

## Does The Geological Record Contradict The Bible Teaching Of Creation?

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### INTRODUCTION

The short answer to the question at hand would be *no*. But, if the geological record is the geological time table as portrayed by the evolutionist, the answer would be *yes*. The geological time table and the geological record are different. They are different as creation and evolution, or night and day.

Within this lesson we will define the meaning of the geological time table. Also, we will study the creation account as revealed to us in the Bible. Furthermore, we will consider the many contradictions of the geological time table and the geological record. In addition, we will the universal flood. Finally, we will close by reading key verses that give us the answer to why the earth was made by God.

### DEFINE THE GEOLOGICAL TIME RECORD

Scientists who subscribe to the philosophy of evolution generally contend that the earth is approximately 4.5 to 5 billion years old. Further, they allege that for the past 2 billion years or so, life has evolved gradually from the simple to the increasingly complex. One of the standard ways of presenting this concept is by means of the so-called *geologic time table*. The geologic time table is a common feature of most textbooks dealing with geology, biology, etc., and it proposes to show the development of living organisms, in an ascending order, from the ancient past to the present.

Supposedly, there are four eras of the geologic column. They are: **Pre-Cambrian** (sometimes divided into Archeozoic and Proterozoic); **Paleozoic** (ancient life); **Mesozoic** (intermediate life); and **Cenozoic** (recent life). Each of these eras is further subdivided into periods and epochs, each with its characteristic life forms. The individual periods of the geologic time table have been artificially arranged according to the types of fossils found in them. (Jackson 1)

...the strata of the geologic column are arranged according to the types of fossils found in them. The fossils, which allegedly catalog the ascending strata, are called *index fossils*. And index fossil is a certain type of fossil that marks or indexes a stratum due to the fact that it is prominent in that layer and is rarely found in other strata. (Jackson 2,3)

"Evolutionists thus *mentally* arrange the strata of the geologic column, by means of index fossils, *based upon the subjective assumption that organisms have evolved from the simple to the complex!*" (Jackson 3)

THE GEOLOGICAL TIMETABLE			
Eras	Periods	Years	Life Forms
CENOZOIC	Quaternary	1	Man
	Tertiary	74	Mammals
MESOZOIC	Cretaceous	60	Reptiles Flowering Plants
	Jurassic	30	
	Triassic	40	
PALEOZOIC	Permian	25	Amphibians Ferns Conifers
	Pennsylvanian	25	
	Mississippian	25	
	Devonian	45	First Land Plants Fishes
	Silurian	35	
	Ordovician	65	Invertebrates
	Cambrian	80	
PRE-CAMBRIAN 1 ½ TO 2 Billion Years			

### THE BIBLE DEFINES CREATION

Genesis 1:31, *"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."*

Exodus 20:11, *"For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."*

- Exodus 31:17, *"It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed."*

Romans 1:20, *"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"*

Mark 10:6, *"But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female."*

- Matthew 19:4, *"And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female."*

John 1:1-3, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.2 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.3"*

Colossians 1:16, *"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."*

Hebrews 1:2, *"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"*

Hebrews 11:3, *"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."*

## THE CONTRADICTION

### Missing strata:

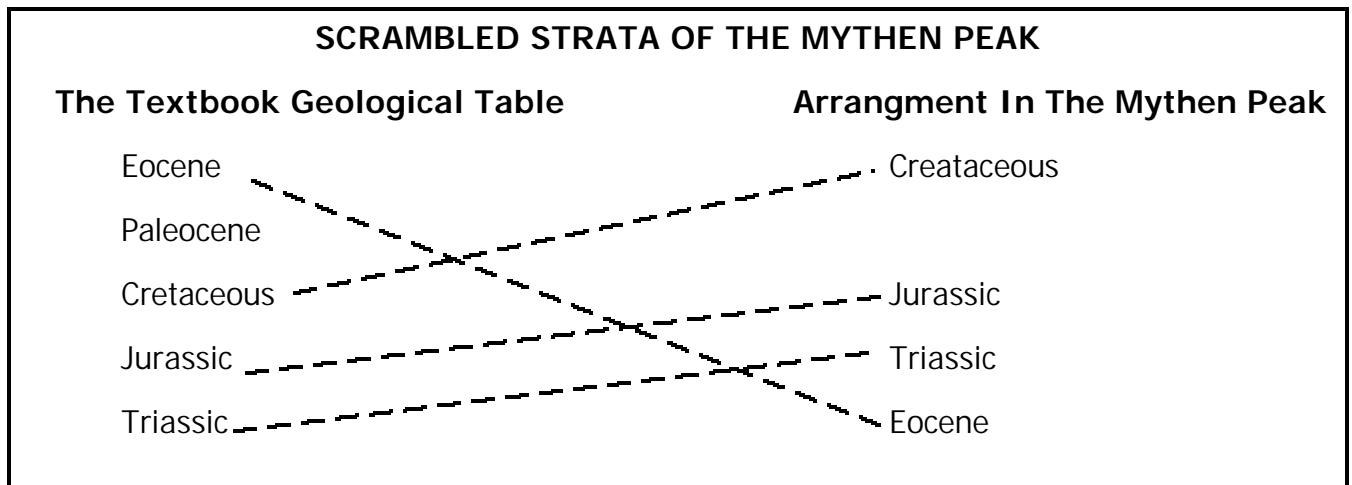
Grand Canyon: "The Grand Canyon is supposed to be one of the very best examples of the exposed geologic column. Evolutionists claim that it represents some 1 billion years of life history. And yet, there are *huge chunks* of the 'textbook' time table missing from the Canyon record. For example, the top five periods (the whole Cenozoic and Mesozoic eras), representing supposedly more than 200 million years, are *completely missing!* Furthermore, in the lower Paleozoic era, three periods (the Ordovician, Silurian, and most (perhaps all) of the Devonian), representing about 145 million years, are *conspicuously absent.* And although it is claimed that these mysteriously missing strata eroded away, there is no evidence of any such erosion." (Jackson 11)

