RADIOACTIVE DATING OF ROCKS

 $RATE\ PROJECT\ (http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/2005/11/07/rate-research-results)$

"We have known for some time that radiometric dating methods are unreliable. They often disagree between methods (this was quantified by RATE geologist Dr. Steven Austin and Dr. Andrew Snelling) and can produce vastly inflated age estimates for rocks that are known to be recently formed. However, RATE scientists have attempted to answer the question of why the radioisotope methods are giving the inflated ages. One of the profound results of the RATE research is the exciting evidence of accelerated nuclear decay in the past.

All radioisotope dating methods assume (among other things) that the decay rate of a given isotope (an atomic nucleus with a given number of neutrons) is constant-that it has always been what it is today. Only if nuclear decay rates have always been constant can the method be used to estimate a reliable age. After all, a clock would not give the correct time if it were to dramatically speed up or slow down. The RATE researchers have uncovered several independent lines of evidence that strongly indicate that nuclear decay was much more rapid in the past."

The work which Barry Setterfield has done in on the speed of light and the corresponding reasons for variation in it give one possible reason for the previously faster decay rates in the past. He observationally and theoretically links the speed of light with other atomic constants.

Barry Setterfield http://www.setterfield.org/

What is not Jesus teaching on Geology?

"Now when a Christian believes that the death, bloodshed, disease, suffering and violence in the fossil record represents millions of years of history as God 'created', then what did sin do to the world? What did the Curse do? Why does death have anything to do with sin? Why does God describe this as very good? Does this mean that violence and disease are 'good' in God's eyes? Is it any wonder young people today have no sense of sin and the holiness of God?"

Why Won't they Listen? Ken Ham p84

Jesus' Teaching on Geology

DISMANTLING THE HIGH PLACES

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Matthew 24v35-39

First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 2Peter 3v4,5

"Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who made all things, who stretched out the heavens alone, who spread out the earth—Who was with me?—who frustrates the omens of liars, and makes fools of diviners; who turns wise men back, and makes their knowledge foolish;" Isaiah 44v24,25

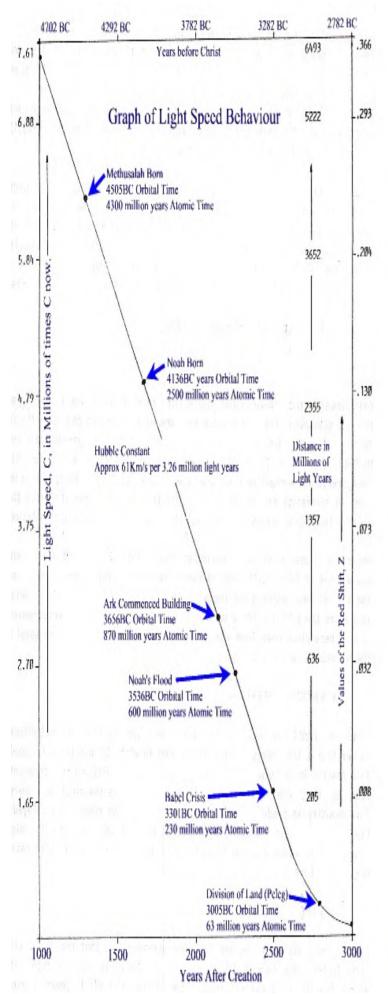
"who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars; who alone stretched out the heavens, and trampled the waves of the sea who made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the chambers of the south who does great things beyond understanding, and marvellous things without number". Job 9v7-10 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6v12

And when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon and the stars—all the heavenly array—do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshipping things the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven. Deuternonomy 4v19 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12v1,2

Theophilus of Antioch (AD 177) "There are not two myriads of myriads of years, even though Plato said such a period had elapsed between the deluge and his own time, . . . The world is not uncreated nor is there spontaneous production of everything, as Pythagoras and the others have babbled; instead the world is created and is providentially governed by the God who made everything. And the whole period of time and the years can be demonstrated to those who wish to learn the truth. . . The total number of years from the creation of the world is 5,695"

"On the fourth day the luminaries came into existence. Since God has foreknowledge, he understood the nonsense of the foolish philosophers who were going to say that the things produced on earth came from the stars, so that they might set God aside. In order therefore that the truth might be demonstrated, plants and seeds came into existence before the stars. For what comes into existence later cannot cause what is prior to it". http://www.earlychristianwritings.com. Theophilus, 3.25,28. Theophilus, 2.15

Red Shift Graph Interpreted



Source: Barry Setterfield http://www.setterfield.org/

Red Shift Peculiarities

"Furthermore, the overall redshift function should be a smooth curve. The results that Tifft had obtained indicated that the redshift went in jumps from one plateau to another like a set of steps and stairs." "In the early 1990's two astronomers in Scotland decided to prove Tifft wrong once and for all. Bruce Guthrie and William Napier from the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh used the most accurate hydrogen line redshift data. By the end of 1991 they had studied 106 spiral galaxies and detected a quantization of about 37.5 km/s, very close to Tifft's quantum multiple of 36.2 km/s [Schewe & Stein, 1992a, No.61]"

"Because the prevailing wisdom said the quantization only appeared because of small number statistics, the referees asked them to repeat their analysis with another set of galaxies. This Guthrie and Napier did with an additional set of 117 other galaxies. The same 37.5 km/s quantization was plainly in evidence in this 1996 data set, and the referees accepted the paper [Matthews, 1996, p.759; Corliss, 1996, No. 105, Arp, 1998, p.199-200]"

Sourced in: Is The Universe Static Or Expanding? Barry Setterfield, 4th August 2002. http://www.setterfield..org/ static_universe.html

Many Christians today think the Flood of Noah's time was only a *local* flood, confined to somewhere around Mesopotamia. This idea comes not from Scripture, but from the notion of "billions of years" of Earth history.

- If the Flood was local, why did Noah have to build an Ark? He could have walked to the other side of the mountains and missed it
- If the Flood was local, why did God send the animals to the Ark so they would escape death? There would have been other animals to reproduce that kind if these particular ones had died.
- If the Flood was local, why was the Ark big enough to hold all kinds of land vertebrate animals that have ever existed? If only Mesopotamian animals were aboard, the Ark could have been much smaller.¹
- If the Flood was local, why would birds have been sent on board? These could simply have winged across to a nearby mountain range.
- If the Flood was local, how could the waters rise to 15 cubits (8 meters) above the mountains (Genesis 7:20)? Water seeks its own level. It couldn't rise to cover the local mountains while leaving the rest of the world untouched.²
- If the Flood was local, people who did not happen to be living in the vicinity would not be affected by it. They would have escaped God's judgment on sin. If this happened, what did Christ mean when He likened the coming judgment of all men to the judgment of "all" men (Matthew 24:37-39) in the days of Noah? A partial judgment in Noah's day means a partial judgment to come.
- If the Flood was local, God would have repeatedly broken His promise never to send such a flood again.
- Belief in a world-wide Flood, as Scripture clearly indicates, has the backing of common sense, science and Christ Himself.

http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/cm/v21/n3/flood