

# The Problem with Time

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This essay covers a number of articles concerning evolution, time, eternity and the theory of relativity. These articles provide a different perspective with challenging arguments. There is no claim of authorship here except for compilation of summaries from the books mentioned and their respective authors. The challenge put forth in this essay is for the reader to consider the possibility of a different world view.

## Introduction

'Evolution and the Time Problem' is authored by Erich A. von Fange, the author of *Time Upside Down*. This book is the summation of studies concerning the arguments of evolutionists and creationists; uniformitarians and catastrophists, archaeologists, geologist, astronomers, historians and finally mythologists. But the overall focus is on the problem of time and pre-history as treated by scientists and others evolutionists.

Another book *Time And Eternity: Creation And The Theory Of Relativity* is by 1958 Doorway paper No. 37, published privately by Arthur C. Custance is summarized in the Appendix and represents additional reading.

## Part I

The question involving time can be summarized with one word, 'when?' or 'How old is it?' For example: the Antarctic ice cap is said to be 60 million years old; yet, in the Museum of Turkey there are two maps displayed. One revealed the coastline of much of the Antarctic continent, including rivers and mountains! This map was obviously made when the Antarctic was ice-free. This geography as shown was confirmed in 1952 and then again more recently. These seem to be impossible facts. De Santillana and von Dechend (1969, p65-66) state that evolution has blinded people to the real complexities of the past. Word like 'gradually' and 'step by step' is covering a large surprising ignorance. So now a new word has appeared, 'suddenly'. This has been added to things that don't fit under 'gradually!' The word 'suddenly' is now being applied to historical writing, for example, science began suddenly with the Greeks, etc. There is a problem with ancient chronology as prehistory blends into recorded history. Evidence now shows that Egyptian chronology may be off by 500 or so years which create a major change in Old Testament History dating.

Most scientists assume a very old, evolved world and provide evidence to support what they said. They disregard, or reject, or label as abnormal anything which does not support this view. One biology professor commented, 'for many years I have been very disenchanted with the current theories of evolution as well as those dealing with fossilization, extinction, geological processes, etc. But other biologists argued that there was no other possible alternative.' But in the past many years, uniformitarianism has given sway to uniformity. Within the church many are overawed by science and easily lead to compromising their own faith. But yet, one historian said that the truth is that we know very little about prehistoric man. Our ignorance is almost total with no two people in agreement. The French scientist Bounoure said that evolutionism is a fairy tale for grownups; it doesn't

help the progress of sciences. Because of the difficulty with pre-history, many are now avoiding the subject of pre-history altogether. Most people have seen that if there is any barbarism, people arose to that barbarism from a degenerated civilization not the other way around.

The real world is being seen now as very different to the one described in many textbooks. It is found that layers of rocks in many parts of the world are not where they ought to be. Once trusted dating systems are now seen to have serious problems. The earth's magnetic field indicate a much younger earth with animal and human footprints being found in places they shouldn't be with many other questionable points that have been just accepted in the recent years. The conventional uniformitarian geologic clock's assumptions list years in millions with further divisions of eras, periods and epochs. Ages were simple a matter of assumption; Eras were broken down into Cenozoic, Mesozoic, Paleozoic and Precambrian with eleven periods, the most famous being Cretaceous, Jurassic and Triassic. The epochs, for example, have names such as Pleistocene, Pliocene, and Miocene.

An amazing spanner has been thrown into this geological clock with a volcanic island some seventy kilometres rising out of the sea in 1963. One year later, as Iceland's foremost geophysicist described, 'Only a few months have sufficed for a landscape to be created which is so varied and mature that it is almost beyond belief...Here we see wide sandy beaches and precipitous crags lashed by breakers of the sea. There are gravel banks and lagoons, impressive cliffs resembling the White Cliffs on the English Channel. There are hollows, glens, and soft undulating land. There are fractures and faulted cliffs, channels and rock debris. There are boulders worn by the surf, some of which are almost round, and further out there is a sandy beach where you can walk at low tide without getting wet.' The infamous uniformitarian geologic clock is misleading. Along with this is evidence of the Himalayas and the Andes forms were during the age of man which make them very young mountains. Also, there are vast lakes of water under the Sahara desert. In historical times, the Sahara was a land of lakes and rivers full of fish. There are tens of thousands of rock carvings and paintings that provide a panoramic picture of life then. The desert occurred suddenly in historic times. Stalactites, instead of taking tens of thousands of years, actually only take a few years to grow such as a foot long stalactite was found hanging under a railroad bridge in Alliance, Ohio. Under right conditions stalagmite growth rate might be amazingly rapid as shown by a bat found inside a stalactite deposit in Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico. The same goes for a skeleton of an Indian killed in battle with the British only two hundred years ago

