tooth of a bear. When I read that in 1923, I thought to myself, "Well, evolutionary theory appears to have been built upon 99% imagination and 1% fossils," so I maintained that as a Christian I would believe in the Bible until somebody could come up with any definite proof that men had evolved from animals ... ("Famous Creation Scientists: Interview with John Mann," Answers in Genesis, October 1982).

While evolution is not backed up with solid evidence, the Bible is. There are "many infallible proofs" that the Bible is what it claims to be, the divinely inspired Word of God.



## **Great Book!**

Jobe Martin's book, *The Evolution* of a Creationist, is one of the best books in print about the origins of the universe and life. Dr. Martin was a professor of dentistry. One day as he was teaching how teeth evolved from fish scales, a couple of his students challenged him. That challenge led to his rejection of evolution and acceptance of supernatural creation as the best explanation of the natural universe.

The book is easy to read and is full of many illustrations of the impossibility of evolution. 287 pages, \$15 plus the cost of shipping. To order, call 972-736-3567.

## **God Made the Box**

#### Nathan E. Jones

The guest you've had on your TV show the past couple weeks is not one I can believe. He has God placed so in a box that in his finite mind he can't perceive a universe older than 6,000 years. The reason I have a problem with that is from the words of the Bible itself. Yes, I know the Genesis account very well. I've got three questions. Care to comment? — James in Florida

J ames' email, along with a slew of other emails, came streaming into the ministry last September after we aired our "Christ in Prophecy" television show's four-part series titled "Jobe Martin on Creationism and Evolution." Dr. Martin was a former dental professor and Evolutionist who having clearly seen God's eternal power and divine nature from what has been made came to faith in Jesus Christ and put his trust in the Bible's account of the six days of Creation. Through Biblical Discipleship Ministries, and their *Nature Proclaims* videos, he and his family teach all over the country that we can implicitly trust the Bible's account of the Creation.

Like Dr. Martin, I'm a believer in a young earth and so would in some circles be called a "Young-Earther." Our worldview here at Lamb & Lion Ministries is based on the idea that the earth and everything in the universe began a mere 6,000 years ago. It is not a wildly popular view — even among Christians — nevertheless I believe it is a biblically supported one.

I would respectfully disagree that taking the 6-day/24-hour Genesis account to be narrow minded, or that a young earth places God in a box whatsoever. So, for those who doubt that the earth could be young, I'd be happy to comment on James' three questions.

#### **Three Questions**

1) "When did Lucifer get thrown out of heaven? You know he had to be there before Eve chose to pick from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil."

This question is prompted by the Gap Theory. According to that theory, after God created the heavens and the earth, Satan rebelled and was cast down to earth. He made havoc of the creation, causing it to descend into chaos. Then, millions of years later, God re-created the universe, and that re-creation is what is recorded in Genesis chapter 1.

What this question is really getting at is, "When were the angels created?" The Bible does not tell us directly, but we are told in Job 38:4-7 that they rejoiced when God created the material universe. So, they must have pre-dated the creation.

But that does not mean that Satan and a third of the angels were cast from Heaven before the creation. There is no indication that Adam sinned the very next day after Eve was made, so there was plenty of time after the creation — maybe even decades for Satan to lead a rebellion in Heaven and be cast down to the Garden.

2) "The dinosaurs are older than 6,000 years."

Who knows for sure that the dinosaurs are older than 6,000

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years? Science requires observation in the scientific method to draw that conclusion, and nobody today is 6,000 years old.

The dinosaur stumbling block many face is because our modern mindset has been classifying dinosaurs as a separate group of extinct lizards since the 1800's. In times before the Theory of Evolution, they were just included as part of the whole animal kingdom. That's the way the Bible sees dinosaurs, and so it includes them in its description with the rest of the animals, like the Behemoth and Leviathan in Job.

Certainly, many of our dragon legends that exist in all cultures, developing in isolation from one another, show dinosaurs may have still been roaming the Earth even up until the 1500's. A few like the aquatic plesiosaur have been found even in the Twentieth Century!

