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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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Barbara and Clifford Wilson are both PhD's and have been in this work together for many years. The topic will generally be "Genesis Confirmed by Modern Science and Archaeology" but may cover a wide range of topics including UFO's, "Chariots of the Gods," "The Bible Code - Science or Myth?"

Background on Wilsons: Barbara Wilson, Ph.D., was for twenty years Dean of Students (men and women) at Australia's most prestigious Bible College, now known as the Bible College of Victoria, offering fully accredited degrees.

Clifford is author of several excellent books, including "The Bible Comes Alive" (A colorful review of the Holy Land, Archaeology and the Bible). Other very thought-provoking books are "UFO's: A Better Explanation," and "Crash Go the Chariots" He debated Erich von Daniken, the author of "Chariots of the Gods" for about four hours before some 4,000 people at the University of North Dakota (Fargo), and the cards handed in showed Cliff had won convincingly. Von Daniken's advisors would not agree to a second debate on national TV in Australia.

Other Wilsons Speaking Engagements

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Wilsons: Guest Speakers at CSA Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 5, 2002, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Westbrooke Church, 9898 W. 95th, Overland Park, Ks

(Address & Directions: See top of last page)

Topic: See Last Page, CSA November Meeting

Another Great Proof of Evolution Light From Distant Stars

By Tom Willis

I have written on quite a few of the "Great Proofs of Evolution." Nine are covered in the 1991 book, Real Scientists Just Say NO! (see page 3), and a list of nine Newsletter essays is on the cover of the CSA News for Jan-Feb, 2002. (For copies of these essays, see www.csama.org, click on "Newsletters", page down to Jan-Feb, 2002). But, of all the *proofs*, the one that seems to stump (and impress) more people is this one. It goes like this:

"We see stars out there that we know are billions of light years away. A 'light year' is the distance light travels in a year. Since we can see those stars, the light must have taken billions of years to travel that distance. Therefore, the source of that light must be billions of years old. Therefore, the Bible is not true, or at least, young-earth interpretations of the Bible are wrong."

This argument is not new. Over the years, Christians have developed several rebuttals to it. I intend to review two of these before giving my own, to which, as far as I know, no one has responded. Unbelievers typically have mocked at these first two and announced that they have been refuted. But, unbelievers do that with everything Christians say, further confirming the accuracy of the Bible, since that is exactly what Jesus told us would happen. I want to review these first two to show that, in spite of the scoffers, they both have merit, though I am not convinced either is the only final answer.

1. God Created with an Appearance of Age

In it's simplest form, this argument is "God could have created the light from the star at the same time he created the star." Learned opponents have developed this type of response: "We have seen supernovas (star explosions) far enough away that it would have taken far more than 6000 years for the light from the explosion to get to earth." If the Christian says, "Well, he could have created supernovas, too," a learned opponent will say, "That means God created explosions of stars that never existed, so your god is a deceptive god."

Obviously this can go on more. But, I want to stop and discuss the general "appearance of age" argument, and the oft-repeated claim that God, if he created with an appearance of age, has deceived us."

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Consider A Parable: God created a 200-foot tall tree in the Garden. When Cain was about 100 Adam told him the tree was there on the first day. Cain cut the tree down and found 500 tree rings. As an unbeliever, Cain would surely inform Adam that *“Science has proven trees have annual growth rings, therefore the tree is 500 years old, your God is a liar.”* Adam, a fallen believer, and an “appearance of age” advocate, might argue that it only looks 500. Cain would say, *“Then your God is deceptive, the additional rings deceive scientists.”*

As a “good scientist,” Cain would measure the canyon depth and erosion rate of the rivers in Eden and conclude that *“Real science tells us they must be 18 million years old.”* And then kill his believing brother. Consider a chicken present the first week? Science tells us chickens hatch from eggs whose gestation period is over a week. Did Adam have a belly button? Science tells us belly buttons come from umbilical cords attached to the mother, but Adam claims he didn’t have a mother.

Think about it, everything God claims to have created, *“science knows”* has some sort of cyclical history. Trees have annual tree rings, but without them, the tree would probably fall down. If God created a river, the “scientist” can always say *“You say it is only a few years old, but it has an appearance of many more than that, therefore, your young age of the earth is false, your Bible is wrong, or your god is deceptive.”*

Hopefully it is becoming obvious something is wrong with the idea that “God cannot create with the appearance of age.” What about stars? Stars function to this day just as God said, “for signs and for seasons, for days and years.” They do it so well, we adjust our “wonderful” atomic clocks to their schedule! The notion that some astronomers have the right to dictate to God how he ought to create stars tells us much about some astronomers, and their disciples, but little about God.

