

Conclusion...

I get tired of people acting like evolution is proven, and the Bible account of creation is unbelievable. I know you do too. But here are the facts in the matter. Evolution doesn't have one solid piece of evidence to hold it up. As we saw last week, the laws of science are against it. Radiometric dating is not reliable enough to date the earth's beginnings. And to top it all off, Scientific evidence exists, dating the earth at a young age, rather than at billions of years old. Add it all up, and Science declares that God created the heavens and the earth.

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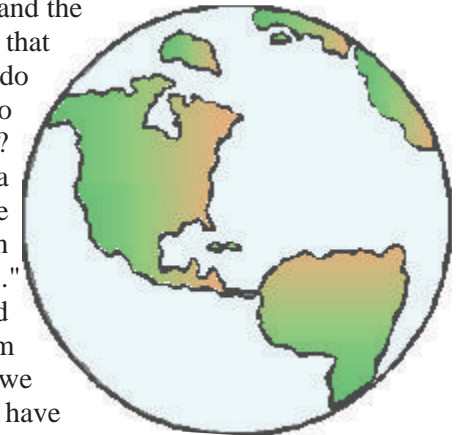
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**Sunday:** Bible Study 10:00am  
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## THE AGE OF THE EARTH

by Bob Pulliam

The age of the earth is a continual thorn in the side for some people. They see mountains, caves, and canyons, and cannot conceive of them being young. The reason is that they have been trained to look at things from a uniformitarian standpoint. In other words, they believe that the forces seen at work on these object have remained constant and unchanged (uniform) through the years. So when we look at the Grand Canyon, and believe that the river and the wind carved it, we must conclude that it took an immense span of time to do so. But what if the little Colorado River didn't carve that canyon? What if a catastrophe did it? (Like a flood) Then we must admit, "The canyon could have been formed in hours, rather than millions of years." But what if God created the Grand Canyon just as it pleased Him (basically as it is now)? Then we must admit, "The canyon could have



been formed in a second, rather than millions of years."

Years ago, the eruption of Mount St. Helens showed the power of God's creation, not only for disaster, but also for creation. A huge mud flow, 300 feet deep, destroyed a great deal on one side of the mountain. But before the mud set up, water rushed through to create a beautiful miniature of the Grand Canyon. The erosion revealed that the flow laid the mud out in one-quarter inch laminations. Today, the formation has set up like rock. Having studied the formation, we know it only took days to form. Had we discovered it long afterwards, we easily could have concluded a formation time of millions of years.

Radioactive dating methods have been in use for years, and have been the mainstay for those who wish to stretch an object's age back into the past. But the method must assume certain variables about the atmosphere at the time a specimen died (or came to its present state as in the case of lava). Small changes in these variables allow tests to come out with vastly different results. For example, 150 year old lava from Hawaii was dated at millions of years old. Coal from the USSR, which is supposed to have formed billions of years ago, was dated at 30,000 years. On the whole, radiometric dating is only useful for fairly recent objects, or for those who wish to massage the numbers to make a point (which they could never "prove" any other way. When it comes to science, and the subject of origins, they are useless.

### *The Evolutionary Chain...*

I'm sure you've seen the large pictorial representation of the earth's past (geologic column). At the bottom, you see the earth "billions of years ago", and as you move up the chart you get closer to the present. Represented on the chart are the various layers of the earth's crust. You get the impression that if you dug down anywhere in the earth, you would dig through those layers. In fact, no place on earth has all of those layers for your digging pleasure. The geologic column, depicted in those charts, is pieced together from various parts of the earth. One section may be from the ocean floor, another from China, and still another from your backyard. The point is, this chart is what the evolutionary scientist wishes he could find at any place he dug on earth. And since he cannot find it in one place, he takes what he finds from many different locations and sticks it all together on one chart. To say the least, such is very deceptive.

To add insult to this terrible injury, every species shown is found fully formed and functioning in its "layer". There are never any transitional forms (missing links), indicating that one species was evolving into

another kind. What we do find is exactly what a creationist would expect: everything fully formed and filling its place.

The bottom line is this: There is no evolutionary chain. The scientific community has tried to piece a picture together of every creature being a link in a giant chain. We are the end-link of the "chain". One celled creatures are the beginning-links in the "chain". But in reality, all of these links are separated (not chained), and have no ties, other than in the imaginations of men. No links have been found to connect the links of this great chain; yet it is taught as a fact (a chain), and the Bible is ridiculed.

### *The Earth's Age...*

Let's talk about the age of the Earth. Did you know that there is scientific evidence to show the earth to be relatively young. Some of the evidence would tell us that the earth is less than one- million years old. Other factors even indicate that we are less than ten-thousand years old.

**Magnetic Field:** The magnetic field of the earth is decaying (like a battery running down). For over 100 years, scientists have been measuring the rate of this decay. Calculating backward, we can know how strong the magnetic field would have been at a certain time in the past. By these calculations, we learn that life would not have been possible much more than ten-thousand years ago. The magnetic field would have been too strong for anything to survive.

**Hydrogen-Helium:** One of the main ingredients in our universe is hydrogen. Science has found that hydrogen is in a constant process of conversion to helium. Such is a one way process that is not easily reversed. Considering the proportion of hydrogen to helium in our universe, one quickly gets the notion that the universe has not been in this process for an eternity, nor for millions or billions of years. If it had, there would be no hydrogen.

**Moon Dust:** The depth of the dust on the moon was a great surprise to scientists at NASA. Apollo 11 measured that depth, and to their dismay, the moon had not been collecting dust for billions of years! The depth they found would indicate that the Earth's age isn't much over 10,000 years, if that old.

Many other factors could be cited. The size of the sun. The rate of planetary rotations. Polonium halos. Etc... etc...