

# Crying Rocks Ministry Creation News Update

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## RESPONSE TO A LETTER...

On January 12, 2005, the *Red Rock News* (RRN) published a letter. The letter appeared aimed at us, so we emailed our reply using the RRN web site link for letters. They chose not to publish our response. They did publish two excellent letters that replied, but did not directly answer the three intelligent questions posed by the writer. Therefore, we are duplicating the letter here and then giving our response. The letter states:

"Thousands die yet creationism exists. Asteroids can potentially hit the earth. The Earth wobbles on its axis. Earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, tornados and floods snuff out hundreds of thousands of innocent lives.

theory" can answer the questions. Are all of these things part of "intelligent design?" Are those things indicative of an "orderly" universe? Exactly what was the "intelligent designer" thinking?

"Are those things indicative of an 'orderly' universe?" Yes. Every earthquake, tsunamis, etc. follows physical laws which Jesus built into His creation. Without the designed order, we could not predict things as simple as the

Perhaps the proponents of "creation

Here are the answers he seeks:

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## Radiometric Dating Unreliable

Last month we showed that C-14 dating methods are erroneous and that coal thought to be hundreds of millions of years old date to less than 200,000 years old. C-14 dating can only be applied to things that are or have been alive. This month we look at *Radiometric Dating*.

Radiometric dating can only be used on *igneous* rocks. Igneous rock is the cooled version of the hot *magma* or

*lava* that comes spewing forth from volcanos. It is fully or semi liquid at its beginning and cools after a period of time.

Trapped inside the cooled lava are atoms of radioactive elements. A radioactive atom is one which is *unstable* and cannot remain what it originally was... it is going to lose some of itself in the form of particles called *radiation*.

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## How to Measure the Age of the Earth

The fact is, you can't. We can use methods to *infer* (try to reason out) the age of the earth, but since nobody was there at the start, we cannot measure it.

There are over 300 methods available to infer the age. Evolutionists use a few of them, mostly radiometric methods, but avoid the rest. (Technically, the C-14 method is radiometric in nature.) On page three is a cool photo showing the beginning of one of these methods.

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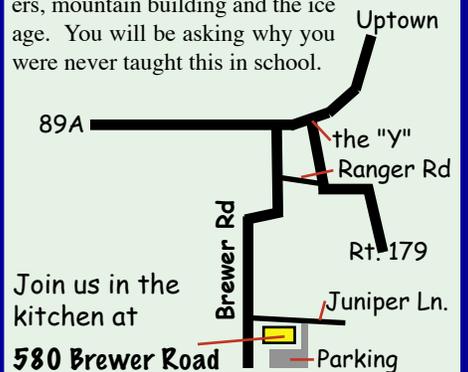
## MEETING

This meeting will feature a 1 hour video followed by questions, answers and discussion.

Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 PM

### In the Beginning

This video shows how Noah's flood best explains sediment layers, mountain building and the ice age. You will be asking why you were never taught this in school.



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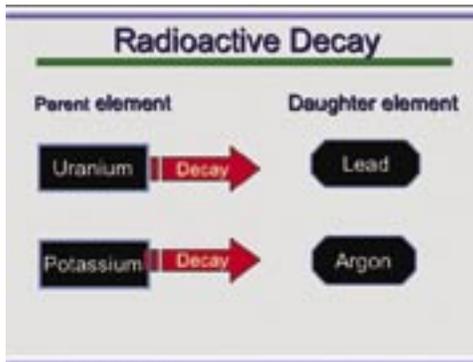
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For nothing is hidden that shall not become evident, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Jesus Christ - Luke 8:17

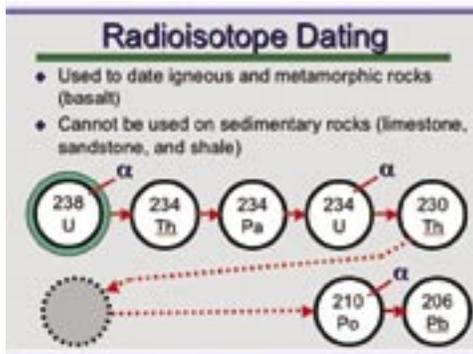
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In other words, unstable uranium cannot remain uranium forever. A radioactive atom will throw out electrons, protons and neutrons, many times in clumps such as two protons and two electrons... the element *Helium*.

