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But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these (his followers) become silent, the stones will cry out!" Luke 19:40

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 that God, in the person of Jesus, is Creator of the universe, you and us. Thank you for joining us in learning the Good News.



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Special Sedona Geology Series

Part 3 - The Great Sedona Earthquake! (Part 1)

Repeating: As some of you know, the author of this newsletter has been involved in research in the Coconino Formation, particularly in Sedona. While researching the Coconino, some amazing discoveries were also made in the Schnebly Hill Formation (actually in several formations). Geological features never before mentioned in any papers or books, not even Sedona Through Time, by Wayne Ranney, were discovered by the author. In the next two parts, we will show you that what you think about Sedona geology in general (not just about the Coconino) is mostly incorrect. We will support that statement with photos and data. No published papers this time - it's all recently discovered. We're still having fun!



Coconino in Pumphouse Wash shows indication of earthquake



Earthquake deformation of Schnebly Hill Formation on Castle Rock

Introduction

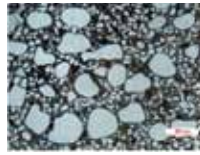
The past two issues have dealt with the Coconino Formation in Sedona (and elsewhere). Materialist/atheist geologists have determined that the Coconino was deposited over 5 million years. Of course, that means it could not have been deposited during Noah's Flood... which lasted less than a year. Because those geologists have had to give up their paradigm of geological activity happening slowly over long periods of time for most formations, they hold onto sandstone such as the Coconino to inject millions of years in deposition of strata. Outside of sandstones they have to put their millions of years at the boundary lines between formations (the evidence is lack of data). They want one type of rock to require long times for deposition. We have shown that the Coconino was actually deposited very rapidly. In this issue we will look at all the layers of strata in Sedona and show that the current explanation is an incorrect interpretation based on assumption and the need to create time. The data, we will show, contradicts these assumptions and show that all the strata in Sedona was deposited in a few days at most.

Review

There are many lines of evidence in the Coconino Sandstone. In Parts 1 & 2 we looked at many, but not all, of them:

1 - Crossbed Dip. Unlike most strata, the strata of the Coconino was laid down at an angle. Naturalists have used this angled deposition as one of the primary arguments for the Coconino being originally deposited as sand dunes by wind. We discovered that there is a lot of myth regarding the angle and it better supports underwater sand waves.

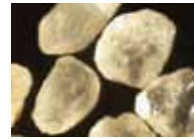
2- Sorting. Naturalists claim the Coconino is well-sorted. Wind sorts sand as it picks it up (picking up small grains first and larger grains as the wind speed increases) and then depositing the different sizes in layers when the wind dies down. The Coconino is poorly sorted. This is strictly a characteristic of water deposition.



3- Well Rounded. When viewed through a field glass, which has low magnification, the grains appear to be well rounded. But at larger magnification it is discovered they are sub angular to sub-rounded. The cause is water transport, never any air transport.

4- Grain Size Distribution. Glen Visher did the research and found that the distribution of grain size in the Coconino better matches known water deposited formations than modern sand dunes.

5- Frosting. The Coconino is indeed frosted. But look at the frosting in the photo to the right. You do not see distinct scratches and angular pits. The frosting is "softer." This is the result of exposure to acid. Which means the frosting occurred in a water environment.



6- Rain Drops. The raindrops in the Coconino are quite different. They are in rows. There is distance between individual drops. They make an impression up to 1/2" deep. In other words, they are not raindrops. They are most likely gas bubbles.

7- Vertebrate Tracks. Naturalists claim that the tracks were made when creatures walked up a sand dune after a heavy dew the night before (how are the tracks preserved?). Research has shown they were formed under water.

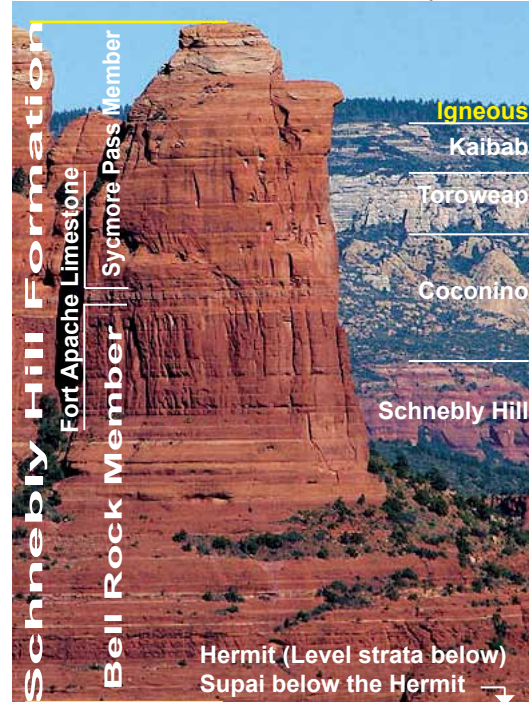
8- Presence of Dolomite. Dolomite is only known to form under water. In fact, there is no way to explain dolomite formation outside of water formation.