embedded in solid rock that came from the island of Guadeloupe. Considerable age has been attributed to peat deposits but an embarrassing find revealed an old Roman road covered with eight feet of peat in Scotland. We have now found fossilized objects that had already been shaped by tools before fossilization took place. There are still one celled creatures alive today but scientist say that life began with these creatures and have even plotted a family tree of evolving. These creatures are said to be 4.5 billion years old but they are still the same. Another problem is with over thrusts which are common enough but when large areas are found with fossils of the wrong kind then this is not an over thrust. Again, in the Franklin Mountains near El Paso Upper Ordovician limestone lay on top of a Cretaceous formation but this wasn't an over thrust. The geological column lined up with the Cenozoic, Mesozoic, Paleozoic and the Precambrian being last. The Paleozoic should have come after the Cenozoic. Geologist assumed an over thrust but upon further examination there was no over thrust. Another such column exists is the Glarus Over thrust near Schwanden, Switzerland but fossils are in the wrong place and Southern Arizona where Permian limestone rests on top of Cretaceous. There's obvious evidence of gear meshing but still scientists call it an over thrust. Puzzles like this are not just rare occurrences but when questioned; their obvious existence is explained away. There are so many of these points that they actually represent a norm in some respects. Derek Ager, evolutionist and respected geologist said that he was ready to consider catastrophic events and has decided to discard notion of the past being measured only in terms of present forces, especially in terms of stratigraphy. He remains a revolutionist but his observations are devastating to conventional geology textbooks.

The next point to be explored is today's dating methods. Interestingly, a group of physicists reported in 1964 that they could influence the rate of radioactive decay. But this rate was supposed to have been constant! These rates were measured with known dates within Egyptian chronology. Dr. Libby the discoverer of the C14 method found out that human artefacts only went back to 5,000 years. Older dates were found to be very unreliable and in conflict with evolutionary thinking. Ice Age materials have fallen within the Christian era which causes further problems with C14 dating. Mortar from Oxford Castel in England gave an age of 7,270 years but the castle was only built 800 years ago! Petroleum deposits are being found to have been formed in terms of 6,000 to 7,000 years not 300 millions years. Fossil wood found in a mine was described as coming from the Late Cretaceous period but C14 tests show an age of 4,000 years. Glacial advancement was said to be 25,000 year ago but C14 dating revised it to 11,400 with some as recent as 3,300 years but these findings are

ignored because they do not fit within the assumed geological clock. Truth is continually manipulated by evolutionists blinded by theoretical consideration. This dating problem extent into uranium lead and thorium lead ages where dust samples found on the moon seem to be older than the rocks below it. Anything that doesn't match set assumed parameters are classified as 'contaminated.' This has been seen in lava testing also. Dr Robert V Gentry's findings on Earth's primordial crustal rocks show that they crystallized almost instantaneously with some geological formations being only several thousand years old. Again, even the earth's magnetic field can't be dated further than 20,000 years. The last magnetic reversal is said to have happened 700 thousand years ago but research has determined that there was a reversal as recently as 800 BC which brought about climatic changes, volcanism, tidal waves and earthquakes.

Palaeontologists do not like to find foot prints where they should not be. In 1968 a sandal footprint of an adult and of a child were found embedded in strata in a Cambrian deposit near antelope Springs, Utah. There were human footprints observed in crinoidal limestone by early French explorers. These appeared natural with muscular impressions. A geologist from Kentucky extensively examined footprints found near Berea in a sandstone formation in 1930. An actually shoeprint was found in a coal seam in Fisher Canyon in Nevada in 1971. The age of the coal was estimated to be more than 15 millions years old. Incredible clear foot prints were found near by a lake near Managua, Nicaragua are the most famous of the Americas. They lay under eleven strata of solid rock 16-24 feet under the surface. Near Glen Rose, Texas, the Paluxy river bed revealed what appears to be human and dinosaur tracks together in stone. The rock formation is the Cretaceous. Many scientists treat these finds as irrelevant and lacking authenticity not fitting into the geological clock. Further Discovery of the Neanderthal man after 100 years of examination shows it to only be a normal person with server rickets! This was the fraud and an example of what will be done to prove evolution. This all goes to prove that science has never been very good at reconstructing the past nor in forecasting the future. Below, we see an alternative to the generally accepted geological clock:

THE 1<sup>st</sup> AGE: The void earth in the beginning. Gen. 1:2 now the earth was formless and empty... The great separations: light from darkness; the waters from under and above the firmament; the dry land from the waters; the day from night.