The original radioactive element is called the *parent*. The final element



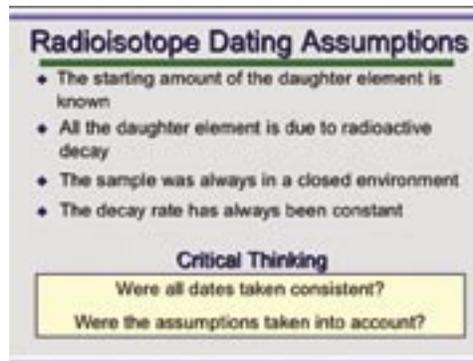
is called the *daughter*. Two examples are shown above. This is not a sudden move from parent to daughter. It takes millions to billions of years and goes through stages illustrated in this diagram:



How does the dating work? Just like  $C-14$ . Half lives. You may recall from our  $C-14$  issue that if you start with a certain amount of parent, after so many years, half of the parent will have degraded into the daughter. This is called the half-life. When exactly that same amount of time passes again,  $1/2$  of the remaining parent becomes daughter. This continues until all the parent has become daughter. In the case of Uranium to Lead (U-Pb) the half life is millions of years. On the surface this appears to be a pretty good clock. There are actually many segments of this continuum and there are other sequences besides U-Pb. So, we have many combinations that can

be looked at.

In all of possible element combinations, there are several assumptions that need to be made:



The problem is that all of these are assumptions. Let's look at them in reverse order:

4. *The decay rate was constant.* There are some recent findings that indicate they might not have been, but for now we'll assume they are.

3. *The environment was closed* the entire time. In other words, could any parent or daughter atoms enter or leave the environment over the millions of years. This problem has been acknowledged by the evolutionists. It is a particularly big problem in the first radiometric parent-daughter used: U-Pb. Uranium is quite water soluble. Lead is not. So we would artificially have a loss of parent making the ratio appear to be little parent to much daughter even after a relatively short time. This leads to inflated ages. In the 1970's the Potassium-->Argon (K-->Ar) parent-daughter was extolled as the solution to the problem. It was assumed that there would be no daughter argon at the start because argon is a gas and would have all escaped the hot lava. When the lava cooled, there would be 100% parent and 0% daughter. This turned out not to be the case. Most lava has trapped argon gas, meaning the samples start with daughter elements present.

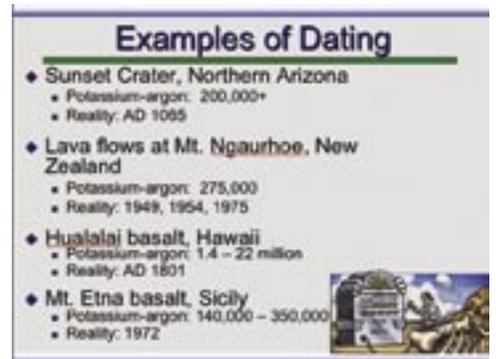
Other solutions to the closed system problem are attempted involving measuring non-radioactive daughters involved in the process. But there is still the assumption that there is zero daughter at the start.

2. *All daughter element is due to radioactive decay.* The assumption is made

that there was zero daughter present at the start of the decay. This was somewhat discussed in #3 above. It is a big assumption that there was zero daughter at the start. The K-Ar was proof that it is an assumption that is probably not fact.

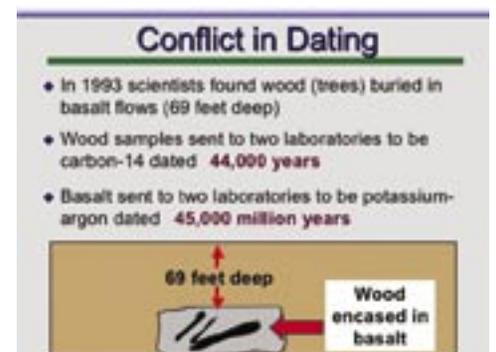
1. *The starting amount of daughter element is known.* This is related to the last two and as you can guess, it is an assumption. No one was there millions of years ago to measure it.

