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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.

Hello! The latest science is full of new findings that show Jesus is Creator of the universe, you and us. Thank you for joining us in learning the Good News.



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Part 2 - Pain, Suffering, Evil and New Age

The *New Age* encompasses so many variations of belief that it is impossible to define. It can be polytheism (many gods) or agnostic (no opinion) and may have a basis in Hinduism, Buddhism, Transcendental Meditation, Est and many more. I, Guy, entered the New Age movement via Silva Mind Control in 1971. Regardless of which variation you may associate with, there are several characteristics that almost all New Agers share to some degree: 1) Man is inherently divine (all things are

divine), 2) All is one and all is god which is an impersonal consciousness and power (Pantheism), 3) Jesus was an enlightened teacher, salvation is accomplished by good

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Changes in Scientific Belief... a Personal Viewpoint

In his book, *The Big Bang*, Simon Singh tells the tales of how the big bang became the accepted model for the beginning of the universe. The book is rather short on big bang science, but tells the fascinating stories of the personalities of the scientists and how

they came to the conclusions they did. He seems to take pleasure in pointing out that most of the scientists were atheists, so he is no friend to our position. He has a full chapter devoted to "The Paradigm Shift."

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Part 2 - Radiometric Dating Contradiction

Last issue we started a series looking at radiometric dating methods. In the first installment, we found C-14 dating shows that fossils (e.g. coal) supposedly 220 million years old are actually less than 60 thousand years old. This month we start looking at old age dating methods, those which supposedly date items up to billions of years old.

assumed to be hundreds of millions of years old. It was and is a logical system. The problem with this decay series (see sidebar on page 2), is a big assumption must be made. The age of the rock is determined by comparing the amount of Uranium (called the parent element) to the amount of Lead (called the daughter). But, we don't know how much Lead was present to start with so we don't know

The Uranium-Lead (U-Pb) series was the first method used to date rocks

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Science In The News

DNA doesn't act as assumed by evolutionists. We have all heard about "junk DNA." This is supposedly DNA left over from evolution that no longer has a function. Scientists keep finding more and more "junk DNA" that does things. Tied to that is the idea that a single gene or small group of genes determine a trait (such as eye color). Then it was found that some genes are turned on or off by just one spot elsewhere in the DNA code. Now it is reported in the

Wall Street Journal. July 7, 2006, p.B1 that at least one trait (for tendency toward violence) is affected by other unknown genes and the environment. The article points out that the expression of DNA code is far more complex than thought. This finding puts a strain on evolution as it implies that a mutation must be accompanied by other mutations at the same time and (not specifically mentioned in the article) some operating system must

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how much daughter was actually the result of the decay process. This is a major problem for all radiometric dating methods, though procedures have been developed to compensate for the problem.

Zircon crystals solve the problem. Zircon forms as magma cools and hardens in the earth. As the zircon crystal forms, it includes Uranium atoms as they are about the same size and shape as zircon atoms. Lead is excluded because it just doesn't fit the crystalline structure. So, we can reasonably assume any Lead we find in a zircon crystal is the daughter of a Uranium atom. Based on that, we should be able to calculate ages with some assurance.

But, there is a second way to calculate the age of the crystals. As Uranium decays into Lead, particles are ejected from the atom. At eight different stages of decay, two protons and two neutrons are ejected from the atom. This particle quickly combines with two free electrons to become a helium atom. The rate at which helium atoms escape from a zircon crystal was very accurately measured at various temperatures by a leading secular scientist who specializes

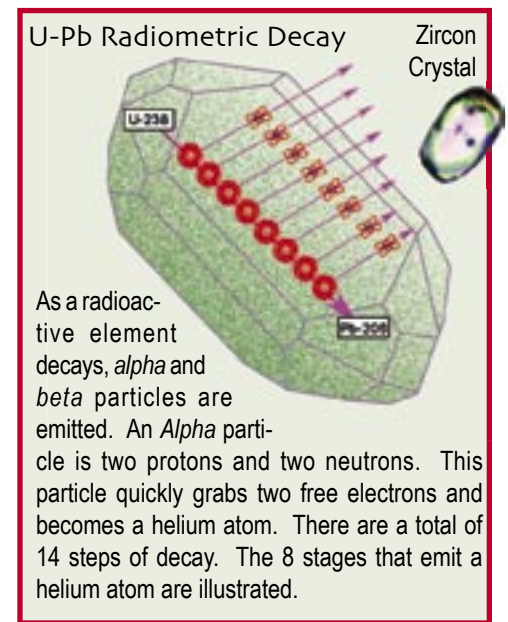
How to Date a Rock
A scientist cannot determine the age of a rock by looking at it. In fact, he cannot measure the age of a rock. He can *infer* the age. That means he can measure certain properties of the rock and come to a logical conclusion. But a direct measurement of age cannot be done.

