

Creation Evolution: The Age of the Earth



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Archbishop James
Ussher... He
determined the date
of creation to be
October 23, 4004
B.C.



Charles
Lyell...proposed the
Law of
Uniformitarianism in
his *Principles of
Geology*. Charles
Darwin read this
book during his
voyage on the
Beagle.



The entire world (mountains included) is covered with sedimentary rock. This rock is formed in layers when dissolved minerals are deposited from water.



Before Lyell most scientists believed that these layers were formed in some catastrophic way.

Index fossils are used to determine the age of the layers. The layers are used to determine the age of the fossils. This is circular reasoning.

C.I. Scofield suggested that God created a world which was destroyed sometime before Genesis 1.1 and Genesis 1.2.

Genesis 1:1
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

THE GAP?

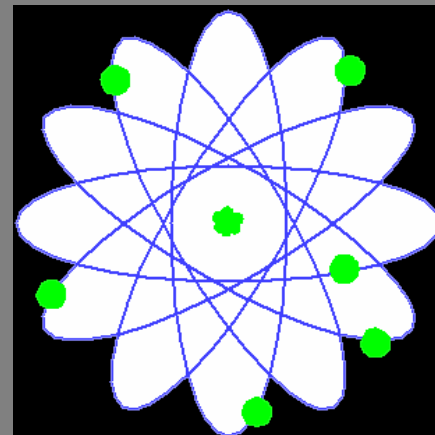
- Millions or billions of years
- Geologic ages
- Lucifer's Flood

Genesis 1:2
And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

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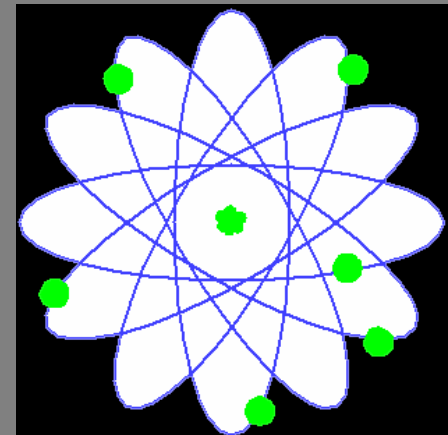
Radiometric dating...

Only works on igneous rocks. Parent elements decay into daughter elements over time. By measuring the proportion of parent elements to daughter elements we should be able to determine the age of the rock.



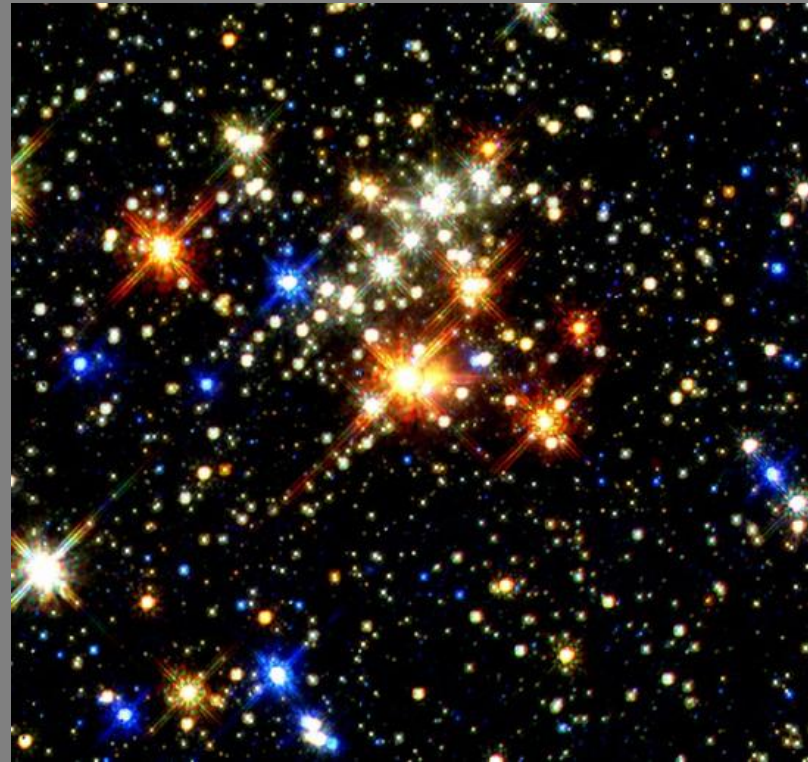
Three Major Assumptions: 1. Sample began with parent element only. 2. Rate of decay is constant. 3. There have been no physical changes in the sample over time.

