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

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Did Volcanos Cause Life?

by: Tom Willis

"Despite their reputation as deadly scourges, giant volcanic eruptions may have profoundly benefited life on Earth by triggering two of the greatest biological revolutions in the planet's history.

Massive outpourings of lava, particularly those in the deep ocean, spurred bursts of evolution early in the Paleozoic era, about 550 million years ago, and in the middle of the Mesozoic era, around 200 million years ago...

"We have simply got to explain the timing, and to me the coincidence between some of these huge volcanic events and the biological revolutions is just too weird. There has to be a connection," [Geerat J. Vermeij of the University of California, Davis] told Science News.

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The preceding represents classic "scientific" interpretations of data to support atheist (or pantheist) interpretations of history. Let's try to separate the data from the theory. The data claimed (and remember, it is only claimed you haven't seen it for yourself) is that there is evidence for massive volcanic eruptions at the beginning of the Paleozoic and the middle of the Mesozoic eras.

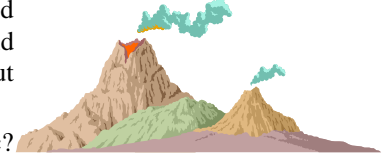
For those unfamiliar with the terms, "550 million years ago... early in the Paleozoic" is where the "Great Cambrian explosion of life forms" appears in the rocks. Billions of bottom dwelling marine creatures are found fossilized here. "200 million years ago... in the Mesozoic" is the so called beginning of the so called Dinosaur Era.

So what do we have? Two periods of heavy volcanism, lots of dead animals, and a desperate desire for an explanation!!! And what does he conclude? "Volcanoes made life forms explode at these two times."

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. - Proverbs 1:7 So, if you really want to know what happened at these times, check His word, and consult His people. Here are some suggestions:

The "beginning of the Paleozoic" is understood by virtually all Bible believing geologists (and there are many) to be the beginning of the Genesis Flood. *In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. - Genesis 7:11* The Hebrew word "Mayan" (fountain) occurs 23 times in the Bible, and, except when used figuratively, is always associated with water. In Genesis, these fountains were "broken up," at the beginning of the flood. and closed, near the end. The violence associated with this event, would very likely have been accompanied by volcanism on an enormous scale. Evidence of this is world wide at the bottom of the "Paleozoic."

Exactly as the Bible says, the fossil record shows, **not** an explosion of life, but a incredible amount of death, with very little or no death (recorded in rocks) before it. The Rocks below the Paleozoic also record "the Great Unconformity" an obvious period of elapsed geologic time, also recorded in Scripture as the period between Creation Week and the Genesis Flood (about 1656 years).



What about the Mesozoic?

"And unto Eber were born

two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided;" -Genesis 10:25 & 1Chronicles 1:19 Twice we see Peleg's name associated with the division of the earth. Some suggest this refers to the Tower of Babel, but there are significant problems with that view. 1. Probably "world" not "earth" would be used. 2. The Hebrew for Peleg means "Earthquake," with the root associated with water, river, rill, irrigation canal, or stream, but none of these ideas is associated with what God did at Babel. 3. Middle Eastern words similar to Peleg also mean water or sea. Even in English, Pelagos, Pelages, Pelagic are all associated with the ocean. Thus, a simple explanation of the Mesozoic is that it is associated with the breakup of "the earth," which had only one large pre-flood continent during the time of Peleg (near the time of Babel). This event was assuredly accompanied by thousands of volcanic eruptions, causing tsunamis (large shock waves in the oceans) killing and burying many creatures in low lying lands. Undoubtedly the post-Flood world experienced much volcanism and many earthquakes, thus many tsunamis. In Peleg's day, when the "Earth was divided" these increased dramatically. Unlike the waves at the end of the Flood, these may not have transgressed the entire continent, so only animals living in tidal regions got killed. Bye Bye to many of the dinosaurs, but not to all of them. Some survived many years.

Which of these views is "science" and which "religion?" Well, how many experiments have you read about where warm, mineral-rich water produced life, or made new life forms? Conversely, every culture on earth has a Flood legend in their cultural history, and dinosaurs are described in the tales of every post-Flood culture in the world! (Of course they used names other than "dinosaur"... like "dragons" in English, "Lung" in Chinese and Japanese, "Thunderbird" in America, etc.)

But then, modern science is not concerned with evidence. "Truth" is determined by what you believe, and "good science," means your belief differs from the Bible. Thus it is "scientific" to believe that warm water makes life and causes it to evolve, explosions make stars and planets, and any explanation of data is good if it pays homage to the power of the mythological god, "Mother Nature."