in this area of science. Other scientists then determined how much helium was contained in many zircon crystals taken from 2.6 miles in the earth in a drill core. Helium escapes so fast that over hundreds of millions of years of U-Pb decay, the helium atoms formed should not be found in any zircon crystal. What was found is that there are helium atoms in the crystals and they indicate an age for the crystals of 6000 +/- 2000 years.

This is very unsettling for the old earthers so they raised several objections, all of which have been easily answered. Objection #1: The helium could have moved from the surrounding material into the crystal. Answer: There are helium atoms in the surrounding material, but they are less dense than the helium in the crystals so the movement is outward. Also, the number of atoms in the surrounding material equals the number lost from the crystal during U-Pb decay. A study of the objection actually resulted in further support of the conclusion. Objection #2: There is a cutoff temperature at which helium can no longer escape the crystals. Perhaps the crystals were at that temperature for hundreds of millions of years. Answer: That temperature is 150 degrees below zero. Every geologist believes the interior of the earth has never been cold. The deeper you go, the hotter the earth is.

In desperation, objection #3 was raised. Perhaps the crystal was much hotter in the past. Answer: This would result in the helium escaping even faster, leading to a younger age than determined by the experiments.

Combined with the C-14 dating results, we are finding more evidence the earth is only about 6000 years old. The question is: How can there be such a difference in ages between U-Pb decay and Helium diffusion? Either our measurements of helium diffusion are wrong or the assumption that the rate of radiometric decay has always been constant is wrong. Next issue, we will look at this item in detail and review one of the experiments that contradicts the **assumptions** of radiometric decay. CRM



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tie them together in operation. The article also implies that proper rearing of children (i.e. proper discipline) can overcome less desirable traits in the DNA code.

New Fossil Too Young. *The Boston Globe*, May 30, 2000. A new fossil of a fish has been found in a deep layer of rock in China. The scientist who discovered this one inch fish states that such an advanced creature in strata 530 million years old should not happen. This is right in the middle of what is called the Cambrian Explosion. This is an era where life forms without internal bones all suddenly appear with no transitional fossils. Creatures with internal bones

aren't supposed to appear until millions of years later. Biologist Chen has also contributed to the problems of evolution by finding many soft bodied fossils in Precambrian rock. It was assumed by evolutionists that Precambrian rock has no fossils because the soft bodies of first life forms would leave no fossils so we would never be able to trace the transitional fossils of early life. But Chen has found hundreds of such fossils and not one of them suggests there are any transitional fossils in the Precambrian strata. Chen suggests that Darwinian evolution should be replaced with "harmonic evolution," whatever that is, to account for the rapid advances in creature development in a short time

frame.

Dinosaurs Taste Good. The March 5, 2006 issue of *New Scientist* reports that dinosaurs weren't the hunters all the time. A fossil of a dinosaur has been found in the fossil stomach area of a large mammal. This is one more "mystery" for evolutionists because mammals were just starting to appear when dinosaurs roamed the earth. They were supposed to be small creatures, much too small to dine on dinosaurs. Note: The average dinosaur was the size of a sheep and many were the size of a chicken. Check our web site for a link to the article so you can read the **many** reasons this discovery confounds evolutionists. CRM

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(A paradigm is: the generally accepted perspective of a particular discipline at a given time—*ed*) In this chapter, he explains how cosmologists came to toss out the steady state model (the universe has always existed) to embrace the big bang. He spends considerable words talking about the philosophy of how science changes and gives the practical application of how this happens on page 368: *The speed of the transition depends on numerous factors, including the weight of evidence in favour of the new paradigm and the extent to which the old guard resists change. Older scientists, having invested so much time and effort in the old paradigm, are generally the last to accept the change, whereas younger scientists are generally more adventurous and open-minded. The paradigm shift might therefore be completed only when the older generation has retired from scientific life, and the younger generation has become the new establishment.* In other words, human nature is at play. Nobody wants to spend an entire career pursuing a belief only to say he wasted all those years pursuing something that is untrue. Since the older scientists hold all the positions of power, it takes several decades for a change to occur.

