

The Geological Challenges of Evolution

In our review of the Evolution Series, we have covered the Dangers of Evolution, the Theory of Evolution, the Evolution of Evolution and the Deception of Evolution. In the last lesson we started the second section dealing with the Challenges of Evolution. The first of these challenges came in the form of Astronomical Challenges. The heavens are truly revealing the works of His hands. In part two of the challenge lessons, we move from outer space to the inner space of Earth, that is the Geological Challenges.

The Definition of Geology

“the science that deals with the dynamics and physical history of the earth, the rocks of which it is composed, and the physical, chemical, and biological changes that the earth has undergone or is undergoing.” Applicably put it is the study of the rocks and soil of the planet in which we live. The Evolutionists for years have sought to use this science to pervert the evidence of their theories.

The Geological Proposition of Evolution

Geology reveals that the Earth and all life thereof came into existence over the course of billions of years and through the process of millions of random mutations.

The proponents of Evolution cannot claim one observed step of evolution to have taken place during the existence of mankind. Because of this, it is necessary for them to turn to the geological theories that can be conceived with the fossils, rock formations and layers of soil.

The Geological Proposition of the Bible

The Earth and all of the life thereof came into being and coexisted in a matter of days through the determined actions of a higher Being.

- Day Three: The Creation of Land and Plant Life (Gen 1:9-13)
 - The Intelligent Designer caused the land to form out of the water.
 - The vegetation was formed capable of reproduction.
- Day Five: The Creation of Oceanic Life and Birds (Gen 1:20-23)
 - The sea life was formed capable of reproduction.
 - The birds were formed capable of the same.
- Day Six: The Creation of Land Animals and Mankind (Gen 1:24-26)
 - The land creatures were formed capable of reproduction.
 - Humankind was formed capable of the same.

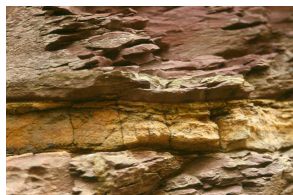
Let the Stones Cry Out!

We are told in *Luke 19:36-40* “...the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen,³⁸ shouting: BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”⁴⁰ But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!” I will encourage you to be silent for just a few moments and allow the stones of geology to cry out with the testimony of the evidence.

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The Fossil Record appears to support Intelligent Design over Evolution.

The definition of the word *Fossil*: “any remains, impression, or trace of a living thing of a former geologic age, as a skeleton, footprint, plant, insect, etc.” To date the archeologists have stored in our museums over 100 million fossils from over 250,000 species found throughout the world. It is proposed by the Evolutionist that these fossils from the soil confirm their theory, but nothing could be further from the truth.



Strata

The earth in most locations has many layers of soil upon it called the strata. Anyone that has driven a car on a road that was cut out of a hill or mountain can clearly see the layers of sedimentary rock and soil. It is in these layers of rock and soil that we find a fossil record. The

Evolutionists take these facts and design another set of theories that they can use to prop up their primary theory of Evolution.

Geologic Column

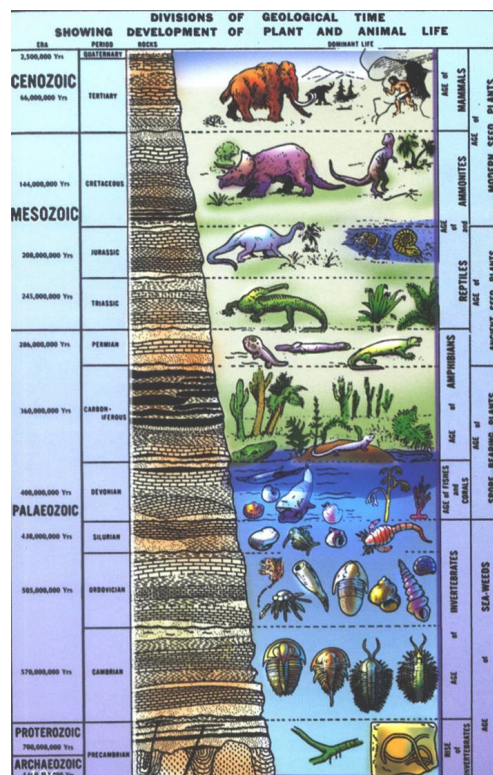
In an effort to promote Evolution, the theorists have come up with something called the Geologic Column (see diagram to the right). It was developed by Charles Lyell in 1830 and has been a standard tool of the Evolutionists ever since. They teach that fossils are dated in accordance to the layer of soil they are found in. That sounds simple enough. Since the fossils do not come with dated labels, they measure which layer of soil it was found in and ascribe that date to the age of the fossil.

