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Who Cares about the Flood?

by Dave Nutting

The secular world laughs at it and scholars scoff at it. Moreover, university students point to the account of the Flood in Genesis to prove the Bible wrong. Earth science textbooks make statements like, "People used to believe in a Flood, but today ..." Even many people in the Christian community marginalize the Flood, calling it a "myth" or a "story" for kids. In contrast, there are many people like me and the rest of the AOI staff, who not only accept the Biblical account of the Flood as literal truth, but also point to abundant geologic evidence for it. (See page 3 for some of this evidence.)

Why do many church people reject the Flood? First of all, the secular world constantly hammers students with evolution and the idea that geology has proven the Flood to be a myth. Year after year of this indoctrination certainly takes a toll on young minds. But I think another, more subtle reason starts in the church nursery with all those cute drawings of Noah and his tiny little ark with all the animals squeezing on. Later, students see this idea depicted by colorful cartoons and TV shows. These images are firmly imprinted



in the minds of many students that I encounter at our university programs.

I remember one student in particular, who sarcastically asked, "How did Noah get all those stinking animals on board that little boat?" I responded with two questions: How big was the boat? and How many animals needed to go on board? He replied, "I don't know, but they certainly couldn't have fit." I pointed out that what he was trying to say was that an unknown number of animals couldn't fit on board a boat of unknown size. That brought a lot of chuckles from the other students. Of course, the Bible indicates that the ark was enormous, at least 1.5 to 2 football fields in length, which can easily solve the problem. But those cute pictures continue to keep young people from believing the Bible.

Why do I believe the reality of the Flood is such an important issue? Well, God cares that we take His Word seriously. Since He took at least 3 full chapters in Genesis to give the details of the worldwide Flood, to say otherwise indicates a total disregard for His Word. If we don't believe that part of Scripture, then why believe any of it? Unfortunately, many students have bought this line of reasoning and rejected the Bible—because they have been told that geology has proven the Bible wrong.



Peter warns us in 2 Peter 3: 3-6, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of

the creation.' For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished." When I am on the college campuses and even in some churches, it sounds like we are in those last days. I don't want to be one of those people scoffing at God's Word and denying true earth history which includes catastrophic judgment for sin by a global Flood.

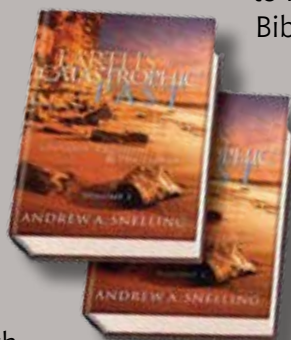
Besides all of that, the truth of a global flood should have a major impact on how we view geology. Instead of rock layers indicating millions of years of geologic history, they actually are a silent testimony of the truth of the Flood. In addition, the fossils found in those layers bear witness of the death and destruction as recorded in Genesis. That may sound like "heresy" to secular geologists today, but it was the prevailing view held by most competent geologists in the not-too-distant past. I believe we need to return to this Biblical perspective and take God at His Word! **AOI**

The Genesis Flood Updates by Dave Nutting

The Genesis Flood was written in 1961 by Dr. Henry M. Morris and Dr. John Whitcomb and is truly a classic book. This book has had a huge impact in drawing Christians back to the Truth of the Bible with evidence derived, not only from the Biblical text itself, but also from the science of geology. However, much work has been done in the field of geology since that book was published. We have always wanted to see an update to that book.



