

# COSMOLOGY

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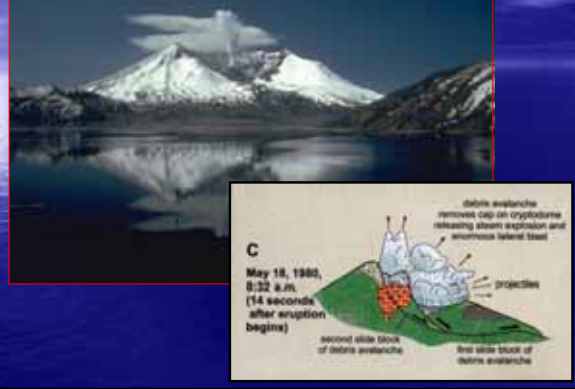
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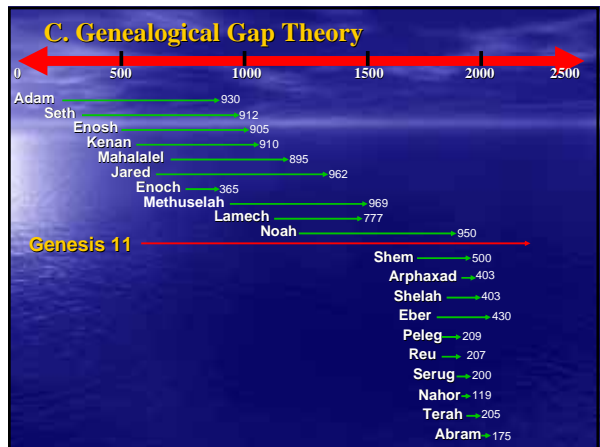
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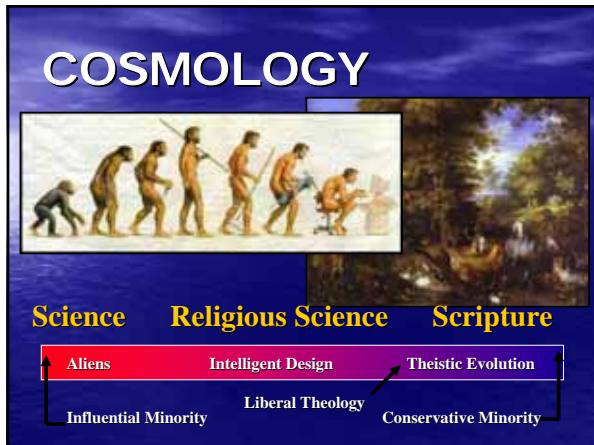
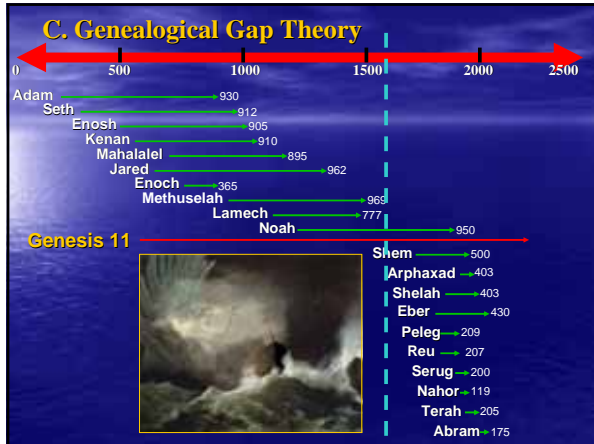
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**15-20 Billion Year Old Universe**  
**5 Billion Year Old Earth**







“This consideration of the biological evolution of mankind can be concluded by some speculations about the kind of forces that guided it.”