Dr. Hugh Ross Magician Extraordinaire

by: Glenn Kailer and Tom Willis

Background Notes:

Hugh Ross has a "Christian Ministry" he calls "Reasons to Believe." What many do not know is that, as many "accept the Lord Jesus," Ross "accepted the Big Bang" and began evangelizing for it when he was a teenager. Ross's pride apparently precludes considering that he might have made a youthful mistake, as even many atheist "big bangers" have done, such as Britain's Sir Fred Hoyle (a much more accomplished astronomer than Ross). Today, the best description of Ross might be "quasi-creationist, sounds-like evolutionist-to-me, big-banger."



Today, Ross insists that Christians must learn to reinterpret their Bible in the "light" of what he calls modern science. Therefore, he insists we must take the days of creation in Genesis to "literally" mean millions of years (yes, he really says "literally"). Trapped by his own "science" he then insists we must believe in death before sin, in spite of the plain words of Paul: *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" -Romans 5:12* Lest you feel, with Ross that this applies only to man, or only to spiritual death, you need to reflect on the fact that man and animals were originally vegetarian, death was the punishment for original sin, the wages of sin is death, the shedding of blood is required for the remission of sin, Jesus was required to spill his blood to pay our debt, and in restoration there will be no more pain or death... animals will again be vegetarian (*"the lion will lay down with the lamb... the little child will lead them"*).

When one reads Ross's first book, "Fingerprint of God" one has difficulty believing anyone could take him seriously. Not only because he insisted we rewrite the Bible to his liking, but because his reasoning processes supporting his claims were so shallow, and, where finished, so irrational. Many supposed "great Christians" have preceded him in this style of Christianity, including Aquinas, Francis Bacon and Descartes. These folks always get a large following among atheists. But, mysteriously, they also get a large following among "Christians." Ross has been endorsed by James Dobson and several others. Perhaps there is a large slice of humanism left in us all, and some us want so badly to believe that, through 'science,' we have "thought God's thoughts after Him," that we are willing to declare Him an incompetent author, whose words need to be revised for the "masses" by us brilliant scientists.

In "Real Scientists Just Say NO!" we develop the thesis that magic is always used to "prove" myths. You have seen the stage magician get to that point in his act where he proudly announces **"voila!"** Suddenly you can't be sure of what you think you've seen. The magician is adept at combining his **skill and knowledge** (science) in such a way as to produce for you an **illusion** so good that you aren't at all sure what you saw.

Hugh Ross - Scientist or Magician?

In a recent issue of "Facts and Faith," from Ross, we discover a fine example of the magician's art in print. As you read about it, we suggest you consider thoughtfully, and even prayerfully, whether you want to join him or others in helping God improve His writing by using "modern science." Ross is going to teach us how **"A Super Theory of Superstrings Reveals a Super Creator."** **This is really exciting!**

It seems, according to Ross, that theoreticians Witten and Seiberg recently "eliminated an annoying physical absurdity" in physics. Wouldn't we all like to remove physical absurdities in the physical sciences if we could. In fact, you might reflect on a "science" which even contains "physical absurdities!" "Modern physics" has lots of them. But "physical absurdities" in science, including this one, occur only because "scientists" have **accepted as truth** some **"theory,"** in this case relativistic descriptions of atomic structure. But that is not really our point. Here is what Witten and Seiberg did, according to Ross, to eliminate the absurd:

"They introduced a hypothetical particle that can become massless and poof! the absurdity disappears."

Is "poof!" sort of like "voila?"

Which is most absurd, believing in theories that have physical absurdities associated with them, or believing you have eliminated a physical absurdity by proposing a hypothetical (non-existent as far as we know) particle which is, itself, a physical absurdity?

A final thought: Atheists would like us to accept the notion that God is a physical absurdity because He is spirit, but He at least claims that He has always been spirit, thus His claim is consistent with all we know about physics, such as the 1st and 2nd Laws of Thermodynamics. These same atheists, and often their dreamy-eyed camp-followers like Ross, insist we should reject the revelation of a transcendent God who is, and always has been, spirit, for their "theories" of a hypothetical particle that can become spirit (massless) on demand.

Question for the Day

How is the theory that some particles alternately assume some mass and zero mass, less physically absurd than the theory that top hats (sometimes?) give birth to rabbits?