- There is the erosion of truth!

### MISSING STRATA IN THE GRAND CANYON

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Permian
Pennsylvanian
Mississippian
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Cambrian
Pre-Cambrian

### WHERE ARE THE MISSING STRATA?



### Strata out of sequence:

Wyoming: "In Wyoming, near Yellowstone Park, there is an area of Paleozoic strata, some 30 miles wide by 60 miles long, resting essentially horizontally on Eocene (an epoch of the Tertiary Period...) beds of the Cenozoic Era. Amazingly, the top layer is alleged to be *a quarter of a billion years older* than the base upon which it sits!" (Jackson 13)

Montana: "In the Lewis Mountain Range there is a huge area in which the Pre-Cambrian stratum is sitting on top of the Cretaceous stratum. The lower layer, according to the evolutionary time scale, is supposedly between 400 and 500 million years *younger* than the upper!" (Jackson 13)

Swiss Alps: "According to the standard geologic time table, in the Mesozoic and early Cenozoic Eras, the following periods are found (in ascending order): Triassic, Jurassic, Cretaceous, Tertiary (composed of five epochs, two of which are Paleocene and Eocene). Curiously, however, in the Swiss Alps there is a mountain, the Mythen Peak, which has these strata woefully mixed up." (Jackson 14)

Evolutionist Leon W. Collet, of the University of Geneva, in attempting to explain these stratified contradictions, suggested that the Mythen Peak was pushed all the way from Africa to Europe! Here is his statement: 'The Mythen represents an outlier of Africa resting on Europe. (Jackson 15)

### Fossils and living creatures:

In New Zealand today there is a reptile known as the tuatara. It is the sole living representative of a reptilian order called 'beakheads.' Though alive and thriving in the modern world, its last fossil ancestors appear in the so-called Cretaceous Period of the geologic system--more than 100 million years ago! (Jackson 24)

- How did this reptile move from the Cretaceous Period to our present age?

- "Since 1937 more than thirty specimens of the coelacanth fish have been caught. Prior to this time, scientists believed that the coelacanth was extinct since it had disappeared from the fossil record in the Cretaceous Period." (Jackson 25)

- "The Somasteroidea, echinoderms, disappeared from the geologic column in early Ordovician times, allegedly some 400 million years ago. Yet a living Somasteroid is now known to have survived in the tropical waters of the eastern Pacific off southern Mexico."

- Where is the error in this picture? The geologic time table! The Bible is right.
- The Psalmist wrote, "...for I trust in thy word" (Psalm 119:42).
- The wise man said, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

