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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man" Psalm 118:8

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The Age of the Earth - The Longest Myth

by Tom Willis

The World's View of Earth Age (and History)

Many college professors would have their students believe there was no knowledge of geology before the end of the 1700's. I would tend to invert that thought to read, "Since Hutton in the late 1700's and Lyell in the 1830's the science of geology has been perverted to the point that knowledge and understanding of geology has actually declined, at least among mainstream thinkers." The primary exceptions would be where the economic value of petroleum and minerals resulted in popular geology being ignored, and where Creationist geologists have ignored pop geology and developed their own science.

Before Hutton, Lyell, Darwin, et al, geology was largely a science in which the facts of the rocks, minerals, etc., were studied with the idea that we might understand them. But, Lyell expressed disdain for such people who treated geology as a science to be studied in the present, about the present. Lyell wanted "science" to prove his religion, which was sort-of Hindu, believing in a cyclic nature. It is important to remember that the Inductive (Scientific) Method promoted by Francis Bacon and made popular by the successes of Isaac Newton was an "operational science" that included only observations of, and generalized theories about, phenomena in the present. Hutton, Lyell, Darwin, et al perverted this to the point that observations in the present were to lead us to conclusions about the very distant past.

The word "perverted" is not chosen lightly. The inductive method of Bacon requires repeatable experiments and/or observations in the present, designed to test generalized theories about present phenomena. It is not possible to test the past, one can only do "thought experiments." Even a casual reading of Darwin leads even his most ardent supporters to note how his thought experiments resulted in conclusions with which quite reasonable men would disagree. Many of Darwin's conclusions we now know were far from correct. In short, the Inductive (Scientific) Method of Bacon simply does not apply to theories about the past. In spite of what many books and professors claim, there is no such thing as "Historical Science."

We could qualify that by saying that the Latin word "scientia" means "knowledge" and the popular version tends to imply "theories." Of course, one can have "theories" about the past, but it is grotesquely wrong to treat them as though they deserve the same respect as theories that have been subjected to millions of successful tests in the present.

"Sedimentary" Rocks - How Did They Form?

Consider a central proposition of "Historical Geology," that "The Present is the Key to the Past." By this they mean that processes we observe today are the exact same processes that have always acted. This seems sooooo scientific... but is it? First, it is entirely based on the assumption that the processes we have observed the last 200 years are virtually identical to all that have operated in earth and/or cosmos history. With their belief



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system, this seems absurd on the face of it.

They "believe" the earth has been here 4.5 billion years, and the cosmos, at least 14 billion (depending on which version you read yesterday). Thus, they believe the earth is 22.5 million times as old as the history we have observed. You don't have to be PhD in statistics to recognize that is, well, a fairly small sample size.

They pretend, for example, to believe that most sedimentary rocks (rocks made of small articles, water or wind deposited and cemented into a solid) accumulated at average annual rates of less than a thousandth of an inch, thus requiring more than 12,000 years to "make" a foot of rock.

Further, there seems powerful evidence of events in the past thousands of times as large as we have observed. For example, there are volcanic caldera near Mt. Saint Helens that indicate an explosion **3000 times as large as Mt. Saint Helens** in May of 1980. That would mean the historical volcano exploded with the **force of 99 million Hiroshima-sized atomic bombs!** There are other caldera at least this large. No geologist has any real idea of an event, or events of this magnitude, nor of how many occurred at the same time! We have no real knowledge of the global

impact of thousands of volcanos, or of volcanos this large, or of global movement of the earth's crust during such an event.

Some things seem certain: (1) The volcanos did explode with enormous force far greater than anything observed in the last 200 years. (2) Even small volcanos toss enough rock dust around to make many feet of rock, and that this dust is far more capable of making rock than any lake or ocean sediments. (3) Pieces of the earth's crust probably did move thousands of miles with enormous pieces sliding under others (called "subduction"), scraping untold millions of tons of rock off while doing so. Seismic waves during such an event have been modeled at several thousand feet high, and were capable of distributing ground-up-rock globally. (4) Such "sediments," in the laboratory, when dumped into either stationary or flowing water produce layers very much like the sedimentary rock layers observed on earth today. Furthermore, this material definitely produces rock. Conversely, the "science" of river and lake sediments is that they produce topsoil not rock. The Dutch have drained thousands of acres of ocean. They plant coarse grass as soon as it is dry enough and then farm the ocean sediments! Golly, where is the rock?