How did they determine the age of the layer of soil?

- Is it the type of rocks? NO
- Is it the radioactivity of the rocks? NO
- Is it the height or depth of the layer of soil? NO
- Is it the appearance of the rocks that determine it? NO

ANSWER: The Evolutionists propose that the age of the layer of soil (stratum) is determined by the type of fossils found in it. Think about that for a moment. If the fossil age is determined by the layer of soil that it is found in and the age of the layer of soil is determined by the type of fossils found in it, is this not circular reasoning? That foolishness is the conclusion that many geologists experienced.

- The former professor of paleobiology at Kansas State University wrote this: "Contrary to what most scientists write, the fossil record does not support the Darwinian theory of evolution, because it is this theory (there are several) which we use to interpret the fossil record. By doing so, we are guilty of circular reasoning if we then say the fossil record supports this theory."—*Ronald R. West, "Paleontology and Uniformitarianism," in Compass, May 1968, p. 216.



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- "The charge that the construction of the geologic scale involves circularity has a certain amount of validity."—*David M. Raup, "Geology and Creationism," Field Museum of Natural History Bulletin, March 1983, p. 21.*
- Niles Eldredge, the former head of the Paleontology Department at the American Museum of Natural History in Chicago: "And this poses something of a problem. If we date the rocks by their fossils, how can we then turn around and talk about patterns of evolutionary change through time in the fossil record?"—*Niles Eldredge, Time Frames: The Rethinking of Darwinian Evolution, 1985, p. 52.*



Since all layers of soil throughout the world has thousands of fossil types, how do they determine anything concrete? They are called *index fossils* (see example to the left) and they are typically the backboneless shelled marine animals that would settle at the bottom of a floodplain. When Evolutionists dig around in the soil and find cluster of these in a group of fossils, they conclude that the layer of soil must be from an ancient period since “we evolved” from those simple organisms. This is not scientific no matter how many fancy names and how many millions of years the Evolutionist cloaks it in.

Trilobite

Take for example the *trilobite*. These creatures according to the Evolutionists lived between 600 million and 230 million years ago and were about the size of a penny (see photo right). Since there seems to be a higher concentration of trilobite fossils in the similar stratum, they said that trilobites must from the Cambrian geological period. What is their basis for this? It is because they go into their theory assuming that we evolved from these type of creatures according to their other theory.



Coelacanth

Another example would be the *coelacanth* [*see-luh-kanth*] (see right). Evolutionists believed it lived nearly 80 million years ago based on index fossils found in the general area of the stratum. How did they arrive at that age? They started in the pre-Cambrian Period and estimated the time they thought it would take to “Evolve” to this from over a few hundred million years.



Wollemlia Pine

This was a type of pine tree (see right) that was close relations to plants only found in the so called "Jurassic and Cretaceous" periods. (65-200 million years ago). The Evolutionist claimed that this plant was that particular age because of the layer of sedimentary rock it was consistently found in. In the attached photo you will find an actual branch of this extinct tree on top of the fossilized one. That is because in 1994 a hiker in Australia discovered the actual trees still growing today.