3) "Why did God tell Adam and Eve to 'replenish' the earth? Does that mean it had been peopled beforehand?"

God in Genesis 1:28 commands mankind to be fruitful, and in the old King James version to "replenish" the earth. In other versions, Adam and Eve are told "to fill" the earth, because the Hebrew word *alm* does not mean to replenish. Rather, that word according to Strong's simply means "to fill." In fact, this very same word is used in Genesis 1:22 where the command is given by God to "fill the waters of the seas." Later versions of the Bible have rendered the verb properly as "to fill." Sadly, this mistranslation of *alm* to "replenish" is the very source of all these pre-Adamic theories today, like the Gap Theory that proposes a gap of millions or billions of years between Genesis 1 and 2.

#### Have Faith

So, where do we get the 6,000 as the number of years since the Creation? Dr. Martin explains that we get that amount by calculating from the Bible's genealogical tables.

The Bible is God's Word teaching us what He wishes to reveal to us. It's also the foundation for our faith in and understanding of our Savior. Anything outside of the Bible is wild speculation based on man's own imagination and limited view of the universe. While there is much that God has yet to reveal to us, we should not speculate beyond exactly what the Bible teaches. The Bible gives us 6,000 years and so 6,000 years is what I will believe.

#### Mortimer Adler —

Dr. Mortimer Adler (1902 - 2001) was born into a Jewish family, became an agnostic, then converted from evolutionist to a creationist and, eventually, to Christianity. He is considered by many leading intellectuals to have been one of the greatest thinkers in modern history. He wrote over 45 books and 200 articles. He served as chairman of the board of editors of *Encyclopedia Britannica* for many years. His 54 volume *Great Books of the Western World* has sold over a quarter of a million copies since 1952.



Dr. Adler was an outspoken opponent of Darwinism for almost half a cen-

tury. He eventually wrote two books on the topic. In one, titled *What Man Has Made of Man*, he branded the Theory of Evolution a "popular myth," and argued persuasively that it was not an established fact. He concluded that evolution "is an attempt to explain certain facts in biology by proposing hypotheses that are not propositions to be proved, but are merely imaginative guesses about unobservable

processes or events." He added that in his educated opinion, evolution is nothing but "wild speculation." (Source: "Jewish Scientists Who Oppose Darwinism" by Jerry Bergman, www. aig.org.)

#### Jack Kinsella —

"One of the first rules of legitimate scientific investigation is that one approaches an issue with an open mind, rather than beginning with a conclusion and then working backward to find evidence to support it. But when it comes to the Bible, that is the first rule to be broken. Scientists and historians who even consider the Bible are immediately and permanently derided as 'religiously biased' despite mounting evidence that all human history began exactly as the Bible says that it did." (Source: "Calendars Pointing to Creation," published in The Omega Letter, www.omegaletter.com. Jack Kinsella is a researcher and writer.)

#### Michael Johnson —

"I was painting on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon shortly after moving to Arizona in 1983. I was there with a friend, Earl Carpenter, who is well known for his Grand Canyon paintings. At the time, I was indifferent to the idea of God, but certainly marveled at the beauty and size of what Earl called 'The Upsidedown Cathedral.' I sat down to rest for a few minutes after finishing a small field sketch of the canyon, and I noticed a very small and beautiful wild flower. That's when I heard a small voice inside of me say, 'Someone made this.' It was seven years later that I gave my life to Christ, and I have never forgotten that voice." (Source: Email message to Dr. Reagan dated September 1, 2011. Michael Johnson is a world class landscape painter who lived and painted for many years in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He and his wife, Sharon, now live on Whidbey Island in Washington State.)

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT



#### Ernst Chain —

Dr. Ernst Chain (1906-1979) was born in Berlin, Germany, where he obtained his Ph.D. in biochemistry and physiology. Since he was of Jewish heritage, he decided to flee to England after Hitler came to power. He became a professor at Cambridge and then at Oxford before moving to Rome to work for a health institute. He returned to Britain in 1964 where he finished out his career as head of the biochemistry department at Imperial College London. In 1945 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine for his work with penicillin.

