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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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Highlights of the Fifth

International Conference on Creationism

Note: The proceedings of the 5th ICC, as well as most of the previous conferences are available from CSA. See Page 3.

Ubiquity of the Divine (Golden) Ratio and Fibonacci Numbers Throughout the Heavens and Earth

by Fredrick A. Willson, M.S., Review: Doug Dexheimer

David, my 16 year-old son dropped out of high school to attend college this year. The other day he was discussing his evolutionist biology instructor's description of the human heart. Of course, he had hardly covered a tenth of the real complexity of the heart system, but it still led David to conclude (sarcastically) that producing the heart was "a pretty neat trick for evolution."

The incredible complexity found in nature has been the subject of many books throughout the ages. As the Apostle Paul remarked, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools..." Romans 1:20-22.

Cicero commented that a sun dial was all the evidence you need for a sun dial maker. Newton said, "If I needed evidence for God, my thumb would suffice." von Braun, asked to give evidence for God, said, "Do I need to light a candle to convince you there is a sun?" And, of course Paley said a watch proved the existence of a watchmaker.

Fibonacci noticed an interesting number series as follows: 1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55,89,144,233, ad infinitum. Each number is the sum of the two preceding ones. A unique and fascinating attribute of the series is that, dividing a number by the smaller one preceding it yields the "Divine Ratio" 1.61:1. This ratio is only true for this set of numbers.

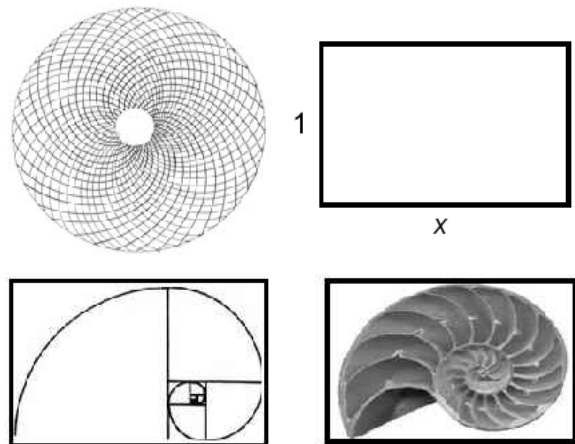
Apparently God knew the Fibonacci series and ratio first. The ratio has been found to be remarkably pleasing to the human eye for it produces what is called a Golden Rectangle. Phideas, the Greek sculptor, and many others in ancient Greece and Egypt used this ratio in creating their works of art and architecture. Furthermore, the ratio and the golden spiral are ubiquitous throughout creation. Johann Kepler called this ratio "a precious jewel." [Hoffer, W., A magic ratio recurs throughout art and nature, Smithsonian, December (1975) p.112].

God did His Fibonacci in rectangles and in spirals. It is commonly observed in shells (the chambered nautilus is probably the clearest example). "This spiral is visible in things as diverse as: hurricanes, spiral seeds, the cochlea of the human ear, ram's horn, sea-horse tail, growing fern leaves, DNA molecule, waves breaking on the beach, tornados, galaxies, the tail of a comet as it winds around the sun, whirlpools, seed patterns of sunflowers, daisies, dandelions, and in the construction of the ears of apparently all mammals." [from the paper].



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Below: Sunflower with 34 & 55 spiral rows, and Golden Rectangle, sized by the ratio of two adjacent Fibonacci numbers, where $x = (1+\text{SqRt}(5))/2 = 1.618 = \text{Length of the longer side}$.



Above: Left: Spiral in Golden rectangle. Right: Nautilus. Borrowing the words of David Willis, Fibonacci throughout nature is another "pretty neat trick by evolution."

Noah's Flood: Fact or Fiction

by Brad Harrub, Ph.D., Review: Josh Willis

Josh, 14 attended ICC 5 (2003) among nine from the Kansas City area. The first few days he was stuck in the technical track, which he found a bit difficult. The "Basic Track" started Wednesday, which Josh found more to his liking. He particularly liked Harrub's talks. In this talk, Brad essentially took the most common "scientific" arguments against the flood and showed they had no real merit.