THE 2<sup>nd</sup> AGE: The good earth, from the sixth day to the 'fall' of man. Gen. 1:31 And God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.

THE 3<sup>rd</sup> AGE: The cursed earth, from Adam to Noah. The ground was cursed, not yielding its strength; thorns and thistles; high technology; earth corrupt and filled with violence. Gen. 5:29 (Noah) will comfort us in the labour and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the Lord has cursed.

THE 4<sup>th</sup> AGE: The flooded earth in the days of Noah. Genesis 6-9 The story of the Flood; Gen. 7:23 Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out...

THE 5<sup>th</sup> AGE: The divided earth from Noah to Abraham. The ice, the hoary frost, the frozen deep, Job 38:29-30; The mighty hunter; The plastic and watery Post-Flood world; mankind 'splattered' over the earth from Babel; Peleg - when the earth was divided.

THE 6<sup>th</sup> AGE: The plagued earth from Abraham to Hezekiah. Sodom and Gomorrah with widespread destruction and formation of the Dead Sea; the ten plagues in Egypt and the Exodus; the 'long day' of Joshua; mountains skipping like rams; the great earthquake; the ackward sun dial of Hezekiah.

THE 7<sup>th</sup> AGE: The modern earth, about 650 B.C. to the present includes the rise of Greece, Rome, Japan, and so-called Western Civilization.

In conclusion, this article has provided example after example of so many exceptions and discrepancies inherit to the evolutionary geological time clock covering millions of years. Uniformitarianism stresses words like 'gradually' and 'over millions of years' instead of 'suddenly' which is the key word of catastrophism. These catastrophic examples have covered detailed on geography, fossilization, extinction, geological processes and other things. Catastrophism has shown itself to happen over and over as compared to uniformitarianism. The Neanderthal has long been proved false. The earth's magnetic field indicates a much younger earth. Islands rising out of the sea have transformed within a year and stalactites have been proven to grown within years. Fossils have been found to be in the wrong place according to the geological clock. Many evolutionists are even saying it doesn't make sense with regards to gradual changes happening over millions of years. But no body seems to listen.

The biggest problem with these finds is the lack of follow up and research by catastrophists. Yes, the evolutionists rubbish these finds but if they are so obvious, a great push needs to be made in damming the cover up by evolutionist. This book is not a very good

illustration to put forth as proof of these points; a much more up to date and illustrated manual with highly polished arguments must be presented to establish a better foot hold against uniformitarianism and evolution. But the information in this article is very well put with points clearly made and very useful for studying. It provides a clear picture of the support for catastrophism. Thankyou!

## Part II

*Time and Eternity: Creation and the Theory of Relativity* by Arthus Custance, Zondervan Publishing 1977. This book looks at time and how it relates to both relativity and the Bible in the beginning chapters. After that, it branches out into other subjects. The summary is not an in-depth look into his book because much of what he says is so far off what I believe. For one thing the author as it seems to indicate is a theistic evolutionist who also believes in Calvinism and predestination. These points do not interest me but what he says about time is in fact very interesting.

*Time in the Physical and Eternity:* In regards to the Theory of Relativity is the basic tenet of Einstein's theory is that time, as a fourth dimension, has no meaning or existence apart from the physical universe and could not be said to have existed prior to the Creation. Time is only being experienced by those of us who exist in the physical universe. There is the relativity of time and also its co-existence with a created order. How fast does time really go and what happens to experience in the absence of time. In order to understand relativity let's use the example, if the boat begins to move at 15 knots, the whole problem changes. His speed relative to the boat is still 2 mph, but to the river may be 13 or 17 knots depending on the direction of his walk. When the current of the river is taken into account, all these speeds are affected and altered relative to the shore and unless he is in sight of some object on the shore which he knows to be stationary, he can never determine his actual speed with respect to the earth itself. So Einstein's entered with a principle of constancy here in regards to the above example to understand the velocity of light. Unobstructed light rays have an observed constant velocity irrespective of the relative velocity between the observer and the source of light. So where does time come in? Time is a basic function of velocity. So the relativity of time between the physical and the psychological has a small difference. We can experience time psychological difference. It sometime feels slow and sometimes feels fast. But there is an assumption that the flow of time is absolute. So time is not only wrapped up with the physical but it is something that binds with experience. God lives outside of time. Anything and everything happens at the same moment. If you pray, it is