One of Chain's life-long

professional concerns was Darwinism. He stated that Darwin's Theory of Evolution was a "very feeble attempt" to explain the origin of the species. He argued that its assumptions were so flimsy that "it can hardly be called a theory." He concluded one of his essays on the topic by stating that he "would rather believe in fairies than in such wild speculation" as Darwinism. In another essay he observed that "God cannot be explained away by such naive thoughts" as the Theory



**Dr. Ernst Chain** 

of Evolution. (Source: "Jewish Scientists Who Oppose Darwinism" by Jerry Bergman, www. aig.org.)

#### Maimonides —

"Those who follow the law of Moses hold that the whole Universe has been brought by God into existence out of nonexistence. This theory is undoubtedly a fundamental principle of the law of Moses; it is next in importance to the principle of God's unity." (Moses ben-Maimon who lived from 1135 to 1204, was also known as Maimonides and as Rambam. He is considered to have been the preeminent medieval Jewish philosopher and one of the greatest Torah scholars of all times. This quote is from his monumental philosophical work titled *Guide of the Perplexed*.)

#### Albert Mohler —

"Virtually every form of theological liberalism arises from an attempt to rescue Christian theology from what is perceived to be an intellectual embarrassment — whether the virgin conception of Christ, the historicity of the miracles recorded in the Bible, or

... the inerrancy of Scripture and the Bible's account of creation." (Source: "No Pass from Theological Responsibility — The BioLogos Conundrum," www.albertmohler.com. Dr. Mohler is the President of Southern Theological Seminary in Lousiville, Kentucky.)

#### Duane Gish —

"Evolution requires an enormous faith in miracles — where materialistic philosophy actually forbids them . . . Evolution theory is an incredible faith." (Source: *The Fossils Still Say No*, pages 206-208, Dr. Gish has a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley.) ◆

## **Put Yourself in This Picture!**



Lamb & Lion Holy Land Pilgrimage Group in November 2010

In November of 2011 Dr. Reagan completed his 44th trip to Israel. He took a pilgrimage group consisting of 49 people from all over the United States.

Dr. Reagan loves taking groups to Israel because it brings the Bible alive for them in a new and special way. For example, after having been to Israel, a person will never again read the word, Capernaum, without it jumping off the page and affecting them emotionally, for they will have been there and seen it and personally experienced it. As one person put it so insightfully, "A pilgrimage to the Holy Land converts the Bible from black and white into technicolor!"

Every aspect of a Lamb & Lion Holy Land pilgrimage is personally designed by Dr. Reagan, resulting in some unique features. For example, the group always spends an entire day in Tel Aviv visiting the ancient port of Jaffa, walking through the Carmel Market, visiting a Messianic outreach center, and hearing Dr. Reagan make a major presentation about Israeli history at Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence was read by David Ben Gurion on May 14, 1948, fulfilling many ancient prophecies about Israel in the end times. In contrast, very few groups led my other ministries ever spend any time in Tel Aviv. Other unique sites visited by Dr. Reagan's groups include Akko, the Crusader capital located near the border of Lebanon, and the Mount Herzl Cemetery in Jerusalem.

The ministry's next pilgrimage is scheduled for May 5-16 of 2012. The group will spend two nights in Tel Aviv, two in Tiberias (on the Sea of Galilee), and 6 nights in Jerusalem. To secure a detailed brochure, call 972-736-3567. The group will be limited to the first 50 who register.



Dr. Reagan with his daughter, Rachel, on the Sea of Galilee.

## <u>*Zelevision Update</u>* New Media Minister</u>

#### Dr. David R. Reagan

Lam delighted to announce that we have called Trey Collich to be our new Media Minister. In that capacity, he will be in charge of producing all our television and video programs.

