

CSA News

The Creation Science Association for Mid-America

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

Volume 20(3) May - June, 2003

The Great Proofs of Evolution "The Fossil Record" Part I

By Tom Willis

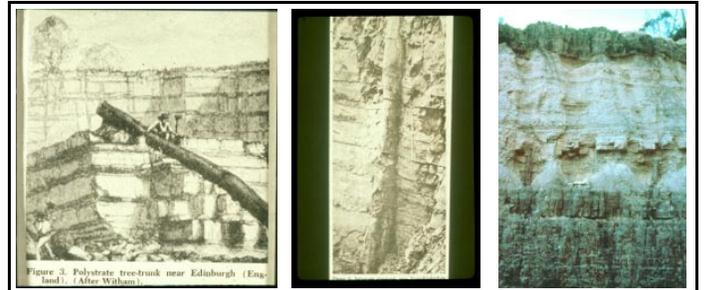
Earth Science by Namowitz & Spalding is a typical high school text. It presents layers of rock and their fossils as offering a record of earth history including the evolution of living things on the earth. It presents the notions that fossils represent "relative time" and radiometric dating represents "absolute time" as facts. Differences in fossils, according to this "science", indicates evolution. While evolutionists promote many ideas, we will focus on two key themes that dominate evolutionist thought. 1. That rocks containing fossils represent about 500 million years of earth history. 2. That fossils themselves are a record of the evolution of life through those millions of years.

Together, these ideas, with a few others beyond the scope of this essay, are called "Uniformitarian Geology." Lyell claimed he hated the notion of geology based on Moses. Lyell hoped to prove that no forces (including God?) had acted in history other than the ones we see operating today. The slogan was "**The present is the key to the past.**"

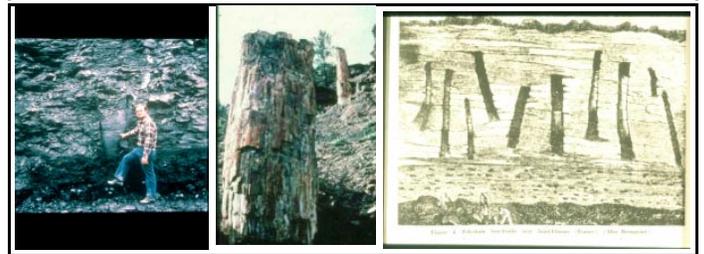
It is my conviction that all such anti-bible arguments exhibit common properties of which we'll cover two. They are internally irrational and always excellent evidence for Biblical Creation. By "internally" irrational, I simply mean that the evidence for irrationality is largely within the argument. Refutation does not require much, if any, outside knowledge. Consider first the claim that the fossils, and sedimentary rocks containing, them took 500 million years to happen. Supposedly, for example, the entire 500 million years is present in the 5000 foot Grand Canyon (with 200+ million "missing"). Simple arithmetic leads one to the conclusion that 300 million years/5000feet = 60,000 years/foot = 5000 years/inch. Whenever you do the arithmetic, you come up with this sort of figure, or even bigger. For example, if one does not concede the "missing strata" then it becomes 500 million yrs/5000ft = 100,000 years/ft = 8333 years/inch. Strangely, the textbooks typically talk about 1000 years per inch. Fossil fish from the Green River in Wyoming used to come with a story that it took 25,000 years to deposit 50,000 layers about 18 inches thick, 25,000/18 = 1388 years/inch. To examine the rationality of this, consider a fish that dies. Will it sink to the bottom and remain in perfect condition a few thousand years. The billion, or so, fossil fish at the Green River had to do just that.. Almost perfectly preserved, in this story, a 2-inch thick fish would lie on the bottom 2600 years to be barely covered.

8300 years waiting to be fully buried? The fern on the right is flat, but like many others, it is perfectly preserved, yet, if you believe the story of millions of years, it would require 800 years to be slightly buried.

On every continent, trees are found, well preserved, typically with no roots or limbs, protruding through as many as 20 or 30 feet. These "polystrate" (many strata) trees would have to stand erect without limbs or roots for 30' x 12" x 8333 yrs/inch = 3 million years! But, in the field, it is much worse than this. Trees have been discovered which protrude through half or more of the entire fossil-bearing portion of the so-called "geologic column," **up to 275 million years!** (That I know of, there are probably known cases much worse.)



L to R, Top: Edinburgh, UK; Germany; New Castle, Au. Bottom: Kentucky, USA; Yellowstone, USA; St. Etienne, Fr. For pop-science history to be true, each of these trees stood erect without roots or limbs for at least 900,000 to 3 million evolvo-years!



