

Creation versus Evolution

What Is the Truth about Geology and the Fossils?

Worldwide Flood – Not Gradual Formation

The Bible declares that God created the entire universe and all of its contents in six literal days about 6200 years ago. Biblical creationism studies these creation state ments in the Bible. Scientific creationism observes supporting ev i dences in the phys i cal world for these state ments about creation. *Exodus 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is.*

Evolutionists argue that small amounts of water (local floods) over large amounts of time (bil lions of years) produced the geo logic for ma tions of the earth. Creationists argue that a large amount of water (worldwide flood) in a short amount of time (year-long flood and aftereffects) produced the geological formations of the earth. Creationists in di cate that the large amount of wa ter was ac tually a huge cataclysm of wa ter that cov ered the en tire earth in a year-long world wide flood in the days of Noah. This world wide flood oc curred about 4500 years ago and was fol lowed by a few thou sands of years of af ter ef fects forming the ma jor geo logic fea tures of the earth’s sur face that we ob serve to day. *2 Pe ter 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, be ing over flowed with wa ter, per ished.*

An ever-increasing number of scientists in recent years have declared their confidence in creationism. These sci en tists are con vinced that sci en tific ev i dence is in 100% sup port of the lit eral ac count of cre ation in the Bible. Such sci en tists con sider evo lu tion to be a sci en tific fairy tale just as the flat earth the ory was in the 12th cen tury. *1 Tim o thy 6:20 ...keep that which is com mitted to thy trust, avoid ing profane and vain babblings, and op po si tions of sci ence fas lously so called.*

Cre ationists in di cate that lay ers of the geo log i cal col umn are ev idences of the world wide catas troph e of Noah’s flood. The geo logic column is mostly cat a stroph i cally de pos ited sedi men tary lay ers ac com panied by some vol canic lay ers and in tru sions. The geo logic col umn was formed due to the fol low ing ef fects and af ter ef fects from the world wide flood of Noah: (1) var i ous den si ties of ma te ri als set tling from world wide flood wa ters that sorted the sedi ments into lay ers; (2) var i ous wa ter cur rents car rying dif ferent muds, rocks and ma te ri als that mixed in var ious or ders and de pos ited their pay loads in lay ers

other than by density; (3) tec tonic ac ti vi ties that forced sedi ments into var ious lay ers through earth plate move ments, earth quakes, and vol canic dis rup tions.

What Is the Geologic Column? Worldwide Flood and Ecological Zoning – Not Evolution!

The geologic column is a better evidence for ecological zon ing than for evo lu tion. In ecological zon ing, God placed liv ing crea tures on the earth in life zones for sur vival. For ex am ple:

- (1) Mam mals (dogs, horses, el e phants, etc.) are zoned to live on the land at the high est lev els of the earth.
- (2) In ver te brates (am phib i ans, etc.) are zoned to live at the in ter face of wa ter and land.
- (3) Ma rine ver te brates (fish, etc.) are zoned to live in the fluid lay ers above the bot tom of the seas.
- (4) Ma rine in ver te brates (crabs, lob sters, bryo zoans, brachi o pods, etc.) are zoned to live in the low est part of the earth at the bot tom of the seas.

If there were to be a worldwide flood this year, the flood would bury liv ing crea tures into geo logic lay ers due to ecological zoning, not evolution. Likewise, the geo logic lay ers and fos sils in the earth to day are ev i dences of ecological zoning in creation, not evo lu tion. The fos sils bur ied in the earth to day are a re cord of the burial of dif ferent crea tures that lived in dif ferent ecological zones before the world wide flood of Noah.

Fos sils and the geo logic col umn of ten are found in re versed or mixed or der rather than the ex pected or der of eco log i cal zon ing. This re ver sal or mix ing of fos sils and the geo logic col umn is ex actly as ex pected due to tur bu lence and mixing ef fects from the world wide flood of Noah. Fos sils do not con tain ev i dence of one or gan ism evo lving into a com pletely dif fer ent kind of or gan ism. The fos sils bur ied in the earth are a re cord of world wide flood and eco log i cal zon ing but not evo lu tion!

Evidences for Creation and World wide Flood in Ohio, In di ana and Illinois

The earth is covered with sedi men tary de pos its con tain ing fos sils that set tled from the wa ters of Noah’s Flood. This world wide flood cov ered the earth about 4500 years ago and bur ied all pre vi ous land life ex cept for the crea tures saved in Noah’s Ark. A *gla cial ice age* last ing about 600 to 900 years cov ered large por tions of the earth as an

af ter ef fect from Noah’s Flood. The freezing ef fect of the glacial pe riod was ob served even in the warm cli mates of the Mid dle East coun tries. *Job 38:30 The wa ters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.*

The world wide flood of Noah bur ied the fos sils com monly found in South west ern Ohio. The ad vanc ing and sub sid ing ice age pro duced by the flood re moved the up persedi ments of the world wide flood. This bulldozing ef fect formed the flat gla cial plains of Ohio con tain ing the ma rine in ver te brate fos sils de pos ited from the low est lay ers of the world wide flood sedi ments. The south ern most reaches of the glacier bulldozed flood sedi ments into huge moraines (glacial hills) found just southwest of Route 4 in Fairfield, Ohio. The Fairfield Community Build ing on Pleas ant Av e nue is lo cated at the base of a gla cial mo raine formed by the great gla cial that cov ered much of Ohio.