already answered, not afterwards at the very same time; you could even consider it before praying! So with God, there is no eternity. Another example for us in regards to the relativity of time is the size of something. Size is only relative compared to some other size; it is neither small nor large. Interestingly, Jesus, God-made-man lived continually outside of time. Any time He experienced on earth would seem like an eternity because time outside of time is forever an instant. Augustine answer the question, 'what was God doing before He created the universe? The answer, 'since time did not exist, God did not have time to do anything.' So the Theory of Relativity is not concerned with eternity, it's only when we deal with the relativity of time within the physical or material environment. Time only belongs to the physical order. A fundamental point, when we step out of time, we step into eternity. We can not be in both but Jesus was in both. He was the Son of God in the physical world and the Son of Man in the spiritual world. Remember, the spiritual world is not governed by time. Time has no relationship to it. This is what Peter was trying to explain in 2 Peter 3:8: 'Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.' When a Christian dies, there is no in between. They pass out of the realm of time into the realm of pure spirit or out of time as we experience it into a state of timelessness. There is no waiting for the lord's return, it is immediate. However, when speaking of the Lord's return in terms of historical time, it cannot take place until the church is complete and the end of the physical age has come. This is what the Lord meant when He said, 'the hour is coming ... and now is ... in John 5:25.' Here, there is no different between 'is coming' and 'now is.'

*Time in Redemption:* 'And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Zif [May], which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord.' Many attempts have been made to correct or emend this text on the grounds that, according to information derived on the basis of Paul's figures in Acts 13:17-22, the period specified was actually 594 years, a difference of 114 years. However, a truth is revealed by this apparent contradiction. It is found that if all the years during which the children of Israel were in bondage to their enemies 'round about in the time of the Judges are added together, with an extra three years in which Abimelech usurped the throne, the total period is 114 years. It is evident that the inspired writer of 1 Kings 6:1 was directed to strike from the record these years of failure. This is manifestly not human history as we think of it, but the history of God's people as God thinks of it. God obviously strikes from



the record those occasions of failure and disobedience and judgment which eternity might have otherwise recorded to the discredit of each one of us, that even the times which occupied them are eliminated also, as though they had never been.

There are also three dimensions in which God deals with Israel's history, this composite is set forth symbolically by the use of trees: the vine to portray Israel's national history, the olive tree to portray her spiritual history, and the fig tree to portray her religious history. These three trees are used in this symbolic sense, not merely in parables where they are hypothetical, but in circumstances where the references to them are strictly historical, where the writer has in view real trees that existed at the time of writing. The vine is a "horizontal" tree. It spreads along the ground, requiring artificial support, constant pruning and restraint (which is a function of government), and tending to expand at the expense of others. It is truly a territorial plant. The olive grows vertically toward heaven. That the olive tree is associated symbolically with the spiritual history of Israel is stated with equal explicitness in Scripture. The choice of such a tree is most appropriate, for it is from its fruit that olive oil is obtained, and this is the oil of anointing which symbolizes the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It may be argued that Paul says to the Romans that the olive tree suffered the loss of some of its branches because of their unbelief, and that this would imply that the olive tree is simply an alternative symbol for Israel as a nation, since one would not expect unbelief among "believers." Unlike all other trees, the fig has this unique feature about it, that its fruit appears before its leaves. It is as though the clothing of the tree, the outward show of religious observance, the ceremony and the regalia of formal worship, is really the aftermath only of the bearing of a real fruit. The story opens (in Luke 13:6): "A certain man had a fig tree planted in a vineyard. . . ." It is hardly necessary at this juncture to point out the significance here of the position of this particular fig tree. Nor perhaps need one underscore the statement of the husbandman who visited it three years in succession and, finding no fruit upon it, said: "Cut it down." The Lord had a promise for us who look for His coming again, a sign which is to mark the end of the age. He said, "Behold the fig tree . . . when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand" (Luke 21:29,30 and Matthew 24:32). This was the sign of the end, the sign of the fig tree -- not the sign of the vineyard nor yet the sign of the olive.

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