

Evolution and The Christian

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Radiometric dating

Fossils

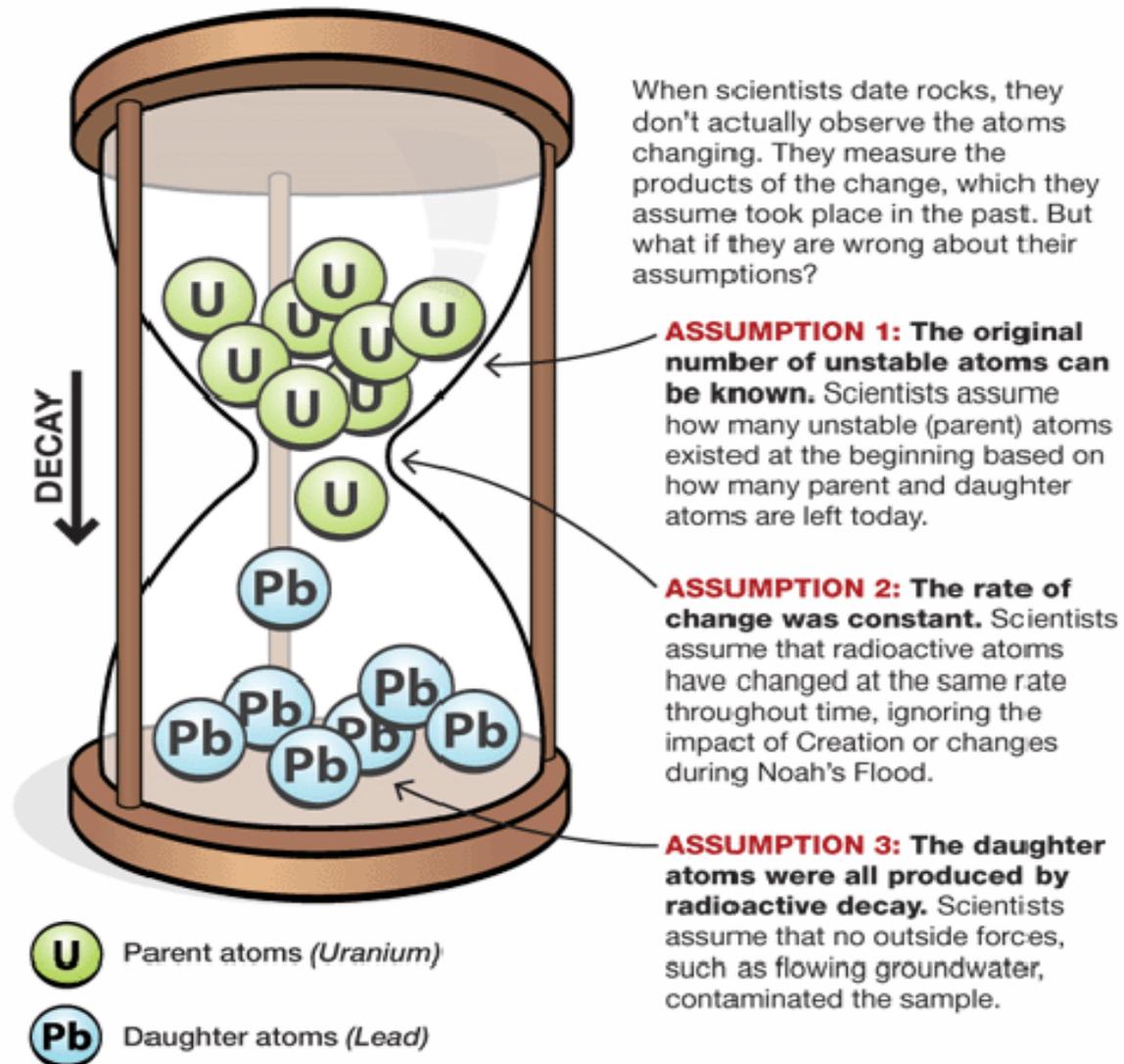
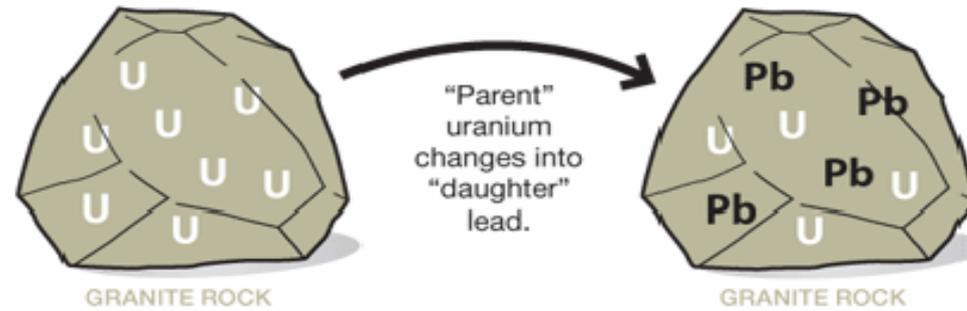
Sedimentary rock cannot be dated

Date igneous rock at the same level

You must make a number of assumptions in radiometric dating

wrong assumptions, wrong dates (figure 2)

Unstable atoms, such as uranium (*U*), eventually change into stable atoms, such as lead (*Pb*). The original version is called a parent atom (or isotope), and the new version is called a daughter atom.