There are admitted difficulties and inconsistencies.



Star light...

The Appearance of
Age – The light
shining from the
star was created by
God when the star
was created.
(Beginning the “life-
cycle”)



Other Evidences

Galaxies wind up too fast. Indicates a universe *millions* not *billions* of years old.



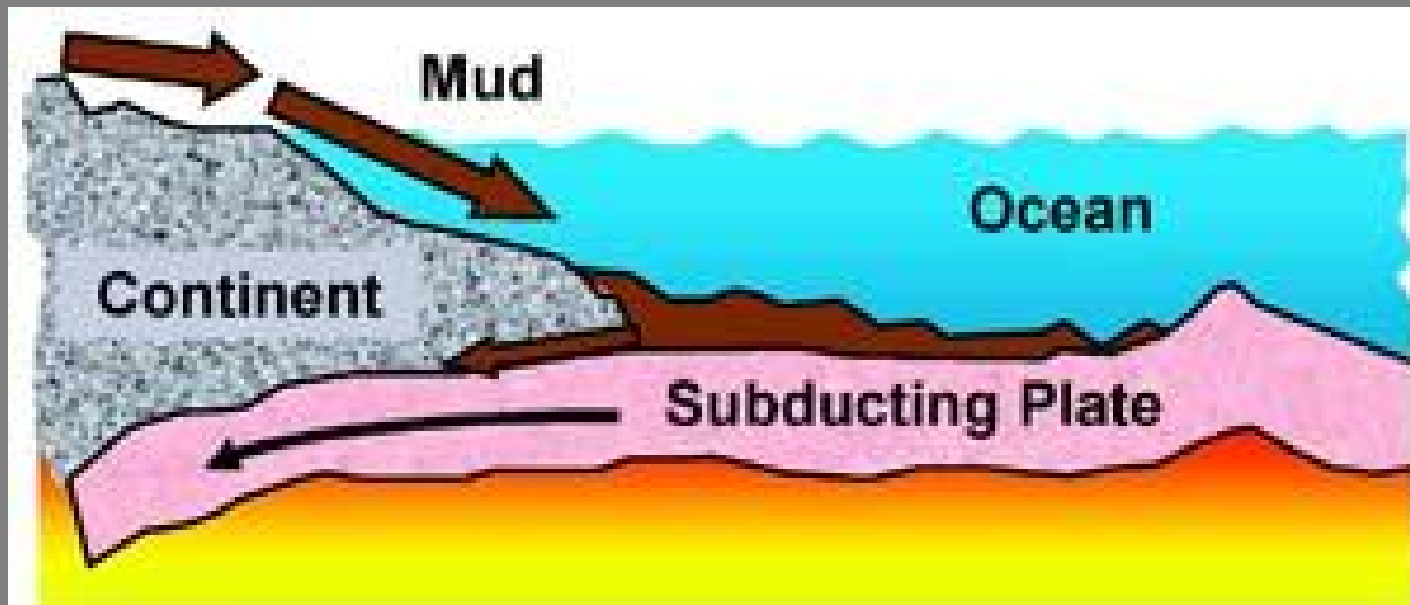
Other Evidences

Not enough super novas observed. Indicates a universe *thousands* of years old.

Comets disintegrate too quickly. Indicates a universe *thousands* of years old.

