RESPONSE TO A LETTER...

On January 12, 2005, the Red Rock News (RRN) published a letter. The letter appeared aimed at us, so we emailed our reply using the RRN web site link for letters. They chose not to publish our response. They did publish two excellent letters that replied, but did not directly answer the three intelligent questions posed by the writer. Therefore, we are duplicating the letter here and then giving our response. The letter states:

"Thousands die yet creationism exists
Asteroids can potentially hit the earth. The Earth wobbles on its axis. Earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, tornados and floods snuff out hundreds of thousands of innocent lives.

Perhaps the proponents of “creation theory” can answer the questions. Are all of these things part of “intelligent design?” Are those things indicative of an “orderly” universe? Exactly what was the “intelligent designer” thinking? Here are the answers he seeks:

“Are those things indicative of an ‘orderly’ universe?” Yes. Every earthquake, tsunami, etc. follows physical laws which Jesus built into His creation. Without the designed order, we could not predict things as simple as the

Radiometric Dating Unreliable

Last month we showed that C-14 dating methods are erroneous and that coal thought to be hundreds of millions of years old date to less than 200,000 years old. C-14 dating can only be applied to things that are or have been alive. This month we look at Radiometric Dating.

Radiometric dating can only be used on igneous rocks. Igneous rock is the cooled version of the hot magma or lava that comes spewing forth from volcanos. It is fully or semi liquid at its beginning and cools after a period of time.

Trapped inside the cooled lava are atoms of radioactive elements. A radioactive atom is one which is unstable and cannot remain what it originally was... it is going to lose some of itself in the form of particles called radiation.

How to Measure the Age of the Earth

The fact is, you can’t. We can use methods to infer (try to reason out) the age of the earth, but since nobody was there at the start, we cannot measure it.

There are over 300 methods available to infer the age. Evolutionists use a few of them, mostly radiometric methods, but avoid the rest. (Technically, the C-14 method is radiometric in nature.) On page three is a cool photo showing the beginning of one of these methods.

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In other words, unstable uranium cannot remain uranium forever. A radioactive atom will throw out electrons, protons and neutrons, many times in clumps such as two protons and two electrons... the element Helium.

The original radioactive element is called the parent. The final element is called the daughter. Two examples are shown above. This is not a sudden move from parent to daughter. It takes millions to billions of years and goes through stages illustrated in this diagram:

How does the dating work? Just like C-14. Half lives. You may recall from our C-14 issue that if you start with a certain amount of parent, after so many years, half of the parent will have degraded into the daughter. This is called the half-life. When exactly that same amount of time passes again, 1/2 of the remaining parent becomes daughter. This continues until all the parent has become daughter. In the case of Uranium to Lead (U-Pb) the half life is millions of years. On the surface this appears to be a pretty good clock. There are actually many segments of this continuum and there are other sequences besides U-Pb. So, we have many combinations that can be looked at.

In all of possible element combinations, there are several assumptions that need to be made:

1. The starting amount of daughter element is known. This is related to the last two and as you can guess, it is an assumption. No one was there millions of years ago to measure it.

Since radiometric dating is the only system that appears to confirm old ages, evolutionists fight hard to defend it. So let's look at some real world examples to see if they are really reliable. I looked for evolutionary reasons for the discrepancies. My favorite was that K-Ar was never intended to be used to measure short amounts of time. What a hoot. The formula is the same for one year as it is for millions of years. The next best was that the work has to be done carefully, taking in account effects that might lead to false results. How do you do that? You can't. You can only put in fudge factors after the fact.

Let's take a different perspective: Gee, they are only off by a MILLION TIMES! Now you may say, "but we know that is a problem with K-Ar." Yes it is. And it is a problem with the
On of the many methods of inferring the age of the earth is measurement of oil deposit pressure and rock permeability. Just such a thing has been done.

In the early days of oil exploration, a hole was drilled in the ground and out shot oil, many times up to a hundred feet in the air. The oil was under great pressure. As soon as there was a path to relieve the pressure, the oil took it. That path was up the hole just drilled.

But, there is another way to relieve the pressure. Since these earliest pools of oil were relatively close to the surface, we have to look at two things. 1) What is the maximum pressure that the oil could have without literally blowing itself out of the ground. 2) How fast can the surrounding rock relieve the pressure.

The rock around these pools of oil have a certain permeability (the property of something that can be pervaded by a liquid by osmosis or diffusion). In other words, how fast could the oil diffuse (or seep) through the rock?

In 1966, Melvin A. Cook wrote Prehistory and Earth Models in which he did the calculations to determine how old the oil deposits could be. He found the surrounding rock would dissipate the pressure in less than 25,000 years.

We will be first to say this doesn't establish an age for the earth, but it indicates a young age as it is presently a major problem for old earth geology. Evolutionists will say it gathered slowly over millions of years. But that would not build up pressure. A young earth allows the pressure to occur, as the result of Noah's flood and/or as part of the original creation.

I looked for the evolutionist explanation. They believe the oil has gathered over long periods of time (no explanation as to how this could happen). Shift in the rock structure built the pressure. It is a good explanation if high pressure was an anomaly that only happened in one or two places... or you can suggest an event big enough to cause the pressure everywhere, like Noah's flood (I doubt they will jump on that one). It happened in scores of oil pools all over the world.

For now, it appears that the Bible offers the best possible solution. The earth is 6000 years old. We'll have another method next month.

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Other systems as well. It just cannot be seen with such revealing clarity. Here's why we say that...

Let's analyze this real world collection of data from Arizona. In this chart we have a cross-section of a real geological formation. According to evolutionists, the top of this feature should date about 300 to 600 million years and the Precambrian should date about 500 million to 4.6 billion. We see several problems, such as the Rb-Sr, Rubidium (parent)-Strontium (daughter) dating method showing the top layer to be older than the supposed older lowest layer.

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Here is the BIG problem: At the bottom, there are a total of seven Rb-Sr radiometric measurements. The ages measure from 890 million to 1100 million years old. That is a range of 210 million years (20%). Consider the assumptions. Do we know how much daughter was present when the radiometric decay began? NO. If we get seven different measurements, there were seven different amounts of daughter present in the same layer. The more daughter at the start, the older the rock artificially appears. Most likely, daughter was present in all seven samples. How much? Possibly almost as much as right now, making millions of years out of thousands.

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**Quote:**

"We have no acceptable theory of evolution at the present time. There is none; and I cannot accept the theory that I teach to my students each year. Let me explain. I teach the synthetic theory known as the neo-Darwinian one, for one reason only; not because it's good, we know it is bad, but because there isn't any other. Whilst waiting to find something better you are taught something which is known to be inexact, which is a first approximation..."

Professor Jerome Lejeune discoverer of the cause of Down's syndrome, Institute de Progenese (Paris), formerly Professor of Fundamental Cytogenetics. From a lecture given in Paris on March 17, 1985. Translated by Peter Wilders of Monaco.
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