

# Crying Rocks Ministry Creation News Update

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## Part 1 - CHRIST OR ISSA - The "Lost Years" of Jesus

This issue, we start a series looking at gnosticism. A recurring theme in gnosticism is that Jesus was not the son of God, but an extremely enlightened human. The key to this belief is the so-called "lost years" of Jesus. Those See **Jesus** on page 3

### Radiometric Dating Revisited

More information is coming forth on radiometric dating.

**Evolutionists say:** C-14 radiometric dating is accurate up to 60,000 years. Uranium-lead dating is accurate up to billions of years.

**Creationists say:** C-14 is somewhat accurate back about 1000 years. Uranium-lead and other old earth measurements are completely unreliable.

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### Size of the Universe - Inflation



Last month we mentioned that big bang and creationists theories on the formation of the universe require miracles. Star formation, rotation, spin, planet formation... there are no explanations except miracles.

One of the biggest miracles is called **inflation**. The universe is supposedly about 13.7 billion years old. Based on the speed of light, the *maximum* diameter would be 27.4 billion light years. But for many years, astronomers have known the universe is actually larger. To compensate, scientist refer to a concept called inflation which is a time when the universe expanded at a rate faster than the speed of light which Einstein said is impossible. *New Scientist*, 22 may 2004, p.20 reports that measurements based on the Cosmic Background Radiation show a universe at least 156 billion light years in diameter!

Referring to Isaiah 42:5, creationists agree the heavens were stretched out (inflated). Young earth creationists believe the galaxies were formed near the center of the universe (where we are) and then stretched out. When a creationists uses inflation, it is called ridiculous by evolutionists. But without it, their own theory is impossible. Naturalism requires there be no miracles. Yet without them, there is no universe.

Is there any evidence for the young earth theory? Yes. Last month, we pointed out several pieces of data regarding our solar system that support a young age. Here is some from the far reaches of the universe.

Many galaxies are spiral shaped. Those across the universe have the same amount of "spiral-ness" as those near us. Based on the speed of light, those galaxies far from us were spiral shaped over 10 billion years ago. Those near us were spiral shape (and to the same degree) just a few

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Evolutionists have long claimed that chimpanzees are our closest "relative." They have also claimed that our DNA is only 2% different from chimps. Turns out the difference is actually a minimum of 7% as the scientists only compared common DNA, not any places where humans have more or less DNA in a region of the code than chimps. The difference may actually be 10%. - *Nature*, 27 May 2004, pp. 382-388

Considering we share 50% of our code with a banana, it appears that the difference in code between us and chimps is quite significant.

## MEETINGS

If you would like to learn more or have questions about creation science, we invite you to join us for open discussions. Can't make a meeting? Call or email us. Or, plan a meeting and we'll be there.

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Join us at 7:00 PM on Thursday 10-20-05 or 10-27-05 We have videos available for viewing as part of any discussion if those present wish to view one.

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Evolutionist Prediction	Creationist Prediction	Observed Fact	Conclusion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coal was formed by slow accumulation of plant material and later buried</li> <li>Old-age radiometric dating of Potassium-Argon is accurate for billions of years</li> <li>C-14 radiometric dating is accurate up to 60,000 years.</li> <li>Old-age radiometric dating of Uranium-Lead is accurate for billions of years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coal was formed by large log mats and other material buried in Noah's Flood</li> <li>Old-age radiometric dating is completely inaccurate</li> <li>C-14 radiometric dating is inaccurate past 1000 years.</li> <li>Uranium-Lead dating results in ages 100s of times too long</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coal seams are fossil-rich with vertical logs, bark, other plant matter, mammal skeletons, saltwater marine skeletons, freshwater skeletons, scorpions, millipedes, insects and reptiles... ALL mixed together in the same seam! Note that several of these critters do not have skeletons. They were buried so fast they did not decompose before being fossilized! D. Heyler and C.M. Poplin, 'The Fossils of Montceau-les-Mines', <i>Scientific American</i>, September, 1988, p.70.</li> <li>Hualalai basalt in Hawaii dates 1.4 - 22 million years old using Potassium-Argon dating. It is 204 years old. Basalt rocks 1000s of feet from the bottom of the Grand Canyon date 240 million years <b>older</b> than basalt at the bottom which should be the very oldest. Coal, dated 290-354 million years old using old-age radiometric dating is only 40,000 years old according to C-14 dating.</li> <li>Evolutionists agree that C-14 dating has some problems, that can be resolved by calibrating C-14 dates to tree rings and other methods. Every bone and plant fossilized with their original carbon, including samples supposedly over 1 billion years old, is 20,000 to 40,000 years according to C-14 dating.</li> <li>The most dependable dating using Uranium-Lead dating was based on zircon crystals. This was the one area of dating that looked reasonable for indicating long ages. New discoveries have changed that. During the process of turning from Uranium to Lead, the atoms "eject" four Helium atoms. Those Helium atoms then pass out of the crystals at a rate that has been precisely measured. Scientists have investigated how much helium is actually in zircon crystals. The answer is: way too much. Based on helium diffusion from zircon crystals, the crystals are 6000 (+/- 2000) years old.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coal formation resulted from rapid burial of trees, plants and creatures under mud.</li> <li>Old-age radiometric dating is inconsistent and disagrees with C-14 dating by a factor of 1000.</li> <li>It appears that the oldest fossils are, at most, 40,000 years old</li> <li>The last hope of long ages determined by radiometric dating has failed. The earth is about 6000 years old.</li> </ul>