Let’s go a little further. Did God create chickens or eggs? How old were the bears he created? Were they 15 years old? Three? Embryos? How about fish? Five years old? Fish eggs? I suggest a simple, and really, obvious answer. In Genesis 1, the only thing God said he created **one** of was man and woman. With others he used words like “teem,” “abundantly.” He clearly used plural words in some cases, like stars. At the end of the sixth day, He looked down and said, “It is very good.” Do you really think that when Adam awoke, he found only two rabbits, two redbirds, two deer, two blackberry canes? That doesn’t sound like the God I know. I suspect **the first duck Adam saw was a pair leading their ducklings to water.** The 10th (because they are harder to find) was on a nest full of eggs. **Adam shared the earth with millions of bears, ducks and fishes of all ages, in every stage of life, including eggs; rivers in all stages of development, ... stars in all stages of their life cycle, and yes, Adam had a belly button!**

Conclusion: Anything God created with a life cycle enables the unbeliever to claim “deceptive appearance of age.” If the unbeliever refuses to “allow” God to create all stages of stars, a reasonable extension of his logic disallows God from creating anything! The problem is not that God is deceptive or a liar. The problem is unbelief. Until the unbeliever opens his heart, he will refuse to believe God. The appearance of age argument is a perfectly valid possibility!

Having said that, it still does not mean this argument is the **true** answer for all questions, and **may not** be the **true** answer to the “light from distant stars” question.

2. The Velocity of Light Has Decreased

In the 1970’s, Australian physicist, Barry Setterfield, was studying this and other issues when someone gave him a physics book which pointed out that there was a noticeable decline in the velocity of light throughout the history of its measurement. This set Setterfield on a 20+ year research project, and in the middle of an international controversy. In 1981 he published a preliminary report, a more detailed one in 1987, concluding, based on 63 historical measurements of the velocity of light, that the velocity of light had decayed in the brief history of the earth, by a factor of about 10 million times.

People tried to attack with statistical analyses, but Setterfield and his allies pretty-well silenced them all. Some argued from other theories in physics, that this would cause major problems. And Setterfield has had to rethink a few of his ideas, but the current state of the debate is still hot, and I think he is holding his own quite well. Furthermore, there has been unexpected support from significant secular sources.

At almost the same date Setterfield published, a Russian, V. S. Troitski published in the British Journal *Astrophysics and Space Science* 139 (1987) 389-411 “Physical Constants and Evolution of the Universe,” in which he argued, essentially, that what we observe cannot be explained unless light velocity has decayed in history, about 10 million times!

The London Times, Nov 15, 1998 had a feature article opening with, **“The speed of light - the fastest thing in the universe - is getting slower.”** The article cites a “new theory” designed to explain many anomalies in the popular model of history.

Implications of “cDecay,” if valid are many. Obviously, there is no “light from distant stars problem,” light got here almost instantly. But there is much more. The theory explains baffling phenomena. “Gravitational Lenses,” are galaxies that focus light from distant objects to us. Some of this light must travel much further than the rest. It should not arrive at the same time, but it does. “Super Luminal Jets” are objects in space traveling much faster than the velocity of light (Yes, we can measure them, if, for example, they are traveling across our line of sight, not right at us). The World’s pet theory, Relativity, says this cannot happen, but it does. cDecay explains both.

If you would like to investigate further, this topic is debated hotly. Search the Web for cDecay or Barry Setterfield, and pursue the links. One interesting site: <http://www.ldolphin.org>.

Where do we stand?

We have seen that there are at least two perfectly valid answers to the “Light from distant stars” conundrum. My point is **not** that either, or both, are true. My point is that the two answers mentioned herein, if you meditate on them, are sufficient to cause a wise man to never be led astray by “light from distant stars.” Also, there is real value in reflecting on the quality of the unbeliever’s argument, compared to his feigned confidence.

While I think the two responses above are adequate, the LORD has given me another set of thoughts on this “question” that, may not give a more valid answer to this specific “*Great Proof*,” but, the LORD willing, should give real wisdom to those who will encounter many such “*proofs*” by unbelievers.

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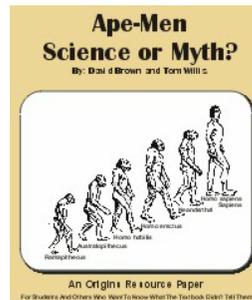
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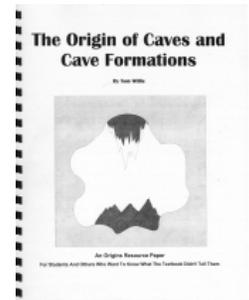
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**Early Genesis in the
Light of Modern Research**

Clifford Wilson Ph.D. And Barbara Wilson, Ph.D.

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For information on the Wilsons, see Page 1.

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**Pharaohs and Kings:
A Biblical Quest - Part I**

A Discovery Channel Video by David Rohl

David Rohl is not a believer, but he may be a David in waiting. David killed Goliath and apparently his five brothers. Rohl has taken on the entire archaeological fraternity. They hate him, and demand that he go away. He is merely proposing a handful of changes in the "standard" Egyptian chronology, but the "horrible thing" is that he claims that this allows him to find many links between Egyptian history and key Biblical events and Patriarchs: Joseph (home & tomb, enormous statue of a foreigner with high political power and multi-colored coat, His administration, 7-year famine, and the growth of power by the Pharaoh), Moses (birth, military campaign, sojourn in Egypt, slaughter of male infants, weakened Egypt), the Exodus (conquest of Jericho and other key Canaanite cities), Saul (his name, defeat, and more), David (captures Jerusalem, rise to power, and more), Solomon (marriage to Pharaoh's daughter, massive building projects, and more). Rohl does not claim to have "discovered" any of these, but that, with a revised chronology, they are easy to see in the museums of Europe.

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