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## The Age of the Universe from a Creationist Framework: Answering the Question from Science, Part One

by Bob Harsh

Editor's Note: This article will be presented in multiple parts spread over several issues of *Origins Insights*.

Previously I discussed how we might be able to understand that less than ten thousand years ago the Universe and man were both created during the time-span of one week. It seems clear to me that a normal common sense understanding of the Bible leads to the logical conclusion that the Bible does not allow millions or billions of years for the history of the universe. Both the Day Age and Gap Theories gain their acceptance primarily from a faulty understanding of Nature. Their attempts to force long ages into their understanding of the Bible have been destructive for Bible believers.

### CSF Meetings

#### CSF South

Springs in the Valley Church  
264 Old Clairton Road, Pleasant Hills

Sunday May 15, 2005, 6:30 PM

***Why Students Accept Evolution: Taking a closer look at mutations and natural selection.***

By Chris Miller from Allegheny, NY

Chris has given over 400 Lectures on Creation and Evolution and has recently won a debate with an Evolutionist Biology teacher at the University of Rochester, Brockport Campus in front of an audience of 350 college students.

#### CSF North

Mars Alliance Church, Rt. 228

Tuesday May 17, 2005, 7:30 PM

***The Human Body by Design: The Whole is Greater than the Sum of Its Parts.***

By Dennis Wert

In this month's talk Dennis Wert will discuss some of the examples of design as seen in this wonderful body of ours with special emphasis on homeostasis, altruistic cells, coordination and control.

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I now want to share some of the reasons I believe nature teaches us that the universe and man have been in existence less than a million years ago. You may ask, "Why less than a million instead of less than ten thousand?"

It is easy to determine less than ten thousand when using the Bible. Although much of the physical evidence points to less than ten thousand, other evidence is not that precise. Of major interest for me is that the evolution of planet Earth and the evolution of life is impossible in any time period as short as one million years. Providing a rational reason to believe evolution is impossible is a major victory! So what are some physical evidences of a young earth?

**Comets are supposed to be the same age as the solar system, about five billion years. But they disintegrate too soon.** - Comets have tails because as they get close to the Sun some of their material vaporizes. This is what produces their tails that always point away from the sun. With each orbit around the sun comets become smaller and smaller. Scientists now believe comets could not survive much longer than about 100,000 years. Many comets have typical maximum ages of 10,000 years.

But comets are supposed to be the same age as the solar system, about five billion years. So evolutionary naturalists invented a source that would replenish the supply of used up comets forever. They teach that comets come from an unobserved spherical 'Oort cloud' well beyond the orbit of Pluto! We need to understand there is no observational evidence of the Oort cloud. It exists because of necessary inference! Comets decay away. But comets still exist. So, something must magically be producing new ones!

**Comets say, "Solar System is less than 100,000 years. Comets say no to evolution!"**

**There is not enough sediment on the sea floor** - The rate of erosion of material from the continents to the ocean is about 25 billion tons each year. The ocean's floor consists of hard basaltic (lava-formed) rock. Sediment accumulates as loose material on the of the ocean floor. On average the depth of sediment on the ocean floor, including, the continental shelves is only 400 meters. It is thought that the only way sediment is removed from the bottom of the ocean is by plate tectonic subduction. This means, the sea floor slides slowly beneath the continents, taking some sediment with it. According to secular scientific literature, at the rate of a few cm/year, that process presently removes only one billion tons per year.

Evolutionary naturalists believe this process has been going on as long as the oceans have existed. They say, for three billion years. At the present rate the deposition on the ocean floor has been going on for less than 12 million years. Perhaps the present 400 meters is due in large part to Noah's flood and not three million years of uniform erosion activity.

**Deposition of sediment in the ocean says less than 12 million years. Ocean sediment says no to evolution!**

**There is not enough sodium in the sea** - Rivers pick up and deposit over 450 million tons of sodium each year in the oceans of the world. About 73% stays in the ocean while 27% escapes by various means. At a uniform rate the ocean would be dated at 42 million years, if the starting concentration is zero sodium. This is 100 times less time than the supposed 3 billion years age that evolutionary naturalists theorize.