Our previous Media Minister, Larry Watts, resigned to form his own ministry called His Nature TV (www.hisnature.org). Larry's ministry will focus on producing video and TV programs for kids. The programs will show young people how to defend the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

Trey is the son of our Director of Finance, George Collich. Trey has literally grown up in our ministry. In 2000 he and his younger brother, Preston, went with me to Israel and appeared with me in a video production called "Israel in Bi-



Trey Collich in Israel in 2008.

ble Prophecy." As a result of that experience, Trey became very interested in video production. While still in high school, he went to work for an outstanding Christian video producer in Plano, Texas, learning the craft of video production in the old-fashioned way, by serving as an apprentice.



Israel in 2000, from left to right: Don Gordoni, the ministry's Media Minister at that time; Trey Collich; Trey's dad, George; Trey's brother, Preston; Shai-Shalom Matter, our Israeli guide; and Ronnie Jones, one of the ministry's trustees.

He learned well, and after he graduated from high school, he went to work for Lamb & Lion as a video editor and field camera operator. He made several more trips to Israel with me working both as a member of a video crew and as a lone videographer, shooting on-the-fly.

Trey got married in November. His wife, Joanna, is a nurse. They have made their home in Allen, Texas.

The video we produced in Israel in 2000, entitled "Israel in Bible Prophecy," is available for a cost of \$12. ◆

#### "Christ in Prophecy" Broadcast Schedule

National Networks

Daystar NetworkDirecTV Channel 369DISH Channel 263On cable networks throughout the nation.					
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern	
Day Time	Wed. 4:00pm	Wed. 5:00pm	Wed. 6:00pm	Wed. 7:00pm	

Inspiration Network Available on cable networks DirecTV Channel 364 DISH Channel 259					
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern	
Day Time	Sun. 3:00pm	Sun. 4:00pm	Sun. 5:00pm	Sun. 6:00pm	

The Church Channel DirecTV Channel 371				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sat. 6:30pm	Sat. 7:30pm	Sat. 8:30pm	Sat. 9:30pm

National Religious Broadcasters Network DirecTV Channel 378				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sun. 2:00pm	Sun. 3:00pm	Sun. 4:00pm	Sun. 5:00pm

Golden Eagle Broadcasting Network DirecTV Channel 363					
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern	
Day Time	Tues. 4:00pm	Tues. 5:00pm	Tues. 6:00pm	Tues. 7:00pm	



#### **Regional Networks**

"Christ in Prophecy" is broadcast throughout southern Louisiana on the **Family Vision Network** at various times. See: www.kajn. com/familyvision.



**New Mexico Family Stations** is a network consisting of two stations in Albuquerque. Our program is broadcast on Thursday at 11:00pm and on Saturday at 3:00pm.

#### Schedule —

Dr. Reagan is scheduled for surgery on December 13th for the replacement of his left knee. Accordingly, he has been forced to cancel all his speaking engagements for January and February. His first appointment for the new year is in **March** at the Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Longview, Texas (2-4). Later that month he will be one of several speakers at a prophecy conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma sponsored by Phillip Goodman Ministries (29-31). In **April** he is scheduled to speak at Lakewood Christian Church in McAlester, Oklahoma (15) and at the Worldview Conference in Branson, Missouri (27-29).

#### 2012 Calendar —

We still have some copies left of our beautiful 2012 Holy Land calendar which features sites in the Galilee that were important in the life of Jesus. The calendar sells for \$5 plus the cost of mailing.

#### Volunteers —

We are very blessed to be assisted by a number of volunteers. Several of these are people who assist our Web Minister, Nathan Jones, with the Christ in Prophecy Facebook group. One of the moderators of that group is Carmela Carson Croteau who lives in East Branch, New York.



Carmela's father was a Navy-enlisted man who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941. Today, she lives with her parents and cares for them. She writes, "I have two married children, a son in Florida, and a daughter in Italy, and three granddaughters. My four-legged children consist of a cat and three horses. I am very blessed to be part of the Lamb & Lion Ministry, and I thank God every day for His provision in my life. Without Him, I would not be who I am today."