To day you can dig into your back yard and find fos sils formed by the world wide flood of Noah and its af ter ef fects in clud ing the ice age. Al most all fos sils found will be var ieties of sea crea tures liv ing in the oceans to day, al though some fos sil ized crea tures have be come ex tinct.

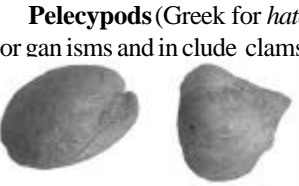
The most com mon fos sils found in the back yards of Ohio, In di ana, and Illinois in clude the fol low ing:



Bryozoans (Greek for *moss animals*) are the most common fos sils in southwestern Ohio. Bryozoans are tiny colonial or gan isms

some times mis taken for cor als and live in the oceans to day. Bryozoan fos sils of ten look like tree twigs.

Brachiopods (Greek for *arm foot*) are shelled solitary ma rine or gan isms. They are the second most com mon fos sils in south western Ohio. The left and right halves of the brachiopod shells are usu ally mir ror im ages of each other.



Pelecypods (Greek for *hatchet foot*) are shelled ma rine or gan isms and in clude clams, scal lops, oys ters, and mus sels. Pelecypod fos sils are the third most com mon fos sils in southwestern Ohio. The two pelecypod shell

haves are mir ror im ages of each other when held with the plane of sym me try pass ing be tween the two valves.



Gastropods (Greek for *stomach foot*) are snails. The gastropod shell is coiled in a con i cal or sin gle plane.

Corals (col ony cor als and horn cor als) are sol i tary or colonial. Corals ex crete a hard cal cium car bon ate



ex oske le ton. South west ern Ohio sol i tary cor als are large and horn shaped. Co lo nial coral fos sils of ten have a hon ey comb shape.

Crinoids are ma rine ani mals hav ing a long stalk or column. Crinoids are often called *seal ilies* and a crinoid crown looks like an up side down star fish. A tiny star usu ally can be seen in the cross sec tion of the cri noid col umn. The stalk column is the most com mon cri noid fos sil part found.



Cephalopods (Greek for *head foot*) include the squid, oc to pus, and nautiloids. The Cin cin nati an nautiloid looks like an oc to pus with a *dunce*

hat shell. The fossil cephalopod is only the *dunce hat shell* por tion of the nautiloid.

Trilobites (Greek for *three lobes*) include the *Isotelus*, an Or do vic ian trilobite that is *Ohio’s of fi cial state fos sil*. Tri lo bites are sim ilar to the horseshoe crab found in the oceans to day. The com mon pill bug is sim ilar to the tri lo bite. The tri lobite fos sil is more dif fi cult to find.



What Do the Fossils Really Teach Us?
God Judges Sin!

Immediately after being created, Adam rebelled against God and became corrupted in all the faculties of his being. All humanity has inherited Adam's nature of rebellion against God. *Jeremiah 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*



Cephalopod fossils

In the 1656 years from creation to Noah's flood, man's sins (rebellion against God) increasingly polluted all that man contacted. Because of this, God destroyed man by means of a worldwide flood. Only Noah, his family, and the creatures on Noah's huge ark were saved from the flood's destruction. *Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air... 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*

The worldwide flood of Noah, was the most significant geologic event that has ever occurred on the earth since its creation. The only survivors of the flood were Noah, his three sons, and their wives. In addition, the totality of air-breathing animals in the world were destroyed with the exception of those divinely protected in Noah's Ark. Land and sea creatures living before the worldwide flood of Noah were buried in sediments and volcanic matter forming the fossils that are in the earth to day.

The fossils teach us that God judges sin. The worldwide flood of Noah occurred because man was wickedly sinful and God judges sin. The fossils are buried in the ground because God judges sin

What Is the Good News (the Gospel)?
Jesus Saves Sinners!

The fossils teach us that God judges sin, but *the Bible teaches us that Jesus saves sinners! Matthew 1:21 ...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. 1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us...*

The fossils are reminders that we are all sinners against the Holy God, and we all deserve to be punished. That punishment

is separation from God forever in hell. Jesus Christ, God's Son, saves from hell all who accept Him as their Lord and Savior. *Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

What Should You Do?
Repent and Believe the Gospel!

Repent means to be sorry for your sins, and to change your mind about doing your own thing (works) to go to heaven some day. Jesus said: *...The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Mark 1:15*

Believe the Gospel that Jesus died to suffer your punishment for your sinning and rose from the dead to prove He has the power to save. Believe (completely trust) in Jesus Christ as your only Lord and Savior. *Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. 16:30 ... Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...*

After You Believe What Should You Do?

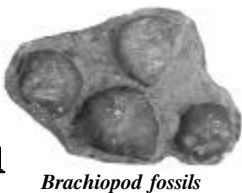
- (1) Tell others that your faith is in Jesus Christ and that you believe Jesus is the living Lord of life. *Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*
- (2) Be baptized by a New Testament Baptist church and become a faithful member to show that you are following Jesus. Baptism is the testimony that you believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus pictured by baptism. *Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them...*

Our Church Will Help You Learn More
About Salvation in Christ and Holy Living

Come and hear the Word of God. *Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Come and learn about living faithfully, receiving God's blessings so that they run over abundantly to bless others also. *Matthew 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Psalm 23:5 ...my cup runneth over.*

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2 Peter 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

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a road map of holiness!