

RUMINATIONS OF A FORMER HEATHEN

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Did you know that God does not make everything crystal clear? You might have noticed that. The age of the universe is an example. There is a big discrepancy between what the Bible says, and what current heathen science says. Surely God could have made things more plain. I think he does that on purpose, he wants people to be intrigued and to seek after truth, no matter where that seeking might lead. It might even lead a person to conclude that God really exists (he is truth, after all); and that there is absolutely no way that everything that exists came out of nothing. The First Law of Thermodynamics does not permit something coming out of nothing. The apprehension of this fact might cause a change, a radical change, a root change, a point of view change, in a person's belief system. A change of this magnitude in a belief system is actually the description of repentance, a change of mind, metanoia.

But why is it that the age of the universe shows this big difference between what the Bible says, and what heathen science says? The heathen say the Earth is billions of years old, the Bible indicates thousands, not billions. One of the arguments of the heathen (and of many Christians who believe that God could have created the Big Bang and Evolution) is based on the rate of decay of certain types of uranium. It appears to show that the Earth is billions of years old. If memory serves, Uranium 239 has a half-life of 235000 thousand years. Measuring the rate of decay of something seems to be a sure thing. If this piece of uranium (or some such) has decayed to this particular point, it means that it is these many millions of years old, you pick the number.

The main assumption behind those conclusions is that the world has been in a gradual process of development since its inception, and no world-wide catastrophes (that would have had influence in rates of decay) have occurred in the past. Uniformitarianism, it is called. But even heathen science says that there was a split of the land mass which formed what we call the continents today. This breakup of the thick crust that surrounded the Earth is still moving, there are giant plates colliding with one another, pushing, subsuming, creating enormous pressures, pressures that result in earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions. The heathen also tell us that the magnetic poles (the axis) of the Earth were reversed once in the past. Are these not catastrophes? Can you imagine the magnetic poles reversing today? What about all

the oil in the deserts of Arabia, even now? At one point in time, these places that are vast desert lands today, were lush forests, abundant with dinosaurs and all sorts of large beasts, living and thriving in a tropical climate. What happened to reverse all that? What killed the dinosaurs? The heathen latch onto the idea that a meteor hit the Earth and created darkness all over the Earth, killing the plants for lack of sun. The dinosaurs died because they had nothing to eat. Fine, have it your way. For myself, I have no doubt that the Flood that covered the whole Earth in Noah's time, is responsible for the breaking up of the Earth, the reversal of magnetic poles, the breaking of the thick crust that formed the tectonic plates, and the mass extinction of animals all over the Earth, including the dinosaurs. But, whatever, if a meteor hit the Earth it would have been a catastrophic event in any case. If it was big enough to kill the plants that killed the dinosaurs, it was big enough to have a direct influence on the rate of decay of uranium or anything else that has a measurable way to determine age. The point is that catastrophism, and not uniformitarianism, is the existing fact, and there is no way to calculate what the changes brought by these catastrophes could have done to the rate of decay of uranium or any other decay-measurable item.

The expansion of the universe is another point of contention. We know that the universe is expanding and we know the rate at which it is expanding. The heathen say that if it is expanding, there must have been a point of beginning, all the way to some infinitesimally small point when the Big Bang occurred. From the Big Bang, order evolved from chaos, all the components of the atoms got together in a big meeting to decide which components would form which atoms, so that the atoms could go and do something, like matter. Order evolving from chaos has never been observed. It is another dumb idea that violates Entropy, the second Law of Thermodynamics. The Law of Entropy states that everything decays, order decreases and chaos increases.

The Bible says that when God created everything, everything was fully mature. God created everything fully formed and it is impossible to say at what point in the cycle anything was established, even if there is a measurable rate of decay of any particular item. God did not create evolution. The fossil record shows no transitional forms anywhere. If evolution were true, there should be a record that can be followed. The Cambrian Explosion does not support evolution. Here is this massive deposit of fossils, with an incredible array of species, and no transitional forms anywhere between them. A Trilobite was a Trilobite from the beginning, nothing before it,

nothing after it. The Trilobite was an incredibly complex creature, with hundreds of eyes able to see in any direction. Where did it come from? The gradations are just not there. Unless one subscribes to the “Punctuated Equilibrium” irrationality. Punctuated Equilibrium says that things just jumped forward in some way and a lizard laid an egg, and lo, there came out a bird. That theory should add that, there had to be two lizards laying two eggs where each egg would produce one, a male bird, the other, a female bird. Also, the lizards had to live in close proximity to each other, or else the male and female birds born out of their eggs by some unfathomable process, would have never found each other to continue the bird line. This unfathomable process had to be repeated over and over for every form of life that exists, because the transitional forms don’t exist that can prove evolution.

The more you look at the ideas of the heathen, the more irrational they appear. Whatever, according to the Bible, Adam and Eve were created fully mature. Now, if one says that what the Bible says is not what the Bible means, well, then, anything can mean anything. If the words of the Bible do not mean what they say, then we are nowhere. Leviticus 17:11 is useless to us. “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.” If that’s not true, we don’t know where we are. We don’t have a saviour, we don’t have a sacrifice. Death is a-waiting, and that’s all we know. God does not make things absolutely clear all the time. He knows we are smart, he made us in his image. We can figure things out. And he is going to put in front of us a clear diversion. Do we go with him or not? There are plenty of items in this world to make us doubt what God says. Actually, the argument is not between evolution and creation. The argument is between evolution, versus no evolution. Creation is a given, even for the proponents of evolution, because whatever they claim to have *evolved* had to start with something previously *created*. Evolutionists don’t start with nothing. The Big Bang started with something, as well. And this something had to contain all the information needed for the formation of everything that exists. Information is a terrible problem for those who say that God does not exist. Ultimately, however, there is nothing more important than pulling people out of the fire. The only reason why this bit of diatribe is important is that there are many people who have doubts about the Bible because of what the heathen have supposedly proven. But the more they look, the less they can explain.

The fact is that they have *not* proven anything. Jesus is the sure thing.