Problems with radiometric dating

Yet lava flows that have occurred in the present have been tested soon after they erupted, and they invariably contained much more argon-40 than expected.¹ For example, when a sample of the lava in the Mt. St. Helens crater (that had been observed to form and cool in 1986) (Figure 1) was analyzed in 1996, it contained so much argon-40 that it had a calculated “age” of 350,000 years!² Similarly, lava flows on the sides of Mt. Ngauruhoe, New Zealand (Figure 2), known to be less than 50 years old, yielded “ages” of up to 3.5 million years.³

<https://answersingenesis.org/geology/radiometric-dating/radiometric-dating-problems-with-the-assumptions/>

The Problems with Radiometric Dating

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Age of the earth

- “Science” says the earth is billions of years old
- The Bible indicates that it is about 10 to 20 thousand years old
- Did God make Adam as a baby or as a full grown man? - So how did he make the earth - as a baby or full grown?
- How much “time” elapsed between vs 1 and vs 5 of Genesis 1
- When do we start counting time?

Age of the Universe

- The Big Bang
- An Expanding universe
- I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, [even] my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.
Isaiah 45:12



Problems with the Big Bang

Violates first law of thermodynamics

Violates second law of thermodynamics

Violates theory of relativity since things have to move faster than light

No monopoles

No view of beginning of Universe

Concordism

Can we take the Genesis account literally?

First day – Light

Fourth day – Sun

Rev 21:22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

Concordism

Gen. 1:11 Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

Concordism

<http://origins.faihalivere.com/sources.org/charts/page111-a75725e4.png>

Order of Creation in Genesis 1, Genesis 2, and Modern Science

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Heavens, earth, waters (vv. 1-2)

Light (v. 3)

Sky (vv. 6-8)

Dry land (vv. 9-10)

Seed-bearing plants (vv. 11-12)

Trees bearing fruit (vv. 11-12)

Sun, moon, stars (vv. 14-17)

Sea creatures (vv. 20-21)

Birds (vv. 20-21)

Land animals (vv. 24-25)

Men and women (vv. 26-27)

Genesis 2:4-25

Dry land, rivers (vv. 5-6)

Man (v. 7)

Plants (vv. 8-9)

Land animals (v. 19)

Birds (v. 19)

Woman (v. 21-22)

Modern Science*

Matter, energy, space, time (13.7 bya)

Stars (13.5 bya)

Sun (4.6 bya)

Moon, earth, dry land (4.6 bya)

Oceans (4 to 4.4 bya)

Single-celled life (approx. 3.8 bya)

Multi-celled life (1 to 2 bya)

Various sea creatures including early fish (approx. 520 mya)

Non-seed-bearing plants on dry land (approx. 450 mya)

Land animals (approx. 380 mya)

Seed bearing plants (370 mya)

Insects (approx. 350 mya)

Dinosaurs (230 mya)

Mammals (approx. 200 mya)

Birds (approx. 150 mya)

Fruit-bearing plants (130 mya)

Men and women (see ch. 11)

*The abbreviation *bya* means billion years ago; *mya* means million years ago.

Concordism

- Theistic Evolution - Could God have created life on earth by Evolution - Yes - How did he tell us he did it?
- Day - Age theory
 - The idea that each day recorded in Genesis 1 was not 24 hrs but a long period of time
 - Does not fit well in the context since vs 5,14 clearly establishes the definition of a day
 - The word yom and modifiers
- Gap theory – the idea that there were gaps between each day thus allowing evolution to occur

Concordist Interpretations:	Non-concordist Interpretations:
<p>Young Earth Interpretation Creation occurred about 6,000 years ago, during six 24-hour days, in the order described. A scientific study of the earth should confirm this.</p>	<p>Proclamation Day Interpretation The days of Genesis 1 took place in God's throne room, wherein God proclaimed each step of creation. The throne-room days are not related to days or time periods on earth.</p>
<p>Gap Interpretation Earth was created long ago (Gen 1:1), became "formless and empty" (Gen 1:2), and was restored about 6,000 years ago during six 24-hour days.</p>	<p>Creation Poem Interpretation The number and ordering of the "days" of Genesis 1 are chosen for poetic and thematic reasons rather than historical reasons.</p>
<p>Day-Age Interpretation Creation occurred over billions of years. Each "day" of Genesis 1 corresponds to a long epoch. Events occurred in the order given in the text, but stretched out over a longer time period.</p>	<p>Kingdom and Temple Interpretations As the great King, God gives humans dominion as in a "land grant" covenant. Alternatively, God inaugurates the cosmos as his temple. In both cases, the text is not focused on the physical universe.</p>
<p>Appearance of Age Interpretation Creation occurred about 6,000 years ago during six 24-hour days, but it was created to look like it had a long history of billions of years.</p>	<p>Ancient Near Eastern Cosmology Interpretation Genesis 1 matches the physical picture of the world believed in Ancient Near East religions, but presents a dramatically different theological picture, proclaiming one God as creator of all rather than many gods.</p>

Consequences of Naturalistic Materialsim



The Bible and Science

- Job 26:7

He stretches out the north over empty space;
He hangs the earth on nothing.

- Leviticus 17:11

‘For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.

- Job 36:27-29

For He draws up drops of water,
Which distill as rain from the mist,
Which the clouds drop down
And pour abundantly on man.

Indeed, can *anyone* understand the spreading of clouds,
The thunder from His canopy?

- He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.
Jeremiah 10:12
- He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.
Jeremiah 51:15
- Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.
Job 9:8
- He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, [and] hangeth the earth upon nothing.
Job 26:7
- Hast thou with him spread out the sky, [which is] strong, [and] as a molten looking glass?
Job 37:18