9- Clasts. A clast is a large rock. In the photo to the right is a large rock (about two feet wide) in the Coconino. Wind simply cannot move a rock that large. Only water can.



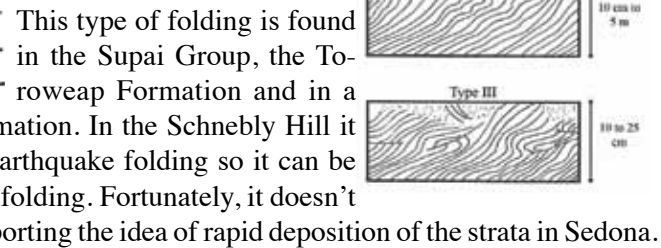
10- Hermit Filled Cracks. Published in a secular professional journal: The Coconino and Hermit were soft (not solid rock yet) at the same time.

11- Parabolic Recumbent Folds. The photo below shows it. This kind of soft sediment folding cannot happen to dry sand. It not only has to be wet, not just saturated, there has to be so much water that the grains of sand are held apart from contact. The process of evulsion will drive out water so the grains make contact in a matter of minutes. Evulsion has not yet started at the bottom of the 20 foot tall fold.



There are more lines of evidence showing the Coconino Formation was deposited in water, but now we move on to the rest of the strata in Sedona. Before we start with the earthquake, let's take a quick look at folding types. Earthquakes can cause folding. Deposition can cause folding. And, there are several other geological processes

that can cause folding. As I have discovered over 50 outcrops of folding in the Sedona area I have found (with two exceptions) only folds caused by earthquake and deposition. Let's have a quick review of folding during deposition (or placement of the sediment). You may recall the diagram at the right. The Type I and Type II folds are formed during deposition of sediment. The folding occurs via the following action: A layer of crossbedded sediment is laid down rapidly. Before evulsion can occur, a second sediment flow drags the top of the first sediment flow as shown in the this diagram:



This type of folding is found in the Supai Group, the Toroweap Formation and in a few places in the Schnebly Hill Formation. In the Schnebly Hill it usually occurs in conjunction with earthquake folding so it can be hard to tell which process caused the folding. Fortunately, it doesn't matter as the result is the same in supporting the idea of rapid deposition of the strata in Sedona.

The Supai Group & Toroweap



It appears that Sedona is located where Noah's flood was rather active. The parabolic recumbent folds (PRF) we described in the Coconino Formation are found over an area of 375 sq. kilometers. PRFs are very rare yet there are also PRFs in the Supai Group along Dry Creek about 1/4 mile north of the Pipeline trail along the Girdner trail (photo above left). They are also found in the Toroweap Formation on the east side of Oak Creek a little north of Cave Springs (photo above right). A paper written in the 1990s reports PRFs in the Toroweap at East Pocket and Loy Canyon, but the author did not give details of the locations. We have not yet found those folds.

Earthquakes

When an earthquake occurs, there is slippage along an underground fault (a place where the earth is literally broken apart, but still in contact). This sets up waves of vibration. There are several different vibration waves sent out. One goes along the surface of the ground. Another bounces off the core of the earth. Most places just feel the effect of one of the waves. But, when those different waves come together just right they add to each other and the result is a huge vibration. That is why buildings fall down in one place and there is relatively little damage just a mile away. Damage often occurs far from the actual earthquake point.

The points where the large vibrations occur are known as resonance points. Two or more vibration waves work together (resonance) to product one big vibration. Interestingly, there are usually secondary locations where resonance occurs but it is not nearly as great as the main resonance point. Those secondary locations are usually located around the main resonance at the same altitude. The closer to the main resonance, the larger they are, but still much smaller. Smaller effects also occur above and below the main point at the same location.

Here are THE most important facts for understanding the Great Sedona Earthquake.

- 1** - If dry dirt is vibrated, it will act as if it is thick water. It will still give some support, but the support will be very variable. This is not applicable to the Sedona earthquake.
- 2** - If hard rock is vibrated, it might fracture, fault or crumble. The rock may be broken and even reoriented, but there will be no change to the strata lines. Again, not applicable to Sedona.

3 - If the material is wet or very wet, not rock yet, but in place to become rock, the strata may be deformed, but it will be crumbly along the strata lines. As you will see in the photos to follow, this is not applicable to features found in Sedona.

4 - If the material is liquefied, the strata lines will become deformed, but the strata lines will remain sharp and smooth. THIS is what is found in Sedona!

5 - Earthquakes do not repeat in exactly the same locations. One location in a fault moves one time and some other location moves the next time. Therefore, when a geologist finds a main resonance point and many related, secondary resonance points, s/he can be sure that the results of just ONE earthquake are being observed.

