

## **The Battle for The Beginning, Part 3**

### ***How Did Creation Happen?***

#### A. Creation by Uniformitarianism

1. One of the chief fathers of this false teaching is Charles Lyell, who wrote the book, "Principles of Geology," [3 volumes 1830-1833] in which he flatly rejected the Bible account of creation and flood-based explanations for geological formations.

a. He proposed uniformitarianism as the explanation of Earth's origin and existence, which states the theory that natural and geological phenomena are the result of forces that have operated continuously, without interruption, with uniformity, for billions of years and that those processes are still occurring.

b. When the uniformitarian looks at sedimentary rock strata, he assumes that the sediments that formed them are the result of the slow settling of particles in water over millions of years.

- **He looks at the Grand Canyon and instead of marveling at the power of God's Flood and Noah's Ark, he assumes the natural flow of the Colorado River carved the immense chasm over many ages, billions of years, with a slowly decreasing stream.**

c. Lyell insisted that all Biblical or supernatural explanations are unscientific and therefore false.

- **He did not discover something scientifically that led to his conclusion; he assumed that anything supernatural was not scientific and therefore false.**
- **In other words, he began with the presupposition [a belief strong assumed beforehand at the beginning of a line of argument or a course of action] that Scripture is untrue.**
- **Lyell is one of the chief fathers of atheistic naturalism which is now the foundational presupposition of science in our country.**

#### B. Creation by Catastrophism

1. Catastrophism is the conviction that dramatic geological changes have occurred in sudden, violent, or unusual events.

a. A catastrophist observing sedimentary rock strata, formations, and large canyons interprets them as the result of violent, massive flooding.

b. A sudden flood will produce a massive layer of rock formation in a few hours.

- **A large stratum of sedimentary rock, which a uniformitarian assumes took millions of years to form, could actually be the result of a single flash flood.**

**PowerPoint:** God \_\_\_\_\_ uniformitarianism (2Peter 3:3-6).

a. The plain teaching of Scripture is that the world's history has not been one of uniform natural and geological processes from the beginning.

b. According to the Bible, God's Word, there have been two major catastrophic events in history – Creation and the worldwide Flood in Noah's time.

- **These sufficiently explain all the world's geological and hydrological features as we know it.**
- **The Vasquez Rocks**

**PowerPoint:** God affirms that the force that shaped these rocks was the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Genesis 7:11).

- **Most certainly, the Flood was accompanied by volcanic activity, massive geological movements, and the shifting of Earth's tectonic plates.**
- **The Flood easily explains the massive amounts of twisted rock and why so many mountain ranges give evidence of once being under water.**

**PowerPoint:** \_\_\_\_\_ Condemns Uniformitarianism

1. Uniformitarians cannot explain the fossil record.

a. For a living creature to become fossilized [preserved remains of animals, plants, organisms] rather than to decay and turn to dust (**Job 34:15**), it must be buried immediately under a great weight of sediment.

b. The Karoo formation fossil field in Africa – is thought to hold 800 billion vertebrate fossils – can only be explained by a catastrophic deluge and not by the uniformitarian theory of billions of years of seeping.

- **These organisms had to be violently shoved into a pile, in one single location of the world, and then crushed by a massive weight.**
- **Every inhabited continent contains one of these large fossil beds where millions of fossilized species are found together in large concentration, as if they all were destroyed and buried by massive simultaneous flooding.**
- **Fossils of sea creatures are even found on many of the world's highest mountaintops, which can only be explained by a deep, massive flood that shoved them or floated them to the height of a great mountain.**
- **How do uniformitarians explain such things? The only way they can is to increase their estimate of Earth's age.**

c. The Grand Canyon with its many deep gorges, plateaus, and levels at the rims is easily explained by the massive and rapid erosion of the Flood and the draining waters of the aftermath.

d. A similar formation is Providence Canyon, near Lumpkin, Georgia.

1d. It covers 1100 acres of an area that in the 1800's was flatland.

2d. Farmers stripped the trees and root systems, leaving the area susceptible to erosion.

3d. In 1846, heavy rainfall began forming small gullies and crevices, which expanded with every subsequent rainfall.

4d. By the 1940's, nearby buildings and towns had to be moved to accommodate the growing canyon.

5d. Today, the canyon comprises sixteen fingers, some more than one mile in length.

6d. At places, the distance from the floor of the canyon to the top is the height of a 15 story building.

- **“Georgia's Little Grand Canyon” did not take millions of years to form and it was dug by very little rainfall comparatively speaking as it relates to the Flood.**
- **Its features are indistinguishable from the features of canyons geologist say took billions of years to form.**
- **Douglas F. Kelly, “Creation and Change,” “The uniformitarian assumption that millions of years of geological work [extrapolating from present, slow, natural processes] would be required to explain structures such as the American Grand Canyon for instance is called into serious question by the explosion of Mount St.**

**Helens in the state of Washington on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1980. Massive energy equivalent to 20 million tons of TNT destroyed 400 square kilometers [250 square miles] of forest in six minutes, changing the face of the mountain and digging out depths of earth and rock, leaving formations not unlike parts of the larger Grand Canyon. Recent studies of Mount St. Helens indicate that if attempts were made to date these structures [which were formed in 1980] on the basis of uniformitarian theory, millions of years of formation time would be necessarily postulated.”**

C. Creation by Divine Fiat [an authoritative command]

1. Scripture teaches that God created the universe out of pure nothing.
  - a. Before there was matter, matter had to be created.
2. One of the unique features of the Creation account is that God did it all by divine fiat – a simple decree from God brought every created thing into existence.
  - **This is one of the fundamental, non-negotiable tenets [principles] of our faith (Hebrews 11:3).**
  - **PowerPoint:** There are Christians – ashamed of the \_\_\_\_\_ own testimony – who try to reconcile Scripture with old age evolutionism via the Gap Theory and other discredits of Scripture, who deny the very evidence of what Scripture teaches about Creation. They reject the clear account of God Himself that He created the Earth and all its life in six 24-hour days.