Hugh Ross is Not Alone in Evolve-land

"Thus I am asked [by young-earth creationists and others who can read] to take the statements of the Genesis Creation and flood accounts at face value in spite of the evidence that geology and the other sciences have to offer to the contrary. I am told that Genesis should control my scientific theorizing, not the other way around."

*Davis Young (Calvin College) in **The Biblical Flood.***

Young has long been a Hugh Ross type Christian, one who believes our understanding of revelation must be adapted to "science." The fact that "scientific theories" are in a constant state of change never seems to bother these folks, they just revise their "theology" to fit the latest theories that appeal to them.

Absurdities Abound in Evolve-Science

To discover that "Modern Science" is indeed full of absurdities one need only pick up a "science journal" like the December '95 edition of Smithsonian. An article titled "Phenomena, Comment and Notes," by John P. Wiley jr. begins with:

Today's physics appears to allow outrageous possibilities: faster-than-light travel across the galaxy for example, or even learning to make new universes to specification.

On bad days I used to joke about the Universe being the work of a graduate student who, frankly is not doing all that well.

Wiley believes that the universe began with hydrogen. He goes on to admit that the universe is incredibly designed to support the life of Man on earth, but also quotes (with approval) the saying that "Hydrogen is a light, odorless gas, which, given enough time, turns into people." Then declares that intelligent life in another universe created this one. He proposes that human intelligence has come a long ways in the last million years (in complete conflict with the facts of history and anthropology), then proposes that, we, too, will be able to create universes to our own specifications. His evidence? "The brave souls who study quantum mechanics talk blithely of alternate universes." When the only evidence for your "science" is your ability to talk blithely about it, you don't have science, you have arrogant ignorance!

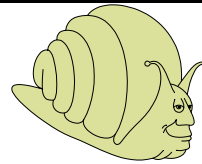
It is not the universe that has problems, it is Wiley's understanding of it that is flawed!!! When your primary evidence for a universe you cannot observe becomes the absurd conflicts among your pet theories about the one you can observe, and then you blame the universe, or its creator, for your ignorance and/or for conflict between the absurd assortment of theories you are willing to consider "scientific," you have truly become the epitome... the apex... the zenith of "professing themselves wise, they became fools." Romans 1:22.

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April 26-28 - Ha Ha Tonka Safari at Lake of the Ozarks

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CSA Meeting Tuesday, May 7, 1996

The Basic Institute in Creation Science

What Is Science?

And How Does It Apply To Origins Discussions?

by: Tom Willis

Many people do not want to spend any time on this topic... until after they hear it competently discussed. Then they realize it is foundational to the Creation/Evolution debate. In college it is called "Philosophy of Science," in seminary, "Epistemology." In either case, properly taught, it could be titled: "Science, Mythology, and Faith - How Do You Tell Them Apart... and Are You Really Sure?"

The Advanced Institute in Creation Science

Discordant Whole-Rock Isochron "Ages" for Selected Grand Canyon Rocks

An Evaluation of Rubidium-Strontium and Samarium-Neodymium Dating Methods

A Video from the International Conference on Creation

by: Steven A. Austin, Ph.D.

According to Evolve-science, Grand Canyon is **the** showcase illustration of the "Geologic Column," believed to be 1 billion years old at the bottom, and "very young" at the top. The two, supposedly latest, and most reliable dating methods mentioned in the title of this paper were used by the author to test the "ages" of these rocks. Conclusion: "no coherent picture of age emerges." In fact, "If we embrace... radioisotope dating... we can make a case for the *youngest* rocks being deeply buried within the Precambrian strata and the *oldest* rocks being on the surface."

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CSA Meeting Tuesday, June 4, 1996

The Basic Institute in Creation Science

The Origin of the Universe

by: Calvin Myers, Ph.D.

"And God said, let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven... he made the stars also... And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth." What is it we see when we look heavenward? Did God really set the sun, moon and stars in the heaven, or did they come from natural condensation processes. The truly scientific answer will come as a surprise to most scientists. Cal will discuss how the heavenlies show us God's splendor, particularly in the light of scientific observation and theory.

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U-TH-PB: An Example of False Isochrons

A Video from the International Conference on Creation

by: Andrew A. Snelling

After years of embarrassing dates produced by the famous Potassium-Argon and Uranium-Lead methods of dating rocks, Evolve-scientists have been more recently touting "Isochron Dating" as a method to assure the accuracy of their dates. Since creationists do not have billions of tax dollars, it usually takes them a little more time to figure out what is going on, but, they always seem to get the job done. Snelling (and Austin, in the May tape) show that Isochron Dating is just one more myth. among many in evolve-land.

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