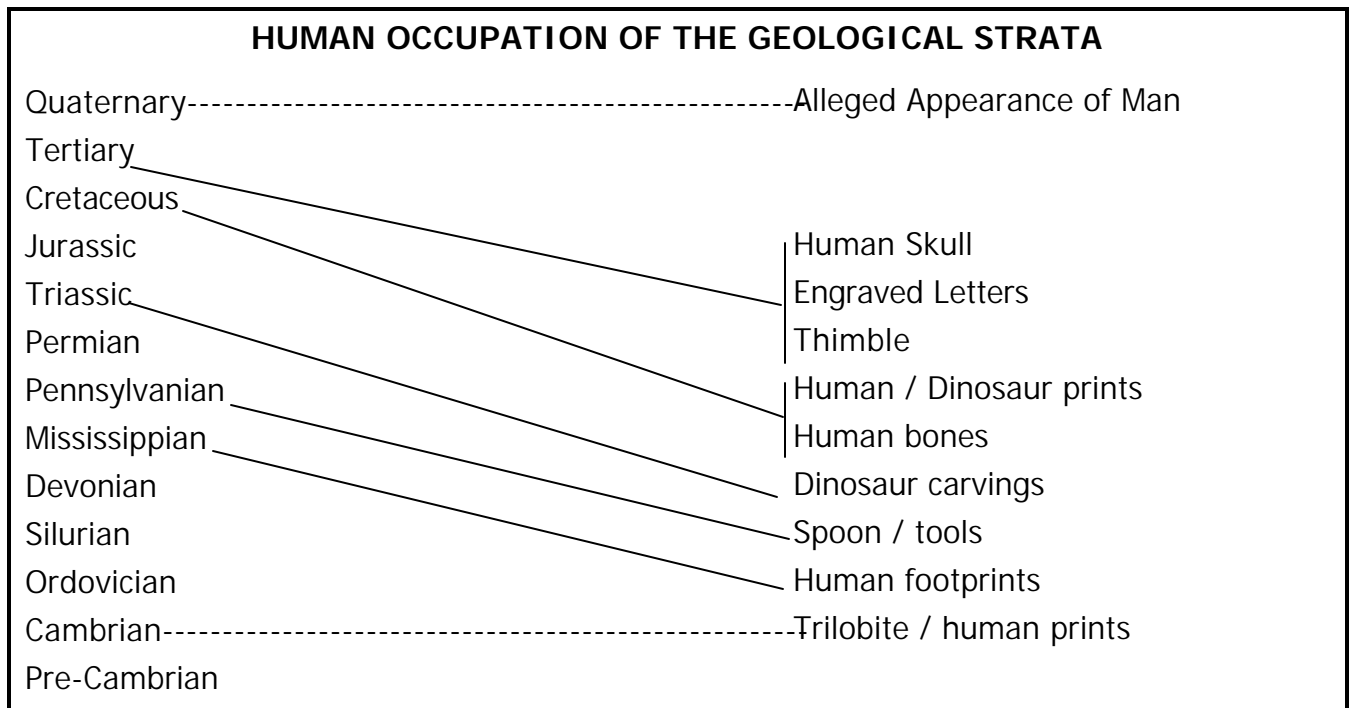
A deep-sea mollusk, the *Neophilina galathea*, which vanished from the geologic time table some 280 million years back (supposedly), has also been discovered in recent years. One biologist says that this '...new found mollusk represents a class that existed in the Cambrian to Devonian periods of the Paleozoic, and was supposed to have become extinct about 280 million years ago. And the *Lingula*, a small brachiopod shellfish, faded from the fossil record in the Ordovician Period (allegedly more than 360 million years ago!), yet they are alive in today's world. (Jackson 25, 26)

In 1944 a specimen of the dawn redwood, *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*, was discovered in central China; later an entire grove of these trees was found in the Shuihsa valley. The amazing thing was that its fossil remains did not occur in rocks younger than Miocene. Which, according to evolutionists was some 20 million years ago! (Jackson 26)

### Man and the ancient world:

The trilobite (a small, shelled marine organism) is considered to be an 'index' fossil of the earliest period of the Paleozoic Era, the Cambrian Period. Allegedly, they flourished a half billion years before any such creature as man walked the earth. In 1968, however, William J. Meister, exploring near Delta, Utah, broke open a slab of rock, and to his astonishment 'saw on one side the footprint of a human with trilobites *right in the footprint itself*. Amazingly the human was wearing a sandal. Numerous other human prints, both adult and child, have been found in the same area. (Jackson 32)

- This is one of many examples of man's occupation with the ancient world.



What do all these examples mean or what impact do they have upon the Geological Time Table?

- These examples highlight the inconsistency of the evolutionist's geological record of events according to their history.
- These examples demonstrate real disharmony among the evolutionist's theories and thoughts.
- What is the answer for why some fossilized plants, and creatures exist today?
- Why did man exist during different periods of geological history?

### THE UNIVERSAL FLOOD

Genesis 7:11, *"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."*

2 Peter 3:6, *"Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished."*

Matthew 24:38, 39, *"For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 38 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 39"*

Luke 17:27, *"They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all."*

2 Peter 2:5, *"And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;"*

## **EARTH WAS CREATED FOR MAN**

Isaiah 45:18, *"For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else."*

Genesis 1:26, *"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."*

## **WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?**

- First of all, we defined the geological time table, as used by evolutionists.
- Secondly, we examined the Bible's account or record of creation.
- Furthermore, we considered the contradiction between the geological time table and what we find in the geological record.
- In addition, we studied the universal flood as found within the scriptures.
- Finally, we have read for ourselves that the earth was made for man.

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