The irrational nature of this story is exemplified by the simple fact that preservation of living organisms like ferns and trees is extremely difficult to accomplish and the time available to do it is extremely short, for they decompose rapidly. Yet billions of fossils, including the ferns in Kansas and the trees at Yellowstone are so perfectly preserved that their species are easily discerned. The meaning of this fact is as plain as the nose on your face, they were buried **and** mineralized in less time than it takes ferns and trees to rot. While evolutionists can plead for special preservation conditions, no known condition can produce these results. So, to believe evolutionism, one must believe that, throughout history, the entire earth experienced conditions that are never observed today. But, the only believable scenario is instantaneous burial of the ferns, and no more than a few months for the trees. Mineralization probably occurred within weeks. In addition to ferns and tree trunks, leaves, soft tissue, jellyfish, billions of fish, skin, dung, ripple marks in sand and soil, mud cracks and countless other highly perishable items are routinely

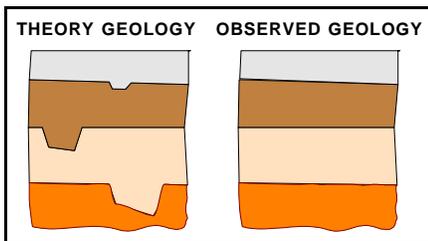


Or, look closely at the leftmost fern fossil found near Ottawa, Ks (where there are thousands). It may not be obvious, but the leaves extend upward through almost an inch of rock. Did it lie there

found. In every case, burial and mineralization must have occurred thousands of times as fast as pop science requires.

Now think about this! The average deposition rate in pop science, calculated from the data discussed above, is a thousandth to a ten thousandth of an inch per year! Therefore, since few fossils are as thin as a thousandth of an inch, **all fossils are polystrate fossils**. Even a one inch thick fossil took one to eight thousand years to bury (and burial alone will not fossilize). There are thousands of fossil graveyards, each with vertically overlapping fossils like the trees at St. Etienne, France. Each fossil graveyard literally screams that there could be virtually no time involved in deposition of the grave. **Since these occur at all levels throughout the world, there can be no time in the entire geologic column!**

For 150 years after Lyell and Darwin, many people calling themselves "scientists" have attacked anyone who proposed any idea that might imply rapid geologic activity. More recently, confronted with these obvious facts, many evolutionists have turned to "catastrophism". They accept sporadic, major, rapid events, but, insist on great time spans between events. The idea has deceit value, but no scientific merit.



In addition to every fossil being polystrate, long ages between events should have left other obvious evidence which is almost universally missing. When you drive through highway cuts, if there had been much time between strata, anyone should be able to see it. Consider the conceptual drawings above. If there had been grand amounts of time between major deposition events, say after the lowest unit in the drawing, then there should be erosion, soil horizon, root penetration, organic etching, and many other evidences of time. But, consider only one, erosion. Millions of various-sized rills, gullies and streams should be filled with sediments from a later time period, as illustrated under "Theory Geology" on the left. But, look out the window while you drive. You observe basically three rock faces: 1. Parallel strata, with no erosion between layers, as illustrated on the right, 2. Erosion through **all** of the strata, and 3. **All** of the strata tilted, bent or broken **after deposition**. Thus, if the pop science of millions of years was true, you should observe countless examples of the illustration on the left. But, what you do observe, illustrated on the right, is consistent only with the general idea that most of the sedimentary rocks and the fossils were deposited in an extremely short period of time.

Also, two thirds of the earth's surface is covered, often to enormous depths, with water-deposited fossils and "sedimentary" rocks. **Many of the geologic units extend laterally for hundreds, even thousands of miles!** The millions of well preserved, overlapping, "polystrate" fossils make it more obvious there is no time between deposition events. Thus, the evidence speaks loudly for a single large water event, or at least, a rapid succession of deposition events. It literally screams against either millions of years of slow deposition, or millions of years of sporadic major events. Rather, fossils and the sedimentary rocks testify that whatever caused them was probably an extremely large water event which did not take very long, but



Ha Ha Tonka

April 11-13 - Weekend at the Lake of the Ozarks. More interesting geology and botany in less space than anywhere in North America. A tremendous weekend.

Astronomy Safari - April 25 8:00 ~ 10:00PM

Kansas Chalk Formations, Museum and Fossil Beds

May 23 - 26 Memorial Day Weekend in Western Ks.

One of the most famous chalk and fossil beds in the world: Wildcat Canyon, Castle Rock, volcanic ash beds.