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#### 2012 Bible Conference —

Our annual Bible conference is scheduled to be held this year during the last weekend in June (June 29-30). The theme of the conference this year will be "Israel in the End Times." It will begin on Friday evening, June 29, with a concert by Ted Pearce, who is considered to be the foremost Messianic musician on the scene today. The speakers, besides Dr. Reagan, will be Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Jeff Seif, Mark Hitchcock, Gary Frazier, and Bill Koenig. **Arnold Fruchtenbaum** is the founder and director of Ariel Ministries in San Antonio, Texas. **Jeff Seif** is a former spokesman for Zola Levitt Ministries. **Mark Hitchcock** is pastor of Faith

Bible Church in Edmond, Oklahoma. He is a prolific writer on Bible prophecy. **Gary Frazier** is the founder and director of Discovery Worldwide Ministries. He is a recognized expert on the nation of Israel, having visited the country more than 100 times. **Bill Koenig** is a member of the White House Press Corps. He publishes a news report called "Koenig's Watch," which is a weekly summary of important Middle East and world news.

The conference will end on Saturday evening with a banquet featuring Dr. Reagan as the speaker. The conference site will be the Marriott Hotel in Allen, Texas (a suburb of Dallas). The conference is free of charge except for the Saturday evening banquet which will cost \$35 a person. Seating is limited, so registration is required. To register, call 972-736-3567.



**Ted Pearce** 

#### **Prophecy Partners** —

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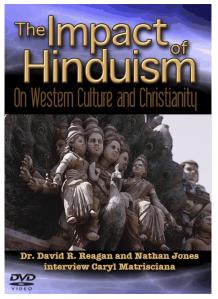
Dr. Reagan with Prophecy Partner Billy Weyandt from Burbank, California



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## **Three New Video Albums Are Ready For Distribution**

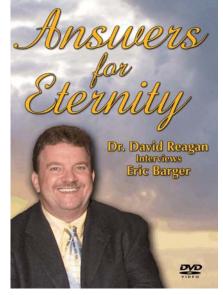


Three interviews with Caryl Matrisciana, a world-class expert on Hinduism who was born and raised in India.

In the first interview she defines the characteristics of Hinduism and discusses how Hindu thought was popularized in America. She also identifies ways in which Hinduism has impacted Western culture.

In the second interview she focuses on Yoga and explains its dangers. She points out that it is inseparable from Hinduism, and that the idea of "Christian Yoga" is an oxymoron.

In the final interview Caryl exposes the dangers of the Emergent Church Movement. In the process of these interviews, Caryl tells the remarkable story about how she came to know Jesus as her Lord and Savior. The running time of this video album is 74 minutes.

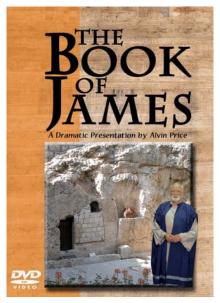


Eric Barger has developed a welldeserved reputation as one of the leading defenders of the Christian faith.

This album contains three interviews with Eric. The first focuses on the Emergent Church Movement, which Eric identifies as one of the most apostate and dangerous trends within Christendom today.

The second interview is concerned with the importance of doctrine. Eric points out that Christianity is quickly becoming a "doctrineless" religion where people can believe whatever they please.

The third interview leads into a presentation of Eric's amazing personal testimony about how God delivered him from being a drug-crazed rock musician who was deeply involved in the occult. The running time of the album is 74 minutes.



A lvin Price presents the entire book of James in a dramatic enactment that will touch your heart and uplift your soul. Before reciting the book, he presents a very clever, humorous, and insightful introduction, telling what it must have been like to be the brother of Jesus.

Alvin is a gifted actor who has a deep understanding of the message of the book of James. He has performed this dramatic presentation more than 100 times at churches, schools, and prisons.

This is a great program for both individual and group study. The five chapters of James, plus the introduction, can be used to present six teaching lessons about a book that is full of practical, down-to-earth instruction about Christian living. The running time of the video is 30 minutes.



The albums sell for \$12 each, plus shipping. You can purchase all three for \$30. To order, call 972-736-3567 between 8am and 5pm Central time, Monday through Friday.