Finally, two different publications have been produced. The first, **Earth's Catastrophic Past**, is a 1,100 page, semi-technical, 2-volume set written in 2009 by Dr. Andrew Snelling – one of the world's leading geologists in the creation science movement. According to the Institute for Creation Research, "**Earth's Catastrophic Past** provides up-to-date geological evidence that demonstrates the authority and accuracy of the biblical account of creation and the Flood. . . with in-depth scholarly research and insight. Topics covered in this two-volume set include: The Biblical Record of the Global Genesis Flood; Non-Geological Arguments Used Against a Global Genesis Flood; Noah, the Ark, and the Animals; The Framework for a Scriptural Geology; and A Biblical Geologic Model of Earth

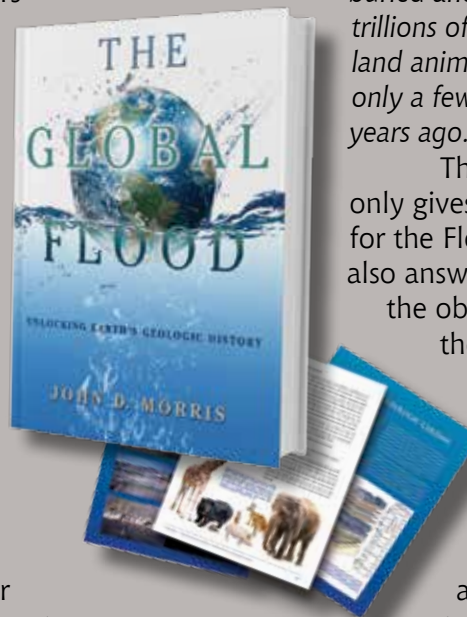


History." This is a great book for those willing to devote serious study time. (Hardcover; \$60/set)

The second book, however, is the one that I recommend to virtually everyone. Make sure you get this book. It is what I would have tried to write but Dr. John D. Morris saved me a whole lot of time! Anyone who has been to one of my seminars knows I like pictures and lots of them. Well, so does John Morris! His book, **The Global Flood, Unlocking Earth's Geological History**, is chock-full of wonderful photos and illustrations. It is easy to read, yet concise enough to engage even casual learners. This 176-page book fills a need, not only for geologists, but for the lay person who wants

to know about geologic and Biblical evidence for the Flood and its related issues.

Dr. John C. Whitcomb, who co-authored the original classic book, writes this in his Forward to **The Global Flood**: "*For some, the thought of a worldwide flood is ludicrous. But for serious scientists who research the various formations of the earth and the catastrophic processes that shaped the world we see around us today, the evidence of a global flood is indisputable. The Global Flood presents that evidence in a way that clearly demonstrates why the biblical account of the Flood matters to all of us who want to*



understand and communicate the truth of the Genesis Flood with confidence. The Global Flood helps to meet a great need today. It is comprehensive. It is aimed at those who are not experts in earth sciences. People everywhere need to understand the true significance of the year-long, mountain-covering Deluge that buried and fossilized trillions of marine and land animals and plants only a few thousand years ago."

This book not only gives evidence for the Flood, but also answers many of the objections to the Flood. It

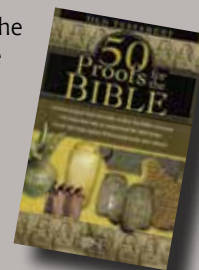
is a great resource for pastors and Bible teachers, as well as students and laymen. I believe

this 8.5" x 11," hardcover book will have a big impact on a lot of people. I recommend that you invest in the lives of your friends and family by getting a stack of them to give out for Christmas gifts. (\$20) **AOI**

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full-color booklet showing the authenticity of the Bible from actual archaeological discoveries. Just ask for "**50 Proofs for the Bible** (Old Testament)."



A Flood of Evidence

by Dave Nutting

Ken Ham frequently says, “If there really was a Flood, what would the evidence be? Billions of dead things, buried in rock layers, laid down by water, all over the earth.” Well, that is exactly what we see – billions of dead things, buried in rock layers, laid down by water, all over the earth! Of course, evolutionary geologists have their interpretations based on their “millions of years” scenarios. However, I think there are many evidences that really support the Flood and wreak havoc with evolutionary explanations. Here are a few:

Polystrate Trees are fossilized trees which are found poking through multiple geologic rock layers. Did these trees grow in place as the mud slowly piled up around them? Doubtful! Instead, it appears they were buried rapidly by a major water-and-mud cataclysm such as the Flood.