Typical arguments:

"The ark wasn't big enough for all the millions of species." Reply: "Species" are irrelevant New ones are named every hour to get someone's name in a journal. Only created kinds ("baramin") were required on the Ark. These diversified quickly after the flood. The ark could hold 125,000 sheep-sized animals but only about 16,000 were required. The median sized animal on the ark was about the size of a small rat.

"Noah did not have the technology to build the ark." The Bible, Josephus, and every pre-Christian historian taught that the ancients lived a thousand years. Even without revelation, consider how much technology one could assimilate in a productive life of over 900 years. Archaeology continues proving that (post-flood) man had high technology, besides, God told Noah what to do! It seems difficult to argue He didn't have the technology.

"Dinosaurs were too big to get on the ark." Reply: Reptiles hatch from eggs, start very small, and grow as long as they live. Only a fool would take a 1000 year old, 120 foot long, dinosaur to replenish the earth. Only about 300 dinosaurs were needed, those boarding were probably about sheep-sized.

There are dozens of such "scientific" arguments against the flood and the Ark. Replies have been documented to all of them. I know of no "scientific" arguments against the flood.

Radiohalos - A Tale of Three Granitic Plutons

by A. Snelling Ph.D. and Mark Armitage, Review: Tom Willis

The "geologic column" is the major proof of great ages. Because there was no way to "date" fossils that would show the millions of years sought by evolutionists and other old-earthers, much of the "scientific dating" of the fossils in the "geologic column" was based on "dating" of volcanic materials above and below the fossil. This technique can give you any date you want, which is amply demonstrated in the scientific literature by the number of rejected dates. This paper not only further demonstrates that, but goes a long way toward providing evidence that **all** Radiometric Dates of volcanic materials are undoubtedly meaningless. The paper asserts that the materials tend to be mixtures of surface and subsurface rocks, making it impossible, even if the method otherwise worked, to date volcanic materials.

One remaining puzzle to young-earth creation is the fact that, in spite of widely disparate results in radiometric dating, and a demonstrated tendency to select "correct" dates, there does appear to be evidence for a lot of historical radiometric decay. Since God created a grown man, he could obviously create a "grown rock" as well, but if some of these "grown rocks" formed during the Genesis Flood, God did not Create them. Can the apparent large amount of decay be explained?

As surprising as it might be to many, there is a growing body of evidence that atomic "constants" have varied enormously in the past. This is not the wild postulate of "loony creationists." More and more secular physicists are getting on this bandwagon, some merely because they perceive a need for their Big Bang, but, others because of the evidence.

Over the last 20 years a number of secular and creationist papers have demonstrated enormous decay in short periods of time. At least two others were presented at this conference, and one on theoretical causes of accelerated decay. This (3 Plutons) paper claims to demonstrate over 100 million years of radiometric decay in the single year of the flood. Space does not permit an explanation. Get a copy of the Proceedings.

One "downside" of this paper was that it claimed to falsify the Bob Gentry theory that Polonium Radiohalos in Granitic materials were positive proof of virtually instantaneous fiat creation. This "Three Plutons" paper claimed that there were many Polonium halos in Granites formed during the Genesis Flood, thus precluding Gentry's interpretation of fiat creation. Frankly, I was unimpressed with the evidence supporting the author's views that these materials were in flood sediments, for the rather simple reason that no evidence was presented. Rather, sweeping claims were made that the evidence had been provided by others. Example:

"There is a strong general consensus based on overwhelming evidence that the source of the hot granitic magma that cooled to

form the Cooma pluton was partial melting of the high-grade metamorphic gneisses and migmatites [these would be Flood rocks, not created. TW] that are adjacent to the pluton"

"Both McQueen [97] and Froede [28] place the formation of the Stone Mountain monzogranite pluton within the year of the Flood."

"It is arguably beyond dispute that these three granitic plutons were intruded as hot magmas during the Flood, and that therefore these radiohalos found in them formed subsequently, during the Flood and thereafter."

The statement above was followed by this enigmatic one: "Froede [28] 'believes that the Stone Mountain granitic magma formed as a result of the mixing of some remelted original primordial granite which melted surrounding rocks and sediments' and suggests 'that possibly the source magma of Stone Mountain was derived from deep within the crust during the tectonic event identified as the Alleghenian Orogeny (a Flood generated orogenic event).' However, the only evidence presented for these claims [my emphasis] is that 'the Stone Mountain Granite is compositionally different from all of the other granites in the area.'" The authors don't seem to believe their own source, but we are expected to believe.