My point? It is theoretically possible to have formed all of the sedimentary rock on earth in days to months rather than thousands, much less hundreds of millions of years! Further, the notion that ocean sediments form rock is falsified by the Dutch and others who placidly farm them. Please note, I am using "Uniformitarian Geology" the same way our opponents do, i.e., The Present is the Key to the Past." We have observed volcanos and the sedimentary rocks they make, and the caldera they leave, in the present. We have observed continental subduction in the present. We have observed evidence of their past activity in the present, and ocean sediments being farmed. If "The Present is the Key to the Past," **the only thing I have added is to consider that the rapid processes above were the primary causes of the rocks we find rather than the slow ones evolutionists adore, which seldom form any rock!** Why? Organic contaminants, etc., in typical sediments tend to prevent rock formation.

Grand Canyon Rocks - 500 Million Years in Forming?

Grand Canyon rocks are supposed by the enemies of Biblical History to represent 500 million years of earth history (well, with a mere 200 million years missing). This is supposedly supported by their view that sediments accumulate slowly in calm seas. However, there are many feet of sandstone in Grand Canyon walls. Sand does not form in huge layers in calm seas, is not carried far out to sea by rivers, and river deltas are easy to spot by their shape. The Redwall limestone contains over a billion nautiloid fossils averaging over 12 inches long. These have been oriented by flowing water. Modern sedimentology equations indicate these deposits, covering major parts of several states, occurred in less than one day! Rocks and even house-sized boulders in other parts of Grand Canyon all indicate these were deposited by moving, not "calm" waters. Grand Canyon rocks literally scream "moving water, rapid deposition." They could easily have all been deposited in less than one year.

Grand Canyon - 18 or 31 Million Years in Forming?

When my family toured the Kaibob Trail at Grand Canyon, the geology-grad-student tour guide told us that the Colorado River flowed 92 million gallons per minute, and had taken 31 million years to carve Grand Canyon. Ken Carlson filmed a tour guide claiming 18 million years. But, what's a mere 72 percent

discrepancy among us scientists? I asked my tour guide three questions, after which he would not talk to me. (1) The model in the visitor's center shows the ground where we are standing to have been 2000 feet above the surrounding. Did the Colorado River run uphill 2000 feet in order to carve the canyon? [no answer, though they sort-of have one which I anticipated, but did not get]. (2) The box canyons going every direction off the main canyon have vertical walls with no hint of a river flowing into them, ever. If it took 92 million gallons per minute to carve the main canyon, why are the side canyons the same depth? [Answer: "When it rains water pours over the walls of those canyons." Scouts honor, that is what he said.] I said, "I am supposed to believe it required 92 million gallons/minute to carve the main canyon, but only an occasional trickle by a desert storm to carve the same depth canyon?" [No answer]. (3) The Little Colorado river joins the Colorado a little ways above here. A child can see that it flows far less water than the main stream, yet it's canyon is just as deep. How can so much less water continue to match the results of so much water? [No Answer]

I'm not sure I got to ask my fourth question, which would have been, "The model in the visitors center and a plane trip over the Canyon clearly reveal that Grand Canyon is not a river canyon. No other gorge actually carved by a river has side canyons that are as deep as the main canyon, with no entrance for water and no evidence of water entering them. It seems obvious that other processes or events carved Grand Canyon, and that the Colorado River flows through it for the simple reason that water runs downhill. Rather than the river causing the Canyon, Grand Canyon caused the Colorado River (or controlled its path).

If the canyon was not there, the 2000 foot uplift would have formed a lake, or forced the river to run around the uplift. The evidence is that the mountain formed a lake larger than the Great Lakes, and that earthquakes and volcanos damaged the natural dam. The water did the rest. Two thousand feet of water will do an astounding amount of work in an extremely short time, utilizing vortexing and hydraulic plucking which are known to lift huge slabs of rock; abrasion (including bouncing house-sized, and larger boulders along the route) and cavitation (a powerful hydraulic force unknown in nature or the laboratory until the last century, but which produces jackhammer pulses at the rate of millions of times a minute, pulverizing rock and even steel).

Thus, we see that it is entirely conceivable, really, quite likely, that the Grand Canyon rocks were deposited in less than a year, and the Canyon itself was carved by a catastrophic dam failure in a matter of weeks. There is nothing "scientific" about the belief that either took even a long time, much less millions of years. These notions of "millions of years" are simply called "scientific" by those who have rejected Biblical History. They sprinkle their stories with the word "science" in the hope that you will be deceived into believing that there is merit to their belief system.

And do not forget, their religion requires they believe the cosmos and its living inhabitants were formed by random processes, but empirical science teaches that such processes have never even formed a pocket comb! I agree that believing the Bible requires faith, but not as much faith as believing in millions of years or that random processes caused the incredibly complex systems we observe everywhere.

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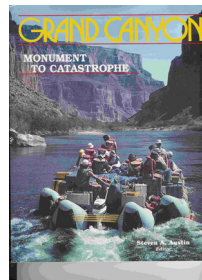
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The Necessity for Evolutionism

By: Ellen Myers, MA

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UFO's, ET's and the Bible

By: Bob Farwell

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