

Creation, Evolution, and Scientific Facts #5

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#1 Science fundamentals and Biblical basis for series

#2 The origin of mass and energy: science, pseudoscience, and Biblical perspectives

#3 Life and its origin: what does known science demonstrate

#4 Evolution, species, and "kinds": what changes are known to science

#5 The flood, catastrophism, fossils, and time (e.g.-- ages of the earth and early men)

#6 Scientific reliability of the Bible in a number of scientific fields, including statistics of prophecies

Earth Surface Changes

Pangea (Gen 1:9)

Divided (Gen 19:25)

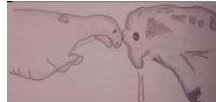


Ancient Dragon/Dinosaur Artifacts

Wupatki NP Petroglyph Dinosaur/Mammoth Sauropod

Behemoth-brachiosaurus Job 40:15-24; Leviathan-kronosaurus

Job 41, Ps 104:25-26; tannim-dragon-dinosaur (28 times)



Pre-flood Environment

Possible pre-flood water canopy (Mabbul vs Teom):

Gen. 1:6-7, 2:5-6, 6:17, 7:6-7&11-12, 8:2, 9:14-15, Ps

18:7-15, Mat. 24:37-39, Heb. 11:7, 2 Pet. 2:5&3:5-6

Evidence of canopy (6-mile vapor/30-foot ice-water):

- Long ages prior to flood exponentially (95%) decline
- World-wide greenhouse (tropical vegetation/animals)
- Flying pteranodons (50' wingspan) requiring 2-3 atm
- Gigantism (40-ton dinosaurs, 25" wingspan insects) caused by increased oxygen pressure and decreased harmful radiation compared to today.
- Canopy has no natural explanation



The Cataclysm (Gen. 7:11-8:14)

- Severe volcanic and earthquake activity
- Land mass separated into continents (plate tectonics)
- Mountains formed, great crevices (up to 6-miles deep) opened to receive the waters
- Land masses collapsed as the high-pressure underground water (Gen. 2:6) broke through (eruptions) the surface
- Unencumbered tidal action adds to the devastation
- Rapidly receding water left its mark on the newly deposited layers of strata (e.g. the Grand Canyon). Huge canyons extend over 300 miles into the ocean

Fossilization (Requires rapid water-borne mud covering)

- The lowest layers: organisms with high density, small size, low mobility, and/or low-level habitation
- Swimming water-inhabitants would be next
- Amphibians and other near-water occupants next
- Reptiles, mammals, and birds at higher levels, depending on their mobility and habitat
- Few "higher" land animals/man found below top levels
- Geologic Column (< 0.4% have all 10 strata)
- Rapid burial: Huge dinosaur graveyards, fossil-fuels indicate massive undecomposed living matter burial, polystrate trees through up to 12 sediment layers

Feasibility of the Ark & "Old" Humans

- God caused migration to the ark (Gen. 7:8-9)
- About 1.7% couldn't survive a marine environment ("kinds" brings this down to approximately 1/4%)
- Young animals may require <300 bigger than a sheep
- Ark had a 3,000,000 ft³ capacity (>500 cattle-cars)
- Many animals could have hibernated
- Virtually all peoples have a catastrophic flood in their prehistoric legends and myths
- Human bones and artifacts found inside coal
- Human/dinosaur footprints found in the same strata & drawings indicate contemporaneous existence (Job 40:15-24)

3.7 million-year old Laetoli Footprints

- "They looked so human-like, some scientists had a hard time believing that they were made by Australopithecus afarensis (Lucy's species), the only human ancestor known to have lived at the time." PBS
- Footprints are "indistinguishable from those of modern humans" Anderson, New Scientist 98:373, 1983



Mount St. Helens Insights (5/18/80)

- Earthquake/eruption with 20,000 Hiroshima-sized bombs power toppled 150 mi² of forest in 6 minutes, moving >1 mi³ of rock
- Resulting hydraulic, mud, and lava flows deposited up to 600 feet of strata in the event, with some eroded causing gullies 140 feet deep and >200 feet wide
- Millions of sinking logs cause massive organic build-up on the bottom of Spirit Lake, being surrounded by sediment (upright trees may form a "petrified forest")
- Peat is being formed from bark rubbed from trees
- "Million-year" changes occurred in <5 years