*Processes of Organic Evolution*  
Textbook from the University of California



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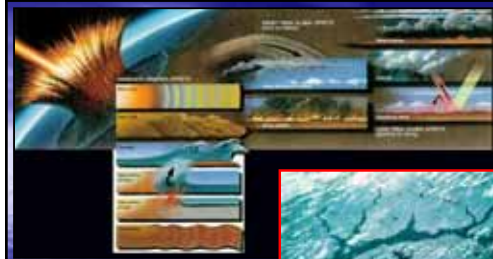
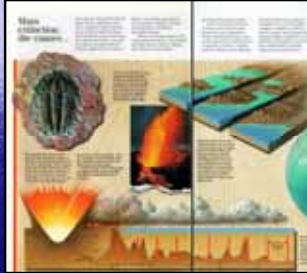
“When geology emerged as a vigorous intellectual pursuit around 1800, an alternative concept of earth change began to develop. It is now argued that the same common processes observed operating today were largely responsible for all past changes imprinted in the rock record. A noncatastrophic or more uniform view of change thus emerged, which provided no role for unknown, miraculous, or supernatural processes. It also regarded the sudden, violent phenomena as no more—and possibly less—important overall than more continuous and milder processes.”

*Evolution of the Earth*, 5th Edition  
Geology Textbook from Texas Tech University



Nature of the Argument: Dinosaurs

★ How did they die?



Comet/Asteroid Collision  
Volcanoes  
Red Tide/Oceans Died  
Glaciation/Climate Change  
Change in Sea Levels



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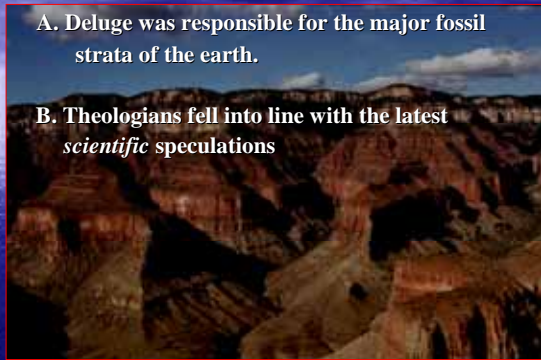
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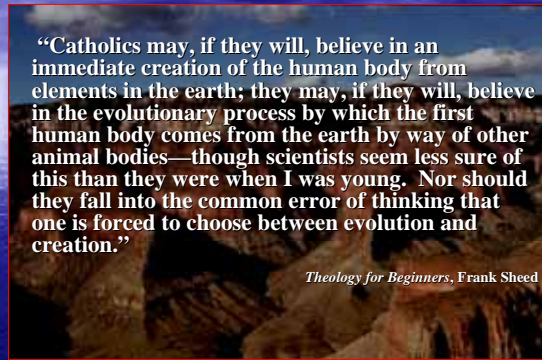
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“Catholics may, if they will, believe in an immediate creation of the human body from elements in the earth; they may, if they will, believe in the evolutionary process by which the first human body comes from the earth by way of other animal bodies—though scientists seem less sure of this than they were when I was young. Nor should they fall into the common error of thinking that one is forced to choose between evolution and creation.”

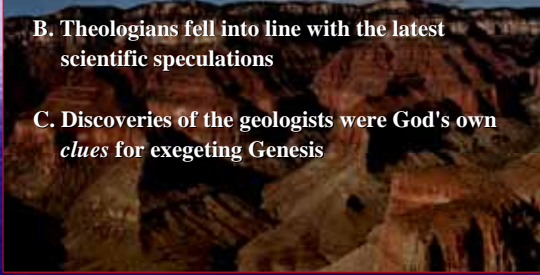
*Theology for Beginners*, Frank Sheed





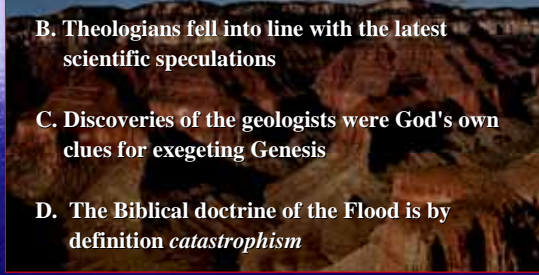
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"Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water."  
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**Genesis 7:11**