Singh's statements are ones that we have heard before from scientists and in print. We thought we would give you our viewpoint on the paradigm shifts that are occurring in sciences related to creation science.

Evolution: We are now about 3/4 of the way through a paradigm shift in biology. Younger scientists are teaching *Intelligent Design* (ID) in college classrooms. Scientists, engineers and others

with Ph.D. degrees are starting to speak out boldly. At <http://www.dissentfromdarwin.org/> you will find a long, quickly growing, list of people with advanced degrees from secular universities who are publicly stating that they are sceptical of evolution. Doctors have recently started a petition which can be found at the same URL. Additional evidence that we are at an advanced stage of the shift is the intensity of the character assassination of those who oppose evolution by those who still support evolution. It will be another 10 to 20 years, but Darwinism will find itself declared dead in the scientific community. Atheists will resist to the bitter end because Darwinism is their foundation and hope. Because ID does not specify the nature of the intelligence (it could be aliens from another planet) and does not deal with the age of the earth, ID will prevail.

Cosmology: In 2004, thirty-three cosmologists, astronomers and other individuals with advanced degrees studying the creation of the universe, wrote a letter to *New Scientist* magazine complaining that the big bang leaders control all funding and will not give grants to study other possibilities. 500 more have added their signature (see our web site for a link). They outlined many of the scientific reasons that the big bang is not good science: 1) It is contradicted by fact and/or 2) requires unprovable and untestable assumptions. The numbers are growing who have signed onto the letter. But this paradigm shift is just starting and may take several generations to overcome. At the moment, the only other paradigm that is scientifically reasonable gives an age of the earth of a maximum of about 100,000 years. This is unacceptable to the atheist leadership because it implies the Bible is accurate.

Geology: A major shift has already occurred in geology. It is now readily reported by many secular geologists that the rock deposits we see were laid down quickly and the carving of rock we see happened quickly. Things were changing slowly from the 1920s until 1981. Then Mt. St. Helens erupted. In the years following the eruption, geologists saw mud slides, that were tens of feet thick, harden into rock complete with strata lines. They saw the north branch of the Toutle river form as a mud slide carved a canyon 120 feet deep, 1/4 mile wide and several miles long.... in a few days. But secular geologists resist doing any real research on the validity of radiometric dating. Of the over 300 ways to infer the age of the earth, radiometric dating is one of a very few that infer an old age. The vast majority infer a young age. So, for the foreseeable future, secular geologists will continue to claim that millions of years of time is at the boundaries between strata members. A young earth is unacceptable regardless of the scientific data.

Summary: The current old-age-of-the-earth paradigms are being found scientifically deficient. But the only scientifically valid (fit the data best) possibilities have the earth just 6000 to 100,000 years old. Knowing that 100,000 is absolute maximum and 6000 is valid in every case, the paradigm shift will be resisted. You see, the only source, religious or otherwise, that states the earth is 6000 years old is the Bible. If the Bible gets that right (a accurate prediction of science from an ancient, pre-science, document), then it is logical that the Bible gets everything else right too. And that means man will answer to his creator... Jesus, the Christ of God. That does not set well with the atheists who are the leaders of science today. CRM

QUOTE:

"But the reports of Eve's death may have been greatly exaggerated. Indeed, no one argues with the idea that all modern humans inherited their mitochondrial DNA from one common female ancestor. But what is in dispute is the hypothesis first put forth in 1987 by molecular anthropologist Allan Wilson of University of California, Berkeley who claimed to know Eve's age and whereabouts—that she lived about 200,000 years ago in Africa."

— Ann Gibbons, *Mitochondrial Eve: Wounded, But Not Dead Yet*, *Science*, Vol. 257, p. 873, August 14, 1992.

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works and reincarnation (Karma), and 4) there is no absolute truth (all beliefs are valid). Though many Americans mock the New Age, most actually live their lives as if the New Age is true.