Since radiometric dating is the only system that appears to confirm old ages, evolutionists fight hard to defend it. So let's look at some real world examples to see if they are really reliable. I looked for evolutionary reasons for the discrepancies. My favorite was that



K-Ar was never intended to be used to measure short amounts of time. What a hoot. The formula is the same for one year as it is for millions of years. The next best was that the work has to be done carefully, taking in account effects that might lead to false results. How do you do that? You can't. You can only put in fudge factors after the fact.

Let's take a different perspective: L. Gee, they are only off by a MILLION TIMES! Now you may say, "but we know that is a problem with K-Ar." Yes it is. And it is a problem with the

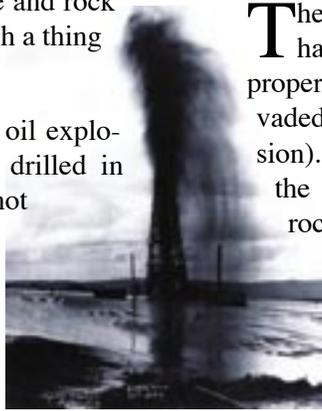


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One of the many methods of inferring the age of the earth is measurement of oil deposit pressure and rock permeability. Just such a thing has been done.

In the early days of oil exploration, a hole was drilled in the ground and out shot oil, many times up to a hundred feet in the air. The oil was under great pressure. As soon as there was a path to relieve the pressure, the oil took it. That path was up the hole just drilled.



the oil could have without literally blowing itself out of the ground. 2) How fast can the surrounding rock relieve the pressure.

The rock around these pools of oil have a certain *permeability* (the property of something that can be pervaded by a liquid by osmosis or diffusion). In other words, how fast could the oil diffuse (or seep) through the rock?

In 1966, Melvin A. Cook wrote *Prehistory and Earth Models* in which he did the calculations to determine how old the oil deposits could be. He found the surrounding rock would dissipate the pressure in less than 25,000 years.

But, there is another way to relieve the pressure. Since these earliest pools of oil were relatively close to the surface, we have to look at two things. 1) What is the maximum pressure that

We will be first to say this doesn't establish an age for the earth, but it indicates a young age as it is presently a major problem for old earth geology. Evolutionists will say it gathered slowly

over millions of years. But that would not build up pressure. A young earth allows the pressure to occur, as the result of Noah's flood and/or as part of the original creation.

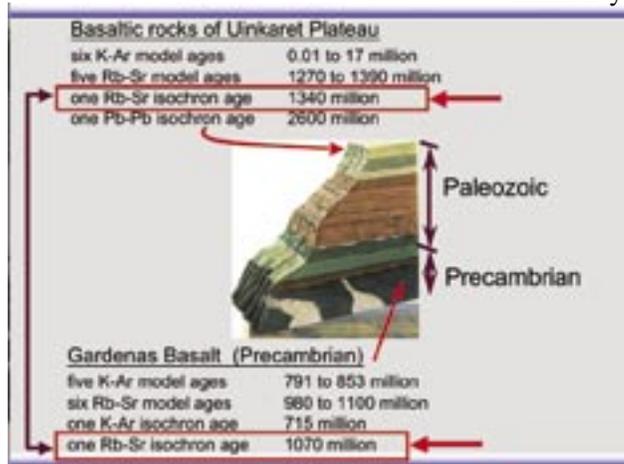
I looked for the evolutionist explanation. They believe the oil has gathered over long periods of time (no explanation as to how this could happen). Shift in the rock structure built the pressure. It is a good explanation if high pressure was an anomaly that only happened in one or two places... or you can suggest an event big enough to cause the pressure everywhere, like Noah's Flood (I doubt they will jump on that one). It happened in scores of oil pools all over the world.



For now, it appears that the Bible offers the best possible solution. The earth is 6000 years old. We'll have another method next month.

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other systems as well. It just cannot be seen with such revealing clarity. Here's why we say that...