How do evolutionists react to these facts? On the issue of C-14 in creatures supposedly buried up to a billion years ago (particularly coal samples), the claim is that background radiation is making new C-14. This falls flat. The background radiation is much too small to cause the C-14 to form. Evolutionists have promised studies for over four years. Studies won't happen because evolutionists don't want to face what they know the studies would show. Over 70 samples of coal have been dated by evolutionists using C-14. Recently a diamond was C-14 dated and found to have C-14 present. Everyone agrees that after 165,000 years there would be zero C-14 in any organic sample. But, every sample has a sizable C-14 content.

Are you surprised to learn about this new information regarding radiometric dating? So were 10,000 geophysicists who attended the 2003 annual fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union. At that meeting, creation scientists presented three papers regarding the findings reported on this page. The papers point to a young earth. Those 10,000 scientists had heard the same propaganda you have heard... that creation science is not real science. **Now they know differently... and so do you.**

On young rocks dating old, they have nothing of substance to say. On old rocks being 1000s of feet above young rocks, they claim the research procedures were incorrect. The scientist who did the work has answered every complaint even though the critics had no basis for the complaints except they don't like the

results of the study. They will not replicate the studies because they know they won't like those results either.

On helium escaping from Zircon crystals. Rates of helium diffusion are being confirmed by additional researchers including in the *Journal of Geophysical Research*. This is a very recent discovery so not much has been said in rebuttal yet.

radiometric decay works... old earth with very slow change or young earth that has experienced a devastating flood?

Radiometric dating was a major problem (the last major problem) for creationists until recently. Look at the research we have described above. Which makes sense based on solid scientific research into how

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lost years are the years when Jesus was between ages 12 and 30. The Bible is silent about those years. Gnostics claim there are documents that show Jesus traveled to India and the Himalayas to learn the Vedas... four books that are scripture to Hindus. From the Vedas, Jesus supposedly learned to heal, pray and perform other miracles. The Vedas refer to millions of gods, including the gods of earth and fire. These gods are all part of one large god, but that god is not a person, just a "force." And we are part of that god also.

Issa (Jesus's India name) tradition holds that at age 13 Jesus joined a merchant caravan to travel East. He studied under masters until age 30, when He returned to Israel to preach. The most popular source of this information is *The Lost Years of Jesus* by Elizabeth Clare Prophet (1983). We will refer to page numbers in the soft back edition (1987).

On page 4, Profit claims that Jesus did not die on the cross but lived several years more after His ministry ended. It is interesting that she can point to only two sources for this information. The first is a quote by church leader Irenaeus (125-202 AD). We have a link on our web site home page that points to a complete explanation of Irenaeus's quote. When seen in context of the entire quote, you find that Irenaeus did not say that at all. Interestingly, Irenaeus is known for fighting gnosticism. The sec-

ond is a quote from a Gnostic text from the third century.

After Jesus died and rose from the dead, tens of thousands of people heard and read about the account. Not a single source from the time of this writing and preaching contradicts the story

**Gnosticism:** Hinduism, which is the foundation of eastern religion, is built upon Gnosticism. The Greek, Roman and other cultures also had elements of Gnosticism in their belief systems. There are several tenants of Gnosticism, two are important to this discussion.

- 1) **Matter is evil, Spirit is good.** Our goal is to escape the physical and join the "christ consciousness" spirit. What happens in the physical world is of little importance as long as you are growing closer to the spirit. This totally contradicts the teachings of Jesus who taught that our spiritual condition is reflected in our physical actions (the Bible sets forth some regulations on our actions). Bible also says we will be resurrected into physical bodies after death is conquered. In Genesis, Jesus pronounces every step of the creation as "good." When finished, Jesus declares the entire creation, "...very good." (Gen. 1:31)
- 2) **Enlightenment.** Only those who are already enlightened can lead others to the higher level of understanding. The Bible makes it clear that every person can have immediate access to God through belief in Jesus.