The question at hand is “How do these beliefs fit with pain, suffering and evil?” We have dealt with Jesus as an enlightened teacher extensively in past issues (He was not just enlightened, He is God Himself). Absolute truth is dealt with in the box to the right.

Pain and suffering are a logical consequence of the principle of *Karma*. *Karma is the effects of a person's actions that determine his destiny.* With *instant karma* one lives the consequence of one's actions in the same lifetime. But, mostly, one lives with the consequence of their actions in his/her next incarnation (additional lifetime that starts sometime after this lifetime ends). Most spiritual leaders tell us that it takes many lifetimes to resolve all one's karma and pass to the next higher level of existence. Evil becomes a little more difficult to deal with, but appears to fit within the concept of karma.

So, let's look at how this karma all gets started. If we lived our very first life without ever causing pain or suffering or partaking of evil of any kind, we would not need to live any additional lives. Therefore we have all caused pain, suffering or practiced evil. And we have done it in every previous life to some degree. But, if man is inherently divine (I hope that means 100% good), how

did each of us commit our first evil act that has caused us to live multiple lives? If we did evil from the start, how can we ever overcome our karma? We are divine and had zero karma to overcome in our first life, but we did things that created bad karma. If we couldn't get it right in the first life, how can we ever get it right?

What defines this evil? Since there is no absolute truth, there can be no absolute definition of right and wrong. God is simply a force as in the *Star Wars* movies. In the New Age, the practitioners define right and wrong. But our individual definitions must be incorrect because we are still living additional lives. How do we escape this evil-doing that is a part of us?

If all is one and god is everything, then it logically follows that we have an evil side that is inescapable. That explains how we did evil in our very first life. Looking around the world, it is hard to see any improvement. We die to come back and try to do better next time. Where

is my escape from evil and the pain and suffering it causes? There is none. We are divine, so it is a permanent part of our spirit (remember, everything is god and that would include our “existence”), not just our body. Gnosticism, particularly the aspect that holds that the material things are evil and spiritual things can

be all good appears to give an escape. But it doesn't. Even our spirit is part of all that exists.

Creation is part evil, which we cannot define because we get to determine our own definition of evil. How will we know if what we are doing results in bad karma? Where is the standard? If I am divine and establish the standard, why do I have to live this additional

life? In the end, the New Age offers nothing but hopelessness. There is no escape from evil, pain and suffering. Next issue, we will explain how you can escape. CRM

New Age?

Those who are not in the “New Age” movement like to say “There is nothing new about the New Age.” In one sense they are correct as New Age is based on ancient religions. But, the point is missed in that the term is used because those in the New Age religion believe they are ushering in a new age of peace and harmony within mankind and all of creation. Having been a participant in New Age religion in the early 1970's, I (Guy) understand the attraction. Frankly, New Age is cool. There are as many variations of New Age religion as there are practitioners. In essence, one gets to define their own religion. In the final analysis, that means that the practitioners become their own gods. That person decides what is right and what is wrong. And if your definition is different than mine, that is okay, you have your right and wrong and I'll have mine. But the logical conclusion is that right and wrong become undefined. Hitler was “right.” The boss that advances the person with whom she is having an affair is “right.” In the end, one cannot live under this system as there is no right, wrong, justice or fairness. That is one of the many reasons I left the New Age years before I became a Christian. Christianity may not be practiced well by many Christians, but the ideals are the only religious ideals that collectively can lead to peace, joy and justice.

QUOTE:

“Scientists at the University of Alberta have revived bacteria from members of the historic Franklin expedition who mysteriously perished in the Arctic nearly 150 years ago. Not only are the six strains of bacteria almost certainly the oldest ever revived, says medical microbiologist Dr. Kinga Kowalewska-Grochowska, three of them also happen to be resistant to antibiotics. In this case, the antibiotics clindamycin and cefoxitin, both of which developed more than a century after the men died, were among those used.”

– Ed Struzik, Ancient bacteria Revived, *Sunday Herald*, September 16, 1990, A1.

This is more evidence that bacteria does not mutate to become a super-bug. Not a single mutation has ever been shown to create an increase in the complexity of information in the genetic code. Evolution demands an increase in complexity of the genetic code. It simply doesn't happen with mutations. In fact, mutations usually result in a LOSS of complexity, the exact opposite of the prediction of evolution. Jesus created each kind with a broad genetic code that could adjust to changing environments.