### CHRONOLOGY OF THE FLOOD

RAIN FELL .....	40 Days
FOUNTAINS OF DEEP OPEN THE WATERS CONTINUED TO RISE .....	110 Days
FOUNTAINS OF DEEP AND FLOODGATES CLOSED	
DEPTH OF THE FLOOD—22' above the highest mountains WATER RECEDES .....	74 Days
NOAH SENDS OUT THE RAVEN .....	
NOAH SENDS FIRST DOVE .....	7 Days
NOAH SENDS SECOND DOVE .....	7 Days
NOAH SENDS THIRD DOVE .....	7 Days
NOAH AWAITS DRY LAND .....	
29 Days	
NOAH REMOVES THE COVERING OF THE EARTH DRY .....	57 Days
TOTAL DAYS.....	
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“...that which is known about God is evident...for God made it evident... For since the destruction of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what was destroyed, so that they are without excuse.”

Romans 1:19, implied

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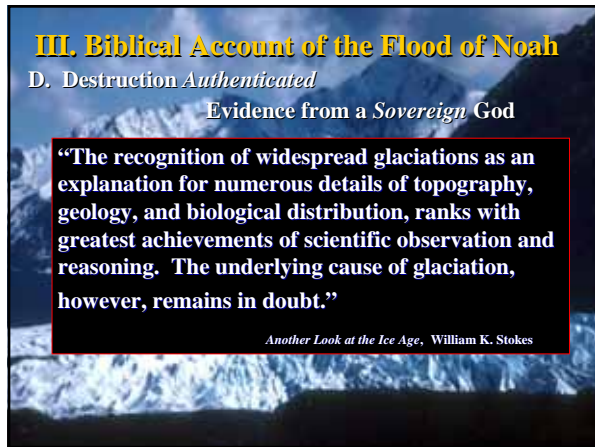
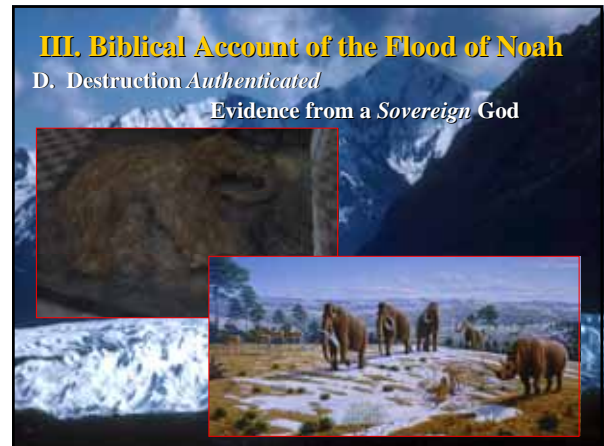
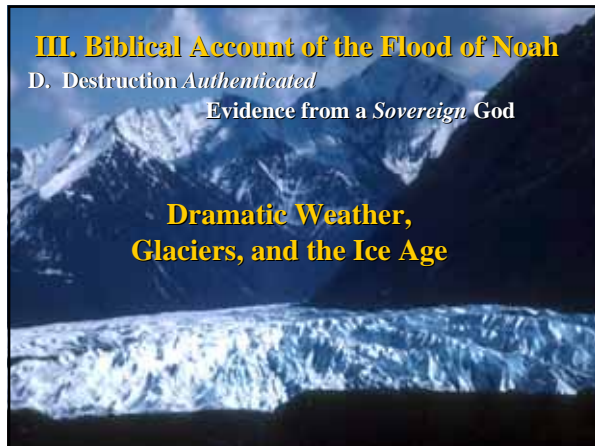
*“He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not totter forever and ever. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters were standing above the mountains. At Your rebuke they fled, At the sound of Your thunder they hurried away. The mountains rose; the valleys sank down To the place which You established for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass over, So that they will not return to cover the earth.”*

Psalm 104:5-9

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*“Erosional processes that fashion the details of their outward appearance are no longer great mysteries. Yet the cause of the deformation of the earth's outer layers and the consequent building of mountains still effectively evades explanation.”*