**Salt in the ocean says less than 42 million years. Salt in the ocean says no to evolution!**

**Earth's magnetic field is decaying too fast** - The total energy stored in the Earth's magnetic field has steadily decreased by a factor of 2.7 over the past 1,000 years. [Merrill, R.T. and McElhinney, M.W., *The Earth's Magnetic Field*, Academic Press (1983), London, pp. 101-106.] In the 1970s, physics professor Dr. Thomas Barnes

noted that measurements since 1835 have shown that the field is decaying at 5% per century. Archaeological measurements show that the field was 40% stronger in AD 1000 than today. [*The earth's magnetic field: evidence that the earth is young* by Jonathan Sarfati]. Barnes' theory matches paleomagnetic, historic, and present data. Coe, R.S., Prévot, M., and Camps, P., 'New evidence for extraordinary change of the geomagnetic field during a reversal', *Nature* 374 (20 April 1995), pp. 687-92. Barnes, the author of a well-regarded electromagnetism textbook, proposed that the earth's magnetic field was caused by a *decaying electric current* in the earth's metallic core. Barnes calculated that the current could not have been decaying for more than 10,000 years, or else its original strength would have been large enough to melt the earth. So the earth must be younger than that. [*The earth's magnetic field: evidence that the earth is young* by Jonathan Sarfati]

The main result is that the field's total energy (not surface intensity) has always decayed at least as fast as now. At that rate the field could not be more than 10,000 years old. [Humphreys, D.R., 'Physical mechanism for reversals of the earth's magnetic field during the flood', *Proc. 2nd Internat. Conf. on Creationism, Vol. II*, Creation Science Fellowship (1990), pp. 129-142, address in ref. 12.]

**Decay of the earth's magnetic field says less than 10,000 years. Decay of the earth's magnetic field says no to evolution!**

In next month's issue of *Origins Insights* this article will continue with a discussion of the layers of ice in Greenland, World War II airplanes under the ice and sedimentary rock layers.

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## **Summer Creation Science Events**

**2005 Creation MEGA Conference  
July 17-22, 2005  
Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia**

The MEGA Conference is offering two tracks, basic and advanced, with sessions for ages 12 and up. This conference is co-sponsored by AIG and Liberty University in conjunction with CRS, Master Books, ICC, CSF and The Old Schoolhouse magazine. See [www.CreationMegaConference.com](http://www.CreationMegaConference.com) for more details.

**Creation Mountain Adventures 2005  
Alpha Omega Institute  
Twin Peaks, Family Science Adventure, July 3-8, 2005 and  
Readcloud Family Mountain Adventure  
July 31-Aug. 5 and Aug. 7-12, 2005**

These three adventures are held in the mountains of Colorado and offer an excellent opportunity for families to explore and enjoy some creation teaching. For more information see [www.discovercreation.org](http://www.discovercreation.org)

## Wanted: Treasurer

You will notice from list of officers in the box below that there have been several changes in your Board of Directors. At the board meeting last month your board voted to increase the board from 5 to 7 members. This was done in part to provide representation for CSF South. You will also note that Reid Moon is the new Chairman but continues to perform the duties of Secretary and Treasurer. Please let this serve as an urgent request for a regular CSF member to step forward to serve as the Treasurer. If you are interested please let one of the board members know or send an e-mail expressing your desire to fill the position.

### The Human Body by Design: The Whole is Greater than the Sum of Its Parts.

The evidence of intelligent design in the human body is not just in the complexity of its systems and their anatomy and physiology. Complex items can arise via purely natural processes, for example, the structure of a snowflake, the structure of minerals and crystals in nature, however, the body is not just a assemblage of complex parts. The miracle and design of the human body is in how all those parts are put together and work together in perfect harmony and under the direction of an intelligent being, us. Cells form tissues, tissues form organs, organs form systems, systems communicate with each other and are directed by our God designed body to work for the good of the whole body even to the sacrificing of parts for the good of all.

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