No wonder Peter and John and leaders up to the present use so much of their writings to combat Gnosticism that was/is creeping into the church.

See: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gnosticism#Matter>

of His death and resurrection... not from the Jewish leadership, Jewish writers or Roman writings. Nothing. Prophet has to resort to a quote out of context and a book written 300 years later.

On page 8, Prophet makes the claim that the many writings about Jesus were never intended to be biographies. This is very weak. The argument is then made that we don't really know if we can trust the texts we have in the Bible. That is followed on page 9 that there were other writings about Jesus. She prefaces

the point by stating that the writings are from an Egyptian Gnostic library. But these date from the 4th century and are therefore irrelevant to Issa and Jesus.

Starting on page 13, Prophet takes over 400 pages to present evidence. To her credit, she does give a full accounting of the evidence for and against the claims made.

First, Russia journalist Nicolas Notovitch, a Russian journalist wrote a book in 1887 in which he claims to have found a Buddhist manuscript that specifically says Jesus was in India for the "lost years." Almost nothing is known about Notovitch's life. The scrolls, which had supposedly been translated from Pali to Tibetan contain descriptions of the life and acts of Issa. These scrolls actually contained bits a pieces of information about Issa scattered through them. A translator, listening to the reading by a monk, translated the words which Notovitch wrote down and then published in a book.

Several accounts are then presented about people who claimed to have seen the documents or heard of Issa from the monks, though none of any of the people read the texts.

Interestingly, Prophet admits (and we admire her evenhandedness in doing so) that monks are very leery of Westerners and resist requests to see any of their documents. Yet, the few people who have made the request supposedly managed to see the documents. So far, her argument is very weak, but possible.

Next month we will continue this look at "The lost years of Jesus" by looking at Issa's supposed writings.

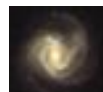
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tens of millions of years ago. How can they both be spiral shaped to the same degree AND be 10 billion years different in age. In addition, if galaxies started out perfectly pin wheeled shaped (which would violate the randomness required by the big bang) they would lose the spiral appearance in less than a



billion years. If galaxies near and far away have the same spiral-ness, it makes since they were created at the same time by Creator/Miracle-doer Jesus 6000 years ago, then stretched across the universe at a speed greater than light.



Which view actually makes since, created or random, old or young?



# From the Editor: What will you do with it?

Welcome. We are glad you have joined us again.

We thank those of you who call, write, email and see us on the streets of Sedona and thank us and tell us you enjoy reading each issue.

But, we have a question: What are you going to do with this information?

The arguments for an old earth that came about by chance are dying rapidly. As scientists increase their ability to observe and measure what is really going on, from microscopic machines in cells to the edges of the universe, the assumptions of old age and chance happenings are being contradicted by the evidence.

Those who start their science with the assumption of Naturalism (no god) do research looking for and analyzing data to try to show how it can all work with no creation or god, just matter and chance.

Those who start with the assumption the Bible is true do research looking for and analyzing data to show the earth is young and created.

Since those supporting Naturalism get all the government funding, creationists mostly have to analyze data from the research of those seeking a naturalistic answer.

That used to make it pretty tough for creationists to prove their point. When we first started investigating creation in 1980, there was little data to use. There was enough to give hope but not much. The big bang and radiometric dating were particularly difficult problems to

confront.

My, what 25 years can do. Especially the past three years. More and more evidence is building that structures in our solar system are young, that the universe is young, the universe has a center... and we are there.

Experiments have shown that radioactive decay can speed up by a factor of 9 under certain conditions. The best structure for confirming radioactive decay shows that the earth is 6000 years old.

What are you going to do with the information? Science confirms creation 6000 years ago, confirming the Bible, the *only* source of the claim that the earth is 6000 years old. Other religious texts point to an old earth. The Bible also says we are unworthy to stand before our Holy, Righteous, Creator God... Jesus. The Bible also states plainly, that God loves us so much that HE made the sacrifice we need to gain His favor. All we have to do is ask. Eternity is at stake. We would be happy to talk or email with you.

What are you going to do with the information?

*Thanks for joining us! We'll keep presenting good science just for you.*



*Guy & Cindy Forsythe*

## Ducks with Dinosaurs

The idea of birds descending from dinosaurs has been abandoned by most scientists. Too many bird fossils have been found with dinosaur fossils.

Now a duck (a very "advanced" bird) has been found with the dinosaurs.

Kulikowski, M. (2005), Relatives of Living Ducks and Chickens Existed Alongside Dinosaurs More Than 65 Million Years Ago. *NC State Univ. News Services*, Jan. 19, 2005

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