You will recall from the last issue that "liquefied" means there is water between the grains of sediment, acting as a lubricant, allowing the grains to slide past each other, leaving an undisturbed strata line except that it may bend from the original straight line that happens at deposition. You will also recall that "evulsion" is the forcing out of the water as the grains of sediment are squeezed from the pressure of sediment above. In other words, the strata at the bottom of a pile of strata will have the water squeezed out in just minutes so that the strata is still very wet, but no longer liquefied. Once evulsion occurs, distorted strata will have crumbly strata lines.

Spoiler Alert

Based on the above, we can confidently say that if all of the strata disturbed by an earthquake are smooth (#4 above), then all were still liquefied when disturbed. Therefore, all of the affected strata was deposited within minutes to a few hours. In addition, if PRFs are found within the range of strata affected by one earthquake, we have compounded the probability that all the strata was deposited very rapidly and an earthquake occurred immediately after that deposition.

The Great Sedona Earthquake

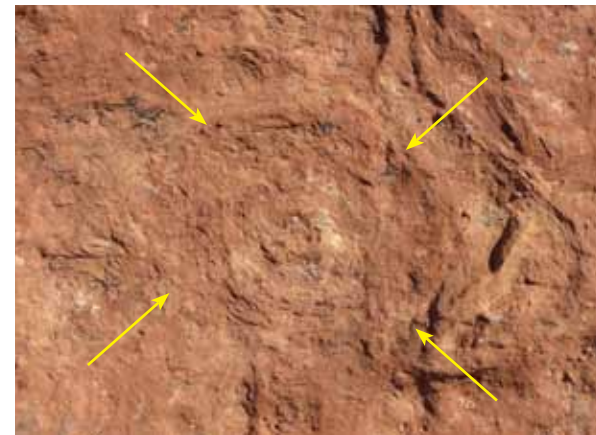
The location of the main resonance of the Sedona earthquake is located in a ridge between Long and Boyton Canyons. The area of the main location is about .5 mile square (about .75 km square). Here are a few photos of that area:



This is the primary area of resonance. Notice that the strata has been deformed into the rough shape of a sine wave! I find that amazing. It is hard to see all the distortion in the photo. The yellow lines show the top and bottom of the sediment "bed." It is 20 to 30 feet tall. Location: East side of Boynton Canyon. It can be seen from the Boynton trail when the sun is right (late morning to early afternoon).



Very near the south end of the distortion, it can be plainly seen that the sine wave distortion also extends deep into the sediment bed below. This lower layer, along with the sine wave distorted layer were both fully liquefied when distorted. This can be seen close up along the "social trail" - US Forestry terminology - called the Mushroom Trail.



At the very southern edge of the main earthquake point are several "Water Pipes." The yellow arrows point to the outer edge of one of the six to eight inch diameter pipes. When an earthquake shakes very wet or liquefied sediment, it tends to separate the water from the sediment and squeeze the water out. The water follows the path of least resistance, usually moving vertically, leaving behind a cylinder shaped strata. The strata lines form circles and as the sediment-filled fluid flows upward.

issue, we will look at the vertical effects of the Great Sedona Earthquake and see if the strata between these layers was also liquefied. In the process, we will also show that two more assumptions regarding Sedona geology (according to *Sedona Through Time*) are false.

What does the research, using the scientific method, support? God, in the person of Jesus, brought the judgment of Noah's Flood on His creation because of man's evil, with the resulting beauty of the rocks of Sedona, rocks that cry out about the glory of God! CRM



Distorted strata at the north end of the main earthquake area.



Loy Canyon



Distorted strata on west side of Long Canyon



Wilson Mountain



Distorted strata on east side of Long Canyon.



Fay Canyon Overlook

All these photos simply do not show how extensive (and beautiful) the distorted strata is in Boynton and Long Canyons in the primary earthquake zone.



Mescal Mountain

Many outcrops of earthquake disturbed soft sediment are present around Sedona, primarily in the Schnebly Hill Formation and primarily at the same altitude as the main resonance point. We show a few of those below. This establishes, along with the Coconino Formation PRFs described in the last issue, that a HUGE area of strata around Sedona was liquefied at the same time. And that is true at two different altitudes, the lower Schnebly Hill Formation and the lower Coconino Formation. Next

SUMMER ISSUE 2012: We had a lengthy article on the Jewish year of Shemittah. The next Shemittah year (according to the Jewish calendar) is the year 5775 after Creation, which runs from Sept. 25, 2014, through Sept. 13, 2015. At the end of the Shemittah year in 2001, the World Trade Center towers were brought down. At the end of the next Shemittah year there was a stock market crash. Well, the Shemittah has come and gone. Financially, nothing seems to have happened. But, a very significant event did happen. Russia (Gog and Magog in the prophecy of Revelation) moved military aircraft (fighters) into Syria very near the Israeli border. This is worth watching. What will happen? We don't know. Again, we are just watching interesting events.