That introduces us to a major dilemma for the Evolutionist, fossil confliction with reality. Do you remember the trilobite that lived hundreds of millions of years ago? In June 1968 by William J. Meister, an amateur fossil collector found a fossilized shoed footprint that had a smashed trilobite fossilized in the print itself (see right). Either humans lived hundreds of millions of years ago or both lived thousands of



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years ago. The Evolutionist would never concede the first, therefore must appeal to the latter.

Remember the *coelacanth*? They determined it was at least 60 million years old based on the index fossils it was associated with. Well they found that the coelacanth is a living fish in the oceans off of Indonesia and Africa. The picture to the right is a non-fossilized coelacanth swimming with a diver. Perhaps the coelacanth did not live millions of years ago. Perhaps nothing lived million of years ago.



That is what happens when you take a theory and make up more theories to back it up. It is just bad science. Since the Geologic Column was invented, thousands of fossils have been found alive and well on the planet. It might not disprove Evolution, but it does show the incompetency of the theory on a geological level. What this and the other evidences indicate is that there was a Great Flood of the Earth (We will cover that in lesson 8).

Luke 19:40 If you become silent "...the stones will cry out!"

They cry out that there was a sudden emergence of whole creatures.

The fossils of the most primitive creatures were in essence very developed. It appears that life simply burst on the scene which certainly lines up with Intelligent Design. The stones cry out in favor of CREATION!

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They cry out that there is a complete lack of Evolutionary transition.

There are no transitions in the fossil records from one creature to another. Horses are horses. Trilobites are trilobites. Cats are cats. Dogs are dogs. Monkeys are monkeys. Octopi are octopi. There are not fossilized evolutionary steps among the hundreds of millions of fossils collected. The problem is so apparent that the Evolutionists named the mental dilemma "Fossil Gaps". This lines up with the Intelligent Design account. The stones cry out in favor of CREATION!

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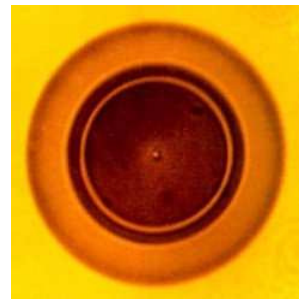
They cry out that there is no transition of presently living creatures.

All living creatures that are alive today and have a fossil record are identical to the fossil. This would be further proof that there are not evolutionary changes. The Evolutionist argues that the creatures alive today that appear in the fossil record simply are done or are transitioning at an extremely slow rate that cannot be noticed. The stones cry out in favor of CREATION!

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They cry out that there is Polonium 218 Halo evidence.

Granite is one of the foundation stones of the planet and is prized for use in many purposes from countertops to grave markers. What you do not see with the naked eye are the Polonium 218 halo markings embedded in it (see right). Why is this important? Polonium 218 has the half-life of only about three minutes. In order to have these halo markings trapped in the granite, it would have had to formed in less than ½ hour, not millions or billions of years. The stones cry out in favor of CREATION!



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They cry out that there is topsoil evidence.

The average depth of topsoil throughout the world is about eight inches. Allowing for losses due to erosion, it has been calculated that it requires 300 to 1,000 years to build one inch [2.54 cm] of topsoil. On this basis, the earth could only be a few thousand years old. The stones cry out in favor of CREATION!

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They cry out that the upright petrified logs defy strata formation.

In many areas of the world where Evolutionists appeal to the strata of soil as being formed over millions of years, there are many thousands of petrified upright logs running through multiple layers (see right). There is no way that those layers could have formed in such a way if what they are saying was true. As we will discuss in the last lesson, the Great Flood does explain this. The stones cry out in favor of CREATION!



Conclusion

In conclusion of this section of Geological Challenges to Evolution, we have left out much for the sake of time. There are still the evidences of oil pressure, oil seepage, volcanic activity, zircon/lead ratios, river deltas, waterfalls, sedimentary oceanic deposits, oceanic erosion, coral formation and natural gas escape ratios just to name a few. The point to be taken is that the Christian does not need to be ashamed of the Geologic Challenges to what the Bible is teaching. It is the Evolutionist that must be compelled to struggle with the overwhelming evidences that threaten to destroy their theory.