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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 Great Proofs of Evolution

"The Fossil Record" Part II

By Tom Willis

In Part I (Volume 20 #3, May-June/2003) we outlined **some** of the evidence that the "Geologic Column" and "fossil record" are not, and could not possibly be a "record of life on earth," for the simple reason that the evidence in them clearly testifies to very few, short-duration, catastrophic events. Since preservation of a good likeness of living things requires rapid fossilization, fossils represent **absence of time within the strata!** But, since there are very many large "polystrate fossils," and, since all fossils over a thousandth of an inch thick, in the evolutionist scenario, are "polystrate fossils", then there is **no time between the strata!** In countless cases there is no physical evidence suggesting the possibility of elapsed time (soil horizon, root fossils, erosion, etc.), thus the entire "column" is powerful testimony to the **baseness of time both within and between the strata!**

But Are There Not Some Evidences of Much Time?

In spite of this irrefutable evidence against time, old-earthers and evolutionists have put forth a number of "evidences" that seem to require much time. We must first note that, if someone has a hypothesis that "All cars are green," one red car refutes that hypothesis. It does not matter how many green cars he finds thereafter. In fact, if someone continually approached you with "another green car" you would be more likely to regard him as loony, not as a great scientist.

For most "geologic evidences of much time" there are clear refutations of the claim. This game of "*proving* the earth is old" is called "Uniformitarian Geology" which operates under the banner of "The Present is the Key to the Past". It is beyond the scope of an essay to examine all the arguments, but a few examples can illustrate what is going on here. The common strategy is to find an ongoing process, declare the process as the cause of the phenomenon under discussion, then using the assumption (often unstated) that the present process rate is the same as it has always been, they "calculate" the time the process took.

Much of the time, the process the evolutionist "measures" is seldom the cause of the phenomena in question (I put the word "measures" in quotes, because there are a number of cases where the process rate was declared, not measured).

Consider the existence of a car. Ongoing processes include oxidation, occasional wrecks, hail damage, wear, salt corrosion, etc. Someone could claim that it took millions of years for these processes to produce the car. If you have chosen to reject the fundamentalist notion that cars are created, your belief system might coerce you into accepting this "theory". "This is absurd," you say? It surely is, but it is identical to the notion that mutations produced humans from pond scum. We laugh at the former, but require children to believe the latter. Facts: Rust had nothing to do with the production of cars, and mutations had nothing to do with the production of humans! Rather, humans are the "cause" of both, mutations from the curse, and the car would not rust if it had not been created by a human.



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A tour of **Grand Canyon** by a US government employee with a couple degrees in geology will typically include the "fact" that the canyon was carved over millions of years by 92 million cubic feet a minute flow of the Colorado River (I have witnessed "science" varying from 18 to 31 million years, but what's a 72% error among us scientists?). I asked my geologist expert a few questions. If it took 92 million cubic feet a minute to carve the main canyon, why are the many side canyons, which have no water inflow, the same depth? Why is the canyon of the "Little Colorado River" the same depth as the canyon of the combined rivers? The relief map in the visitor's center shows the canyon is through a mountain that is 2000 feet higher than the river upstream from the canyon. Which 30-million-year period of earth history included water running uphill while carving canyons? Why is it that, an aerial view of the canyon clearly reveals that it is not a river canyon? Answers varied from nonsense to none. There is much more, but suffice it to say that there are earthquake faults all over the place, evidence of much volcanism, and

excellent evidence of an enormous lake, 2000 feet deep(!) upstream from the canyon. The canyon, somewhat like those formed in half a day at Mount St. Helens, was undoubtedly caused by an enormous, post-Flood, catastrophe involving earthquakes, volcanism, and dam rupture, the entire process probably required no more than a few weeks!

Once the dam was gone, excess water had a new route it could follow, through the newly formed canyon. There is a pattern here. Humans caused mutations, rather than vice versa. The Grand Canyon caused the Colorado River. Both were events, not processes, and neither event required millions of years. Evolutionism commonly produces answers the opposite of truth.

Consider chalk formation, like the famous White Cliffs of Dover, and the much larger chalk formations covering a substantial percentage of Kansas, USA. Uniformitarians say that chalk contains a high percentage 80-98% pure calcite (calcium carbonate), apparently consisting of the shells of microorganisms (placentic foraminifera) and calcareous algae (called coccoliths and rhabdoliths). They then "study" present growth rates of these microorganisms and declare it must have taken thousands or millions of years to produce the world's chalk. Because of their unbelief, they could not consider what effect the Genesis Flood or the pre flood environment would have. A slight change of environment can have a tremendous effect on growth, especially of coccoliths. It is known that these creatures have enormous "blooms" (100 to 100,000 times as great as "normal") in waters containing high mineral levels (how about the "fountains of the great deep" (Genesis 7:11) and 25000 active volcanos during the Genesis Flood), lots of dead animal pollution (how about a flood designed to kill everything alive), and plenty of oxygen in the water (those same volcanos, high winds and torrential rain). One scientist calculated that it was theoretically possible, under these conditions, to produce all the calcite from microorganisms in the world's chalk in as little as a few weeks! The point here is **not** that I have proven the chalk formed in a short time. The point is, "Chalk is **not** evidence against Biblical History." Or, "Chalk does not refute the testimony of God."

