

Creation Science Evangelism Rebuttal Our Mysterious Past



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One of the featured articles in the geology section of Kent Hovind's website, Creation Science Evangelism, talks about the evidence in the fossil record.¹ This article is written by Bruce Malone. He starts out by asking "How did all of those organisms get there?" Malone, not a geologist himself, will explain it to us! This article is a collection...a hodge-podge of data thrust together in no certain order...meant to overwhelm the reader with the evidence.

First, he accuses the geologic community of having the presupposition that the rocks were deposited over millions of years. Contrary to Malone's claim, there is no presupposition...the scientific data in the rocks is merely that...data. Young earth creationists approach this data with the assumption from their interpretation of the Bible, that the earth is young. Therefore, they have decided this prior to ever looking at the evidence.

The scientist examines the evidence, and then decides how old it is. In this way, presuppositions are removed. Since the rocks themselves testify to their vast ages, then they are indeed millions of years old.

Of the old earth view, Malone says "Yet there remain many facts unexplained by this interpretation." Not true. As time goes on, more and more of these unexplained data points are answered. Malone says these unexplained items disappear if you interpret it the earth as young. Actually, it introduces many more problems than were there before (see [Stratigraphy](#) for a lengthy discussion of rock layers).

Malone then mentions the various flood legends that are a part of every culture. However, since old earth creationists also believe in Noah (with a catastrophic local flood), this event would have also given rise to the flood legends (however, these legends vary significantly).

From here Malone moves to fossils. He says the very existence of fossils is evidence of rapid burial. No problems here, as we old earth geologists believe in catastrophic events occurred millions of years ago. I'm not sure what he means by the lack of decay in many fossil beds. He gives this as fact, with no supporting evidence. Which beds?

Next he argues that the Great Unconformity is evidence of a great flood, which deposited the "great boulders of Shinumo Quartzite, and on top of them the rest of the rock layers from the flood. The Shinumo Quartzite is at the base of the Grand Canyon. To read all about the problems with the flood and rock layers, visit our series on [Stratigraphy](#). For an in-depth look at the Grand Canyon rock layers, visit our review of the young earth book Grand Canyon: Monument to Catastrophe, [Chapter 3](#) and [Chapter 4](#).

He closes in the next to last paragraph with...

Creation geologists have only been working to explain the massive sedimentary rock layers of our planet by a worldwide flood for a few decades and there is still much to be explained. However, the creation model explains many problems which the uniformitarian model does not despite 150 years of study from an evolutionary perspective.

This is far from the truth. There are far more problems with the young earth interpretation. After 150 years of study, very little is now unexplained. Malone has given no evidence to support the young earth viewpoint...only empty claims and emotional appeals.

¹ Our Mysterious Past, by Bruce Malone. Posted on the Creation Science Evangelism website at <http://www.drdino.com/articles.php?spec=30>