Sandstone Pipes are tubular structures filled with material which originated from layers way below the pipe. Hydraulic activity resulting from various pressures during, or shortly after the flood, could better explain the formation of these features. The material from down deep needed to still be soft as this “toothpaste” material squeezed upward from below. That means all the assigned millions of years between the layers could not have existed. Instead, the layers must have been put down in rapid succession.

Mass kills events found in rock layers indicate that marine (ocean dwelling)

creatures were buried very quickly by massive amounts of mud. These include the famous fossil nautiloids found in the Redwall limestone of the Grand Canyon. Millions of them are aligned in a way that indicates rapid burial by moving water currents rather than in a calm ocean environment usually presented by Park rangers.

Extensive rock layers fit a lot better from a Flood geology perspective. The rock layers are stacked on top of each other like big stacks of giant pancakes. However, the “pancakes” are enormous, spreading over vast areas. For example, the Tapeats sandstone found in the Grand Canyon covers an area that stretches from Mexico, across Canada and even as far north as Greenland. It also reaches from California, and across the United States, to the eastern seaboard. That’s a giant pancake!

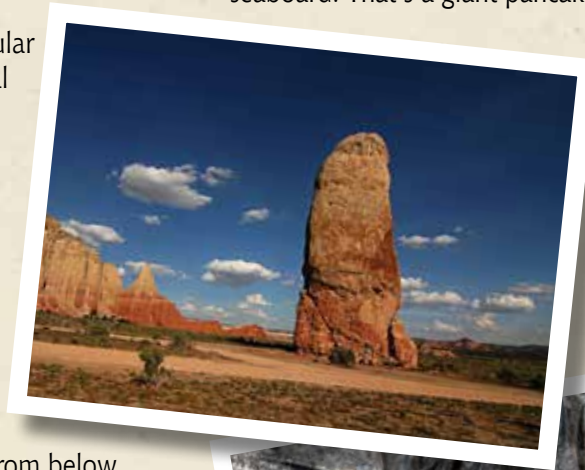
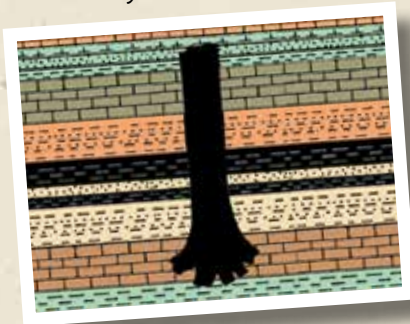
Other “pancakes,” like the Redwall Limestone, extend from the western United States and across the ocean to Europe. This indicates a global event and not local geologic processes. Many examples like this can be found in Dr. John Morris’s book, **The Global Flood**.

On page 167, Morris sums up the scientific evidence that the Flood was global in extent with the following statement:

“In general, the rocks speak of rapid, catastrophic deposition. The geologic column is a graphic record of repeated marine transgressions, incursions of the ocean onto the land, interspersed with regressions as the water rushed back into the oceans. Little time is needed for the entire column. The record shows what Genesis tells us, that the Flood waters were washing ‘to and fro’ over the land. There is nothing about the ‘column’ that should cause the Bible-believer to doubt the truth of the Genesis record.

“Some say there is no scientific evidence for the great Flood of Noah’s day. To this we can only ask, ‘What evidence are you looking for?’ All the stratigraphical evidence, the geological evidence, the fossil evidence, etc., speak of a watery judgment of life that can best be understood as resulting from the great Flood of Noah’s day – just as described in Genesis.”