While it is reasonable to cite other papers to substantiate your claims, for such sweeping assertions, including "falsification" of another man's theory, the authors owed their audience more levelheaded, thoroughly analyzed evidence for their important claims. Where "McQueen... and Froede... place" some rocks is of no concern to me. I am only interested in the evidence for their claim. Assertions like "It is arguably beyond dispute" and "strong general consensus based on overwhelming evidence" are found in every evolutionary textbook in the world. They are sophistry! Here is one of the worst evidentiary statements, "Froede believes that..." I frankly don't care what Froede believes, only what he can demonstrate, and then I will remain skeptical, because science is severely constrained by "*now we see through a glass darkly... now I know in part...*" 1 Corinthians 13:12

The exchanges I have read between Gentry and Snelling have shown Gentry asking "I'm from Missouri, show me," and Snelling saying "Now, Bob, you know there are no fossils in granite." I am not wedded to Bob Gentry's theory of Polonium evidence for fiat creation, but I am from Missouri.

Incidentally, Bob Gentry is a true giant in original basic research affecting origins. Even if his effort to prove fiat creation with Polonium halos can be falsified, his work with halos in coal and petrified wood stands unchallenged as proof that sediments and coal accumulated very rapidly. And his work with Helium Diffusion in granitic materials formed the basis of another "airtight" case (pun intended) for an age of the earth 1/250,000 as old as pop science would have us believe. Gentry may be wrong about "proof of fiat creation," but the research productivity of his most vocal critics is trivial by comparison. Out of courtesy, if not respect, they should assume we are all from Missouri.

Conclusion: This paper contained some potentially important ideas. If the authors are right, at least a hundred million years of radiometric decay occurred during the single year of the Flood (Note: There is much other evidence of rapid decay). However, the paper's merit was severely degraded by inadequate support for the key claim. This deficiency is worsened by the stark declaration that this paper falsified another's work, when, by its own admission, it depended entirely on others for the evidence.

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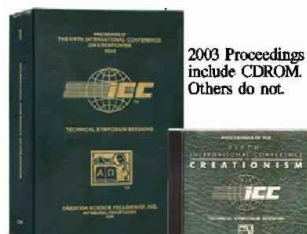
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Nautiloid Mass Kill/Burial in Grand Canyon Redwall Limestone, by *Steven A. Austin, Ph.D.* review by Mark Matthews. Long regarded as the best proof of millions of years of deposition, the Redwall is now shown to have taken less than one day.

Hydrothermal Model of Rapid Post-Flood Karsting, by *Emil G. Silvestru, Ph.D.* review by Tom Willis. The conventional model of Cave and Karst formation is shown, by field and experimental studies, to be false. Hydrothermal vents were the primary cause of Caves.

Hypercanes Following the Genesis Flood by Larry Vardiman, Ph.D. review by Bruce Scoggan. Very little is known about Hyper-Hurricanes except that they are caused by a warm ocean and are extremely damaging, up to 300mph winds. It seems likely the post-Flood world knew much of them, as hinted in Genesis 8:1.

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CSA Meeting - Tuesday, Feb 3, 2004

Bristlecone Pines
Are They Really that Old?

by *Mark Matthews*

Only after many years of acceptance of Peppered Moth experiments as true, with only the conclusions debated, did someone question, and prove, that Peppered Moths never land on tree trunks. Likewise, nearly everybody believes there are 4000+ year old Bristlecone Pines. Not Mark Matthews, an environmental engineer with a degree in Nuclear Engineering. He has devoted extensive effort studying tree-growth research in general, and Bristlecone in particular. He concludes the oldest Bristlecone pine may be less than a thousand years, and that "Dendrochronology" is more hoax than science. Since many researchers use Bristlecone Pine "ages" to calibrate Carbon Dating, the implications of his theory are interesting and broad.

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Note: Mark gave this talk March 4, 2003, in the middle of the Great Kansas City Ice Storm. Few attended, and technical problems resulted in no video. It is excellent.

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