*The Cause of Mountain Building-an Enigma, Armand J. Eardley*





## IV. A Flood of Arguments

### A. Language of Genesis

- ★ Clearly *universal* and all inclusive

“The water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that *all the high mountains everywhere* under the heavens were covered.”  
Genesis 7:18

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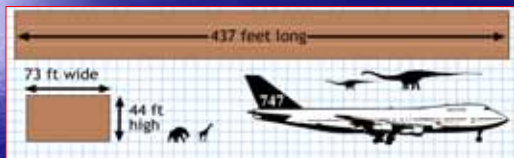
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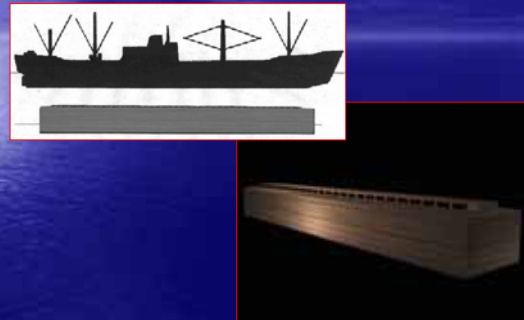
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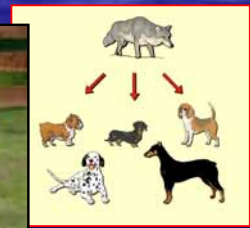


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*“On the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark, they and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, all sorts of birds. So they went into the ark to Noah, by twos of all flesh in which was the breath of life.”*

Genesis 7:13

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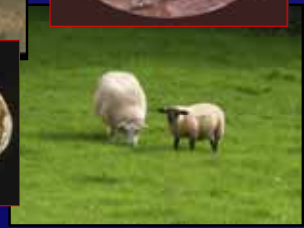
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Amphibians	6,199
Birds	9,956
Mammals	5,416
Reptiles	8,240
Insects	950,000
Subtotal	1,009,811

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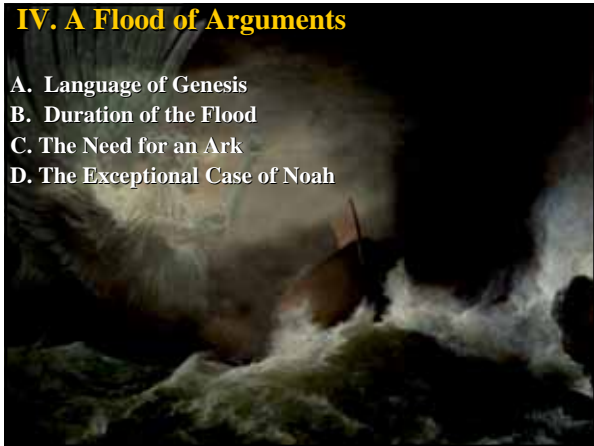
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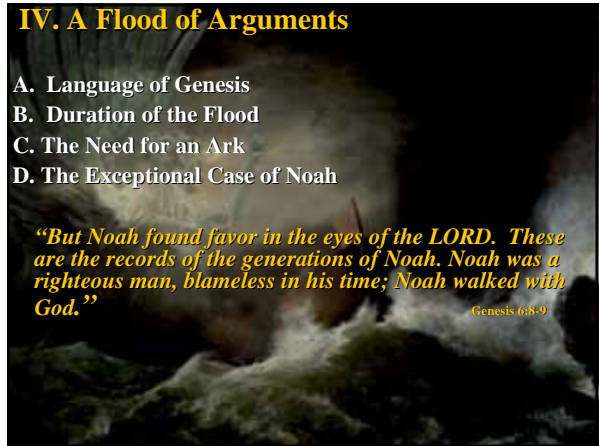


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*“But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.”*

Genesis 6:8-9





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*"...the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water."*

1 Pet. 3:20

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*"For if God...did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;"*

2 Pet. 2:5

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★ Having a *righteous character* was *not the only factor* that determined who was to escape the Flood.

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*"For this is like the days of Noah to Me, When I swore that the waters of Noah Would not flood the earth again;"*

Isaiah 54:9



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