SOME NOTES ON CREATIONISM

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Types of Creationists:

- 1. *Theistic Evolutionists* -- believe that God created the universe billions of years ago and that he occasionally intervened to direct evolution.
- 2. Gappist -- believe in a created, pre-Adamic world which existed for billions of years, became formless and void during a war between God and Satan, and that fossils are from that pre-world. The creation in the Bible is a re-creation of that old world.
- 3. Scientific Creationists -- believe in a world created 100,000 years ago or less. They hold to chronological gaps in the Bible, though a few hold to the Ussher chronology which puts the creation of the world at 4004 B.C. This group has gotten most of the press coverage over the last decade.
- 4. Special Creationists -- are the original Biblical creationists. They hold to a creation date of between 4004 and 4002 B.C. Their existence is seldom, if ever, ac-knowledged by the Scientific Creationists or by evolutionists.

Who are Creationists?

Most main-line churches are Theistic Evolutionists. About 15% of Fundamentalists are Theistic Evolutionists.

Most Gappists are fundamentalists (about 75% with the other 25% being predominantly Cabalistic Jews). At this point only about 25% of Fundamentalists are gappists.

Among Scientific Creationists with terminal degrees (Ph.D.s only, no Masters degrees), about 30% are Roman Catholic, 25% are Orthodox Jews, another 35% are Evangelicals and the remainder includes, among others, Fundamentalists.¹

For Special Creationists with terminal degrees the breakdown is about as follows: Costor Evangelicals, 5%; Fundamentalists, 5%; Orthodox Jews, 60%; Biblicists, 30%.²

2. The distinction between Fundamentalist and Biblicist is significant. Fundamentalists hold to the usual doctrines of Virgin Birth, the deity of Christ, and so forth; but they advocate the "inerrancy of the original manuscripts" of the Bible. Biblicists, also called "Bible Believers," additionally adhere to the divine preservation of the Bible throughout history.

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^{1.} It is a gross exaggeration to claim that all Creationists are fundamentalists. One could with equal validity claim that all Americans are black. Clearly this is not the case, since Blacks make up only about 12% of the American population. Yet evolution's expositors mindlessly parrot the claim that Creationists are Fundamentalists.

Major Creationist Evidences

- 1. *Pleochroic Halos* -- discolorations in some rocks, especially mica, due to the decay of radioactive particles. Some are due to radioactive elements with half-lives ranging from days to fractions of a second. The implication is that the rocks solidified in a time which is short compared to the half life. Missing in those cases are Halos from the "parent(s)" of those radioactive elements.
- 2. Earth's Magnetic Field -- the strength of the earth's magnetic field is decaying at a rate consistent with straight-forward electromagnetic field decay theory. Extrapolating backwards in time indicates that 10,000 years ago the earth would have been vaporized by the heat produced by the current. Evolutionists have not yet been able to develop a theory which would allow for reversing magnetic fields and which survives actual laboratory testing. The decay of the magnetic field, even from the evolutionists' supposed scenario, implies that dates prior to 1,000 years ago need correcting and dates prior to about 2,000 years ago need correspondingly greater adjusting. This is so because there was less radioactive carbon to start with in the past so that ages will consistently be over-estimated. E.g. radiocarbon dates for 4,000-year old objects will typically be reported at tens of thousands of years.
- 3. *Out-of-Place Fossils* -- (See accompanying hand-out.) Just how many "accidental" depositions of modern to "stone-age" artifacts into the midst of coal seams and into hard rocks are you willing to accept before your faith in evolution is challenged?
- Hoaxes and Suppressed Evidence -- Take Peking man, (Bejing Man, now?) for ex-4. ample. Why do the textbooks neglect to mention that three fully-modern human skulls and the remains of about 6 to 10 humans were found at the same level as the Peking man skulls? Why not report that the Peking man skulls all had holes drilled into them as if someone had opened them up to eat the brains, a human practice still common in the area when the excavations were done in the 1930s? What about Piltdown man, which is now recognized as a hoax, having been concocted from a human skull and an ape's jawbone? What about Java man which was even admitted by its discoverer, Dubois, to be a hoax, being just the top of a gibbon skull? Remember Nebraska man? He was the evolutionists' proof-positive of evolution in the Scopes Trial; but that missing link ultimately turned out to be nothing more than the tooth of an "Archaeopteryx!" you say. It has solid bones, not hollow ones as extinct pig. "Archaeopteryx!" you say. It has solid bones, not hollow ones as have birds. "Ah! What more proof that it is a true transitional form can one want?" But the bones look like the dinosaur *Compsognathus* and the feathers are embedded in a matrix which is not only of a color different from the rock, but they also stretch continuously across cracks when they should be broken and displaced; the matrix visibly covers up dendritic patterns when these should be on top of the matrix; and many of the feathers show evidence of being double-struck (two impressions or the same feather, slightly offset, as if someone lifted the top rock slightly to check for fit and then lowered it again onto the wet cement).³ What of Lucy and the circular hut foundation below

^{3.} Hoyle, Sir Fred & C. Wickramasinghe, 1986. Arcaeopteryx The Primordial Bird: A Case of Fossil Forgery. (Swansea: Christopher Davies).

her level at the 2-million year old stratum? And then there was Heidelberg man. And why does the B-W library have only one book by a creationist but many anti-creationist books? By comparison, there are plenty of books advocating the occult, "New-Age," and astrology.

Predictions by Creationist Models

- 1. All planets or satellites capable of sustaining their surface features for more than 6,000 years will exhibit craters. This is independent of the distance from the sun and, indeed, will be so for objects circling other stars. Such crater distribution can not be accounted for by the impact hypothesis. All else being equal, the number and type of the craters will be found to reflect the nuclear composition of the body.
- 2. The three-degree Kelvin background radiation will be found to exhibit evidence of "universal rotation" (interpreted as an isotropy) of the order of 10⁻²⁶ radians/second. This is just below the current limit of detection.
- 3. The big-bang model will eventually be replaced by the inflationary universe in evolutionary circles, leading to the pretence that the three-degree Kelvin radiation field is due to thermalized energy arising from (rapid) nucleosynthesis during a helium-producing transition phase of the expansion. This is based on the fact that the creation model predicts *in situ* nucleosynthesis and almost immediate thermalization of the resultant radiation.
- 4. Forms of ice beyond those currently recognized will be found to play an important part in continental drift. These water ices can only exist at extremely high temperatures and pressures. Their formation requires the release of tremendous amounts of heat, so great that current lab equipment can not hold the pressure long enough to allow for its release. Likewise, the sudden release of the pressure will suddenly cool the material to temperatures of -100 degrees Fahrenheit or colder.
- 5. Fossil fuels are renewable; all that is needed is the right catalyst.
- 6. Clusters of galaxies and superclusters exhibit an overall rotation, although not all objects will move in the same direction.
- 7. Time is not a flow from past to future through the present but is process. It will be found that that which has been is now and that which is to be has already been.
- 8. Theories about origins will never be rationally comprehended because singularities ("paradoxes") will always exist at the "zero point;" particularly for parameters which are inversely proportional to the distance from the zero point.
- 9. People will continue to disbelieve the second law of thermodynamics and continue in their attempts to find a way around it. This is actually a corollary of the second law itself. The attempts will fail though limited success and promising leads will appear from time to time.
- 10. As galaxies are seen further and further away, they will continue to show minimal evidence of what could pass for evolutionary effects.

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WHAT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN FOUND (Scaled on evolutionary time)





PALEOCENE



AUSTRALOPITHECUS (LUCY) HOMO ERECTUS

QUATERNARY



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