Charles Lyell, a British lawyer, said in private correspondence, before he wrote "Principles of Geology" and became "The father of modern geology", that he was certain he would be able to prove that no forces had ever acted in nature other than the ones we now observe. Apparently, in his mind, and that of many others, he did "prove" just that.

But, people like myself, and many geologists, reading Lyell today arrive at other conclusions. You do not have to read very far in "Principles" to learn that Lyell's goal was to destroy any geology based on the writing of Moses. Moses is mentioned (negatively) by name on virtually every page in the first hundred pages (I gave up on systematic reading after about 100 pages). Roughly speaking, Lyell was wrong far more than he was right, and bothered little with honesty in his reports.

Lyell's modus operandi was to visit interesting, and frequently fairly famous, sites for a few weeks, where he quickly, in his estimation, became an expert superior to professionals who had studied the site most of their lives. He visited the Mississippi Delta and declared it to include much of the Texas coast, indicating it was many thousands of years old. US Corps of engineers specialists who had made extensive studies of the delta for 25 years were appalled at his arrogant ignorance. It is now known that no river delta in the world is over a few thousand years old, one of many relevant facts that go unmentioned in most geology texts.

Lyell visited **Niagara Falls** and "studied" **Niagara Gorge**, with which he felt he could date the falls. Water going over the falls gouges the river bottom deeper than the rest of the downstream river. It also erodes the cliff it descends. Thus, the "gouge" (called Niagara Gorge) lengthens each year as the Falls recede upstream. Lyell talked with a farmer who said he had studied the process for many years and said the recession rate was about three feet per year. Since the Gorge is around 35,000 feet long, this would appear to give an age of nearly 12,000 years for the falls, which you would think would satisfy a Moses-hater. But it didn't. Lyell simply declared he thought the correct value was about one foot a year, allowing him to "date" the Falls at about 35,000 years old. The Canadian Royal Museum in Toronto has studied the falls for 140 years, and state the recession rate is about five feet per year, making the maximum age estimate for the falls (using this method) about 7,000 years. I say "maximum" because every river in N. America exhibits evidence of being at least 10 times its present size at some prior time. Softer sediments, greater past abrasion, and other factors make the age of the Falls using this admittedly poor method of dating, easily within the biblical time frame.

Again we see, Niagara Gorge presents no evidence against Biblical ages. But it does illustrate nicely the quality of "science" used to "prove" an old earth during the last 150 years, a quaint mixture of rejection of available data, fabrication of replacement data, utilization of a strategy that would not be valid if the data were correct, and ignoring initial conditions and other factors, that might be harmful to your personal goals.

Another "proof" the Bible is wrong that I have enjoyed is "mud cracks." We have all seen a "mud flat" near a stream that, when it dries in the sun, develops cracks in the mud. This idea has been used as "proof" there must have been many events with interspersed sunshine, rather than Creation Week and a single flood event being the primary shapers of "geologic history." Sorry, wrong. Desiccation of the mud can come by compression (example: rapidly accumulating overlying sediments) rather than sunshine. Cracks can also form if mud is trapped between layers that are bent while plastic. The mud is forced to occupy more space, it cannot, so it forms cracks. Thus, there are at least two known situations where "mud cracks" form while under water, both of which would be expected to occur often during the Genesis Flood. "Mud cracks" make a nice story, but may be better evidence **for** the Genesis Flood than against it.

Other "proofs" that the earth is old, or the Flood could not have caused the bulk of the strata, are numerous. Most have characteristics like these. They assign the wrong cause to the phenomenon, they demonstrate (willful?) ignorance of the available facts (like growth rate of foraminifera & coccoliths), and "scientific facts" like the erosion rate of a canyon or growth of Niagara Gorge turn out to be wildly estimated or invented. We invite readers to submit other "proofs" of evolutionary ages. We will strive to catalog them and provide answers on www.csama.org.

Conclusion: In spite of numerous "green cars" (indicators that there may be long times in the rocks), the biblical and scientific fact remains: There is virtually no time in the geologic column, therefore, there also is no "fossil record of the history of life on Earth!"

Next time: "Well, the fossils show evolution" Answer: No they do not. Even if the time were there, the fossils do not show evolution, as we shall see (the Lord willing).

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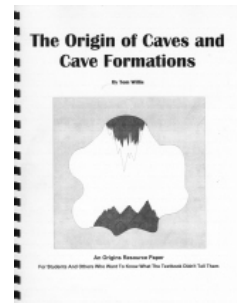
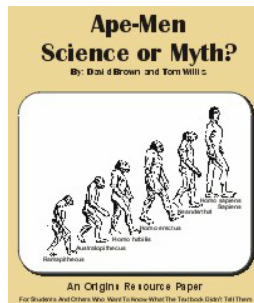
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Mark Matthews

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