

Acts of Jesus, Lesson 36: Paul was Not an Evolutionist, Part 2

We are in the middle of what looks like will be 3-part mini-series on evolution vs. creation.

- We started last time with cutting the ground out from underneath those of who think we can hold on to both evolution and the Bible at the same time. Remember that:
- 1. No writer of the Bible nor Jesus were anything other than creationists - most them referring, in some cases, often to Genesis and yet never indicating that anything there was inaccurate.
- 2. We saw that though we may believe that it took millions and billions of years for the creation to come about, we cannot make the Bible say that or in any way affirm our position from Scripture.

Not only does the grammar of the Bible not allow for billions of years, it also regularly affirms the opposite:

- We have Paul in Acts essentially affirm the 6-day creation in Genesis again, you say, "well, Paul just wasn't informed". So, you are?
- **Mark 10:6, Psalms 19:1-4, II Peter 3:3-6** - To not factor in a World-wide Catastrophic Flood would lead to some pretty absurd conclusions about geology and fossil, don't you think?

Let's spend a few minutes addressing the issue of the flood of Noah.

1. What would explain our population statistics:

- There are 6.5 billion people in the world today with a growth rate of 2% per year "why are we only now having a population explosion?"
- Today == Increase in pop. of 2%/year.
- If evolution is true, and humans have been having children for 6 million years, then why are we only now filling the earth?
- Past (factoring in famines, plagues, wars, etc.) conservative estimate == increase of 1/2%/year (very conservative given no birth control)
- At 1/2% pop. increase per year would get us to where we are Population wise from one family in about 4,000 years which is roughly the time Noah and his one family got off the Ark!!!
- If we took evolution seriously, we'd have to say:
- 1 million years = 25,000 generations @ 40yrs./gen. @ 1/2% increase/yr. = $10^{2,100}$ expected population.
- Enough people to fill earth + oceans and still only use $10^{80} = 10^{2010}$ People left!!
- To only get to where we are after a million years of living here means our population could have only doubled every 17,000 years!! **Preposterous!**

2. What would explain much geologic and scientific evidence out there.

- **Gen. 6:11** – What must that have been like?? Covered all the mountains? (Ararat = 17K ft.) What would something like that do to our planet?
- 1. Make it a sedimentary graveyard...and that is exactly what you find.
 - 75% of the earth's rock is sedimentary (laid down by water). When rock is laid down by water it leaves a pattern as to the direction that the current was flowing when it laid down that rock layer.
 - Across entire continents, the currents that laid down not only red wall limestone, but, also, almost all the other sedimentary layers were flowing in more or less one direction.

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- **What process do we have today that is doing this?** East coast rivers flow east, West coast rivers flow west, Gulf coast rivers flow south.
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2. Make it an animal and plant graveyard.

- Multitude of mass graves with the jumbled bodies of wide variety of animals
 - One in Florida has both marine and freshwater fishes as well coastal and non-coastal land animals from predator to prey—how'd they just happen to die in one place?
 - Karoo Formation in Africa is estimated to contain 800 billion vertebrate fossils.
 - What process today is burying animals wholesale like it did in the distant past?
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3. It would explain the ages of some of the trees on our planet.

- Red Wood and Bristle Cone Pine are very long-lived trees
- Reason: Not susceptible to disease, insects, are fire resistant, and do not die of old age.
- Oldest specimen is a bristlecone pine which is 4800 yrs. old.



- Why aren't there groves of these things that are 5, 6, 7, 10, 12 thousand years old??
 - A list of the world's oldest trees and you will see that all the oldest are around or a little over 4,000 years. Why?
 - We know they existed in the past because they are found all over as fossils.
 - Something catastrophic happened nearly 5,000 yrs. ago.
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"That requires a lot of faith to believe in (Ark, animals, flood waters)", but Evolution requires much more faith.

Famous evolutionist, **Thomas Huxley** said, "No one would bet on anything so improbable happening...And yet it happened."

Dr. George Wald, Nobel Prize winner of Harvard University, "One has only to contemplate the magnitude of this task to concede that the spontaneous generation of a living organism is impossible. Yet here we are..."

Why do people such impossible stuff? Bottom line: If Evolution is true and we are here strictly by chance, then who makes the rules? We do. So, Stealing, Rape, Murder is all relative. Morals are just a matter of opinion. Killing you isn't wrong but right because prove I'm more fit to survive. **But if Genesis is true, who makes the rules? God Does!!!**
