

Trilobites, Dinosaurs, & Mammals

What do these three creatures have in common? From an evolution perspective - practically nothing! According to their stories, these creatures lived three hundred million years apart from each other. Well - is that true?

The Bible tells us the earth was created in six literal days; “*And the evening and the morning were the ___ day.*” Gen 1:5, Gen 1:8, Gen 1:13, Gen 1:19, Gen 1:23, & Gen 1:31. According to numerous independent genealogy studies, Adam was created approximately 6000 years ago. God could have created the earth anytime He wanted to; He would still be our Omnipotent God. On the other hand, the process of evolution requires billions of years. One would think that science could easily tell the difference between thousands and billions of years. There is a significant difference between these two ages. IF science can show that the earth is very young, then evolution is completely impossible.

Eight years ago, the Institute for Creation Research (ICR) embarked on a monumental task. They called it the RATE program. (With a little imagination, RATE stands for Radioisotopes and the Age of The Earth.) The RATE program was launched to address this significant stumbling block for Christians. The final wrap up conference was held on Nov 5 in Santee, CA and by God’s grace, my family was fortunate enough to attend!

The conference was entitled “Thousands... NOT Billions” and could be briefly summarized as follows:

- 1) For years it has been a well known fact that radiometric dating of rocks of the same age generally disagree with each other. Evolutionists insist that this is simply a measurement problem due to differences in equipment and procedures. (Though if this were actually true, entire periods of their precisely defined geologic column would completely disappear in the disparities!) ICR sent numerous rock samples collected under ideal conditions to multiple independent national laboratories for radiometric dating using the most precise methods possible. The results? The disparities in the measured ages of the rocks were substantially larger than the measurement errors. In other words, the ages provided by these precise measurement techniques were completely nonsensical. They carry NO credible validity.
- 2) The RATE program also tested the apparent age of zircon crystals using helium diffusion methods. According to the radiometric dating methods, these zircon crystals were 1.5 million years old. What age did the helium diffusion method provide? According to independent national laboratories, they dated between 6000 and 10,000 years!
- 3) From an evolution perspective, Carbon 14 would be totally gone from any sample that is over 90,000 years old and is therefore completely irrelevant to the age of the earth. But is this actually the case? The RATE program obtained ten coal samples (carbon) from Penn State University that had been safely stored in an inert argon atmosphere. The samples they obtained were from the Pennsylvanian period (when trilobites flourished), the Cretaceous period (when dinosaurs flourished), and from the Eocene period (the age of mammals). What were the results of these tests? They all walked on the earth at the SAME time; not 300 million years apart. There was more variation based on the geographic location of the sample, than the supposed evolutionary age! When? You guessed it! All of these coal samples were laid down as a result of Noah’s flood.
- 4) It’s one thing to just shoot holes in someone else’s theory, but how can a creation scientist explain the “billions of year” dates provided by rock dating methods? “Decay rates” can’t change? If the nucleus of an atom changes, the entire universe would fly apart into billions of pieces! The RATE program also addressed this question. Not only did they discover one aspect of the nucleus of an atom that CAN change without the universe coming completely unglued, they have found conclusive evidence that it HAS changed!

So what does all this mean? It is simply scientific evidence that God’s Word, His Bible, is 100% true from cover to cover! You can bet your life on it. (In fact you already have.) Your eternal destiny is at stake!