Other Evidences

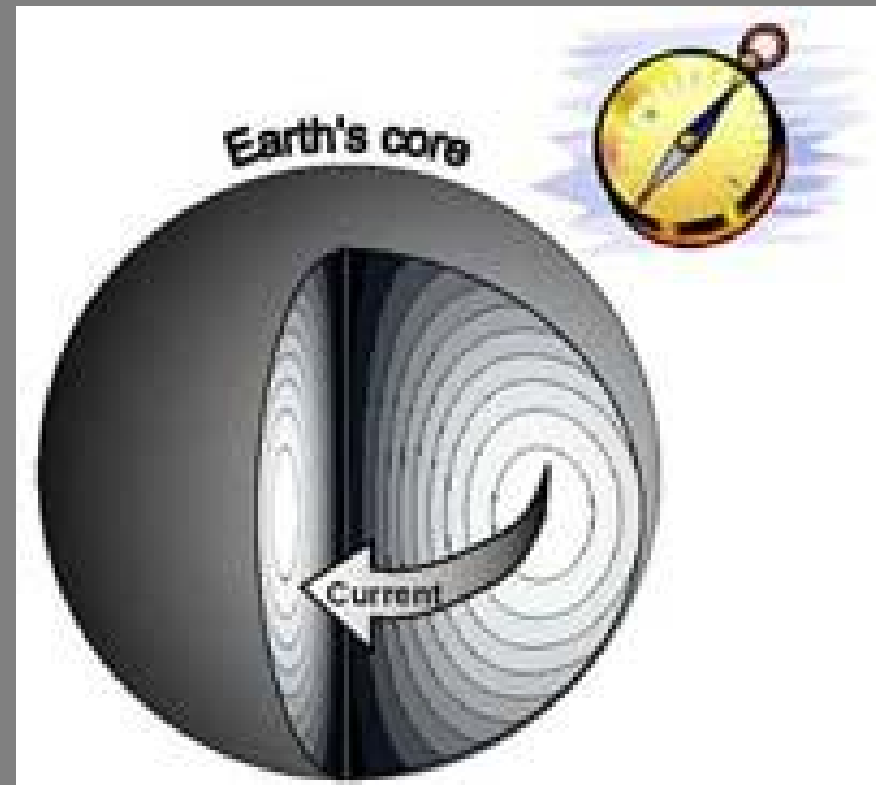
Not enough sediment on the sea floor or salt in the sea. Indicates an earth *millions* of years old.



From: *Young Earth* by John Morris

Other Evidences

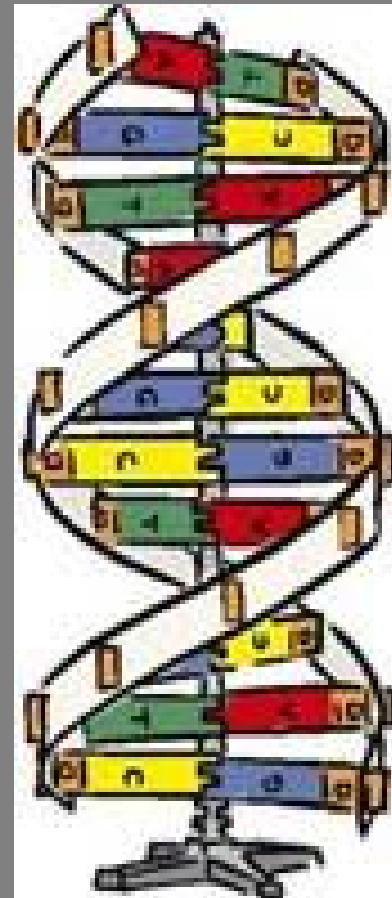
Earth's magnetic field decaying too fast. Indicates an earth *thousands* of years old.



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Other Evidences

Biological material (DNA) recovered from amber and fossils believed to be millions of years old. Indicates and earth *thousands* of years old.



Other Evidences

Too much helium found in zircon crystals. Indicates an earth *thousands* of years old.

Too much Carbon 14 found in deep geologic strata. Indicates an earth *thousands* of years old.

Other Evidences

Not enough stone-
age skeletons. If humans have been alive on earth for 185,000 years there should be many more skeletons and artifacts. Indicates an earth *thousands* of years old.



Other Evidences

Agriculture is too recent. The evidence for agriculture dates back to 10,000 years. Yet humans are thought to have been alive for much longer. Indicates an earth *thousands* of years old.



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