Let's analyze this real world collection of data from Arizona. In this chart we have a cross-section of a real geological formation. According to evolutionists, the top of this feature should date about 300 to 600 million years and the Precambrian should date about 500 million to 4.6 billion. We see several problems, such as the Rb-Sr, Rubidium (parent)-Strontium (daughter) dating method showing the top layer to be older than the supposed older lowest layer.

Here is the BIG problem: At the bottom, there are a total of seven Rb-Sr radiometric measurements. The ages measure from 890 million to 1100 million years old. That is a range of 210 million years (20%). Consider the assumptions. Do we know how much daughter was present when the radiometric decay began? NO. If we get seven different measurements, there were seven different amounts of daughter present in the same layer. The more daughter at the start, the older the rock artificially appears. Most likely, daughter was present in all seven samples. How much? Possibly almost as much as right now, making millions of years out of thousands.

There is no consistency in radiometric dating. One of the dates at the top fits in my belief the earth was created by Jesus about 6000 years ago. All the data at the top is "bad" to an evolutionist. And, which one is correct at the bottom? The range covers 355 million years. Radiometric dating just doesn't work.

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Each month we will offer a photograph you can use as a desktop background on your computer. This month it is the Colorado River at Page. Download it at: <http://www.cryingrocks.org>.

**QUOTE:**

'We have no acceptable theory of evolution at the present time. There is none; and I cannot accept the theory that I teach to my students each year. Let me explain. I teach the synthetic theory known as the neo-Darwinian one, for one reason only; not because it's good, we know it is bad, but because there isn't any other. Whilst waiting to find something better you are taught something which is known to be inexact, which is a first approximation...'

Professor Jerome Lejeune discoverer of the cause of Down's syndrome, *Institute de Progenese (Paris)*, formerly Professor of *Fundamental Cytogenetics*. From a lecture given in Paris on March 17, 1985. Translated by Peter Wilders of Monaco.

# From the Editor

Wow, an issue fills so fast. There is so much to print and so little space. Last month we showed that C-14 dating is inaccurate, over-estimating age by a considerable margin. At least with C-14, you can get some idea of proportion. This month we show

that radiometric dating is not just inaccurate, it is totally unreliable. You cannot even get some idea of proportion.

Of the over 300 ways of trying to get a handle on the age of the earth, only a few give very long times. Radiometric

## SPEAKER

We are available to speak to your organization or class. We will give lessons to home-schoolers, public school classes (we speak of weaknesses of evolution or Intelligent Design in the public schools), any church, individual person or group who would like to discuss the ideas we represent. If you are interested, please E-mail us at [info@cryingrocks.org](mailto:info@cryingrocks.org).

gives the longest. The others don't give ages long enough for evolution (which has been shown to be impossible... see our Oct. 2004 issue) to occur.

We once again are having a meeting. A chance for you to comment and ask questions. This time we are showing a video first. We invite you to attend and ask your questions!

Thanks for joining us!



Guy & Cindy Forsythe

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sunrise tomorrow.

**"Are all of these things part of 'intelligent design?'"** Yes and No. The universe was created perfect. No disease, no pain, no death. These events are the consequences of our rejecting Jesus as our God and Creator from the beginning.

**"Exactly what was the 'intelligent designer' thinking?"** I cannot give exact words, but think I am prepared to give the gist of His possible thoughts: "I gave you a perfect world to live in. I gave you a desire to know Me. But, I also gave you free will, just as your children have free will. As a rebellious child, you have chosen to make your own religion and have rejected me as your Father, in essence making yourself your god. I am Holy and Righteous and

deserve your obedience. Because you have rejected Me, you deserve death. But my Mercy and Grace are beyond all measure and I have withheld that which you deserve. Yet, you reject My mercy all the more. Perhaps, just perhaps, if I withdraw my mercy, just a little, and you see the consequence of your rebellion, you will recognize My mercy and love and grace and turn your hearts to Me, the eternal I AM."

One of the scriptures I used to give this gist is Psalms 103. Verses 8-10: ...The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love; He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor his anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve...

You might wish to read the Book of Romans in the Bible for a complete explanation, especially chapters 1-3)

We must speak for silence would shame us, and the rocks themselves would cry out... You, O Lord Christ Jesus, must be praised for who You are in the world You have made.

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**Our Mission...**

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