Keep in mind that the evidence is so broad, that this short page of Think & Believe can certainly mention only the tiniest tip of the iceberg. However, I sincerely hope that this whets your appetite to further study. One of the greatest resources you need to get is **The Global Flood**. I am excited about this book and expect you will be too! **AOI**



Director's Column by Mary Jo Nutting



We just finished our first week of Creation Camp for this summer, which combined a Family Camp and Boot Camp for teens. It worked out amazingly well. Students and families learned to stand firmly on the truth of God's Word, while at the same time, they enjoyed fantastic fun, delicious food, and enriching fellowship in the beautiful mountains of Colorado.

While these camps are a LOT of work, we particularly enjoy the camp setting, as it gives us more time for teaching and for getting to know people on a more personal level than is possible at more traditional seminar settings. God seems to do special things in these times "away" from the obligations and distractions of "normal" life. If you weren't here with us this week, you missed out! However, we still have 2 more camps and an exciting raft trip scheduled this summer. Call today about attending one of them.

Would you like to host a creation camp in your area for families, children, or teens? Over the years, AOI speakers have taught at camps in many different locations here, and abroad. We can help you and your local camp put together an event with stimulating creation teaching and a powerful gospel message. Let's get the ball rolling now for fall retreats, spring break, or next summer.

One of the side benefits of our Creation Mountain Family Adventures, Boot Camps, and tours, is the wonderful fellowship enjoyed together with fellow adventurers in God's beautiful world. Sunsets, canyons, mountains, cliffs, lakes, rivers, wildlife, and wildflowers are often highlights along the way.

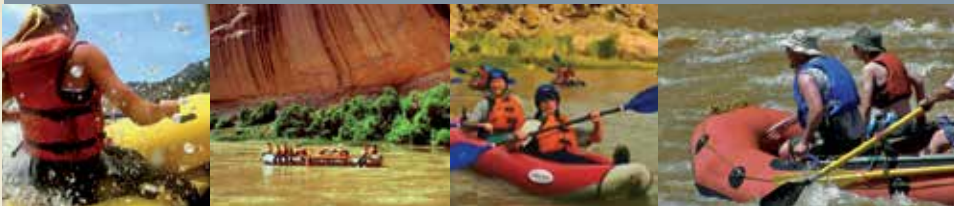
Come join us this summer! Bring your family, friends, youth group, etc. to be encouraged, equipped, and edified with creation evidences, Bible study, fun, food, and fellowship in the great outdoors. See our website for more information: www.DiscoverCreation.org/creationvacations. **AOI**

Whitewater Rafting

• August 24-30

Explore Solitude. Find the Truth.

Still room left: 2013 Green River Raft Adventure. With your guides, Dave & Mary Jo Nutting, you'll see geology, biology, Native American history, and glimpses of notorious outlaws. Also have a **BLAST** in rafts and rubber ducky kayaks! August 24-30. See <http://journeyquest.org/multi-day-trips/aoi-green/> for a lot of good information, video, and pictures.



Upcoming Events

Our speakers are scheduling creation seminars for fall and into 2014. These programs can be powerful ways to impact your church or community. Please contact us ASAP if you would like to have one in your area. See the web for upcoming events.

Recent Blog Posts

Visit our Blog at www.DiscoverCreation.org. A lot of **good information and comments on current findings** can be found there as well as personal insights and experiences from our teams. Read about copying God's design with "new" inventions, dodging tornados and softball-size hail, boot camps, and more.

Boot Camps 2014

Now is the time to begin planning to bring your teens and college students to the Creation Action Boot Camps in 2014. Please alert your church youth leader to these offerings! With a high percentage of young people abandoning their churches, **these camps have never been more important**. Pending word from the hosting facilities, camps will take place around mid-June through the July 4 week. See www.DiscoverCreation.org/Boot-Camps for more information.



Lean Summer Months

Summers are financially hard for AOI. We minister to a large number of youth and children which is crucial but does not generate much income. Please remember us during the rest of this busy summer. Your generous support for this crucial ministry is needed very much.