Astronomy Safari - May 30 8:30 ~ 10:30PM

Ozark Stream Float Trip

June 20 -22 - Elk River, Noel, Missouri

Camp, canoe and swim in the beautiful Missouri Ozarks.

Learn the truth about river and canyon formation

Astronomy Safari - June 28 8:30 ~ 10:30PM

KU Natural History Museum

July 19 9:00AM - 4:00PM.

Fossil hunt and a truly rare experience, God's side of the story at a Natural History Museum.

For detailed information, call or visit www.csama.org

undoubtedly took longer than a few days or weeks. There is evidence of much interesting activity during and after this event.

Unwilling to concede the accuracy of Biblical testimony has caused a 200 year detour in "earth science." Ironically, today "catastrophism", like rock music, is again popular, and some have even proposed global floods, global asteroid impacts, etc. Clinging tenaciously to their religious myth of evolutionism, they still insist on millions of years between catastrophes. But, as we say in the vernacular, "Sorry Charlie, millions of years simply ain't in the rocks, or the fossils." "Catastrophism" is as irrational as "Uniformitarianism."

One might ask, "Why would "science" vehemently reject catastrophe for almost 200 years, then rush pell mell to accept "theories" calling for countless catastrophes, including even global ones? If I were still an unbeliever, I would probably resort to the stock answer, "Well, we now know that catastrophes are part of the present and the past. Science is self-correcting you know." To the wise, this is worse than weak. As Derek Ager and many other unbelieving geologists have said, the world has never been short on evidence for catastrophe, but the "science" fraternity has for over 150 years treated anyone who said so as an ignorant, fundamentalist, dangerous scum bag.

I now realize that the world needs millions of years to explain the Bible out of history. Their behavior in this and many other ways makes it obvious they will embrace anything to keep God out of history. Jesus said, "*If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.*" They pretend to admire Jesus, but a Jesus they invented, not the Jesus of the Bible. Him, and his people, they hate. Fortunately, God is Love!

Use this coupon to request:	Quantity	Amount
Lending Library Catalog	_____	No Charge
Book, audio and video tape catalog	_____	No Charge
Reprints of feature articles from CSA News: (1 copy - \$1.00, 20 - \$4.00, 100 - \$17.00)	_____	_____
Audio/Video Special (May - June, 2003)	_____	_____
Meeting Videos (specify date or #)	_____	_____
Meeting Audios (specify date or #)	_____	_____
Other items	_____	_____
Membership	_____	_____
Postage: \$1.50/audio, \$2.00/ book or video	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____
My E-Mail address: _____		

Join and Support CSA

Over 8700 people receive **CSA News**, which is free for the asking. Please consider supporting our work. Many say, "Of all my mail, I read **CSA News** first." If you don't benefit, help us be good stewards by removing your name. Write or call:

CSA, 22509 State Line Road, Cleveland, MO 64734

Phone: (816) 618-3610 FAX: (816) 658-3253

Important: The phone is a KC phone, FAX is not.

Full Membership: \$17.00 per year

Sustaining Membership: \$100 per year

Associate Membership: \$5.00 per year

(Membership not required to participate)

Cut out coupon at the left, return with your address label

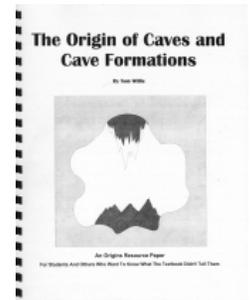
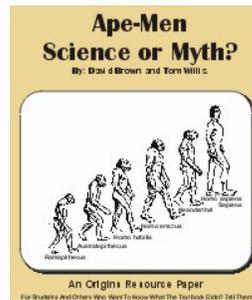
Send CSA News to me (Check one): _____ **via E-mail,** _____ **via Postal Mail** _____ **Discontinue CSA News**

Real Scientists Just Say NO!

By Tom Willis

Help your family and friends understand Creation/Evolution in a way that they will never be deceived again! The book examines stereotypical evolutionary "reasoning" rather than dwelling on the latest "discoveries." There are many good books, but this one will greatly reduce the number you need to read. If you don't agree, return it in good condition for a refund.

133 large pages, soft cover: \$15.50



"Did men really have ape or ape like ancestors?" "Did caves really require millions of years to form? Look at the evidence for yourself. These brief, illustrated books are readable by 5th graders up. Each has ~ 25 large format pages.

\$3.00 each. \$5.00 for both.

Subscriptions to *CSA News* will end

The Lord willing, subscriptions to the printed version of **CSA News** will continue to be **FREE**. You need not join CSA or buy anything. **But subscriptions will end** biannually, unless you extend them by asking for an extension. Your expiration date is printed on the mailing label. **CSA News** is also distributed electronically for you to read or print multiple copies (See **CSA News** at www.csama.org). The Lord willing, **CSA News** will be a helpful witness to your friends.

Notify us of your preference, **mail**, or **electronic delivery**. Notify us by: **mail** (using the coupon above), or by **e-mail** (csahq@juno.com). Include your Name, Address, e-mail address and CSA ID# from your mailing label.

Over 8700 people receive **CSA News**. The complexity of the changes have slowed the cut-over to electronic distribution a bit, but we are **still** getting closer.

Address Changes: You must notify us of address changes. Post office charges for this service are now excessive.

CSA Bumper Stickers: 3-3/4" x 17"
Black on Bright Yellow,
Price: 1: \$1.75, 5: \$7.00, 10: \$13.00, 50: \$50, 100: \$70

Too Far Away To Attend CSA Meetings? Why Not Attend Via Audio or Video Tape

Attend **CSA Meetings** by ordering the Audio (\$5.00) or Video (\$14.00) tape. Specify the meeting date, topic, or item number (at the end of the meeting announcement), e.g. V0188 (Video). Basic and Advanced Institute tapes may also be checked out of the Lending Library:

The CSA Lending Library - Librarian: Larry Rink
8904 Mastin, Overland Park, Ks 66212, (913) 492-6545

Are You Participating in CSA As Much as You Should?

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Are you doing all the Lord has called you to do in the war for the minds and hearts of our citizens... especially our youth? **CSA** is not a closed fraternity. Any born-again believer who is abiding in the words of Jesus, and has been gifted in research, computers, speaking, clerical activities, writing of articles or book reviews, etc., and who has heard a call to serve in an origins ministry should consider and pray about serving with us. Write or call for more information.

© Copyright 2003

**The Creation Science Association
for Mid-America**

22509 State Line Road Cleveland, MO. 64734
Phone: (816) 618-3610 FAX: (816) 658-3253
www.csama.org Email: CSAHQ@juno.com

Non-profit Org
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit #2
Cleveland, MO

Presort Standard

Current resident or...

CSA Monthly Meeting Location: Westbrooke Church 9898 West 95th, Overland Park, KS

Four blocks East of 69 Highway (or Switzer) on North side of 95th Street

Refreshments: 6:15PM - Meeting: 7:00PM Nursery Available: \$2.50 per child (Reservations required for nursery)

CSA Meeting - Tuesday, May 6, 2003

**The Education Debate Part I
John Mackay vs Four Evolutionists**

John Mackay & four University Professors

We have had many requests to see a debate, but no evolutionists willing to debate. Here is one comment on this debate: *"It is strongly recommended that this lively Debate between John Mackay from Creation Research and four evolutionist professors from the University of Saskatchewan, be viewed more than once, notebook in hand. John is a wiley experienced debater, always up-to-date and marshalls his evidence in impressive style to make an array of academics look lame and petulant by comparison. This raises serious issues for tertiary education. It is sad to note that three professors from a notable university were shown to be wanting in current research in their own fields by John."* See more comments in June meeting announcement, in the next column.

[Order Video Special: C205 \$20.00]

**Moving? Or changing your e-mail address?
Be sure to let us know to help us
insure you continue to receive CSA News.**

CSA Meeting - Tuesday, June 3, 2003

**The Education Debate Part II
John Mackay vs Four Evolutionists**

John Mackay & four University Professors

Second hour of this informative and entertaining debate. Further comments: *"... I showed the Saskatchewan "Education Debate Video" in our Department on a Wednesday afternoon. The Debate video created quite a stir." Dr Roy Elliot, Geologist, Oxford U.K.* *"I recently had the pleasure of hearing John Mackay speak at Central Qld. University (Rockhampton) and saw the video **The Education Debate**. Thank you so much for the opportunity to hear Creation Research and to obtain such an excellent video for evangelising."* **Stephen Speering, Rockhampton**

[Order Video Special: C205 \$20.00]

Attend the International Conference on Creation

Aug 4 - 9, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA

Contact: (412) 341-4908

csficc@csfpittsburgh.org - www.icc03.org,

CSA Lending Library

The CSA Lending Library now has over 240 videotapes, 120 audio tapes, and 80 books all available without charge. The new **Lending Library Catalog** now contains 10 pages of great tools. If you would like a copy, please consider sending a contribution to help defray costs.

- Visit CSA at www.csama.org -

**CSA
Real Scientists
Just Say NO!
Seminar**

**Have you had one in
your Community,
School or Church?**



Contact CSA for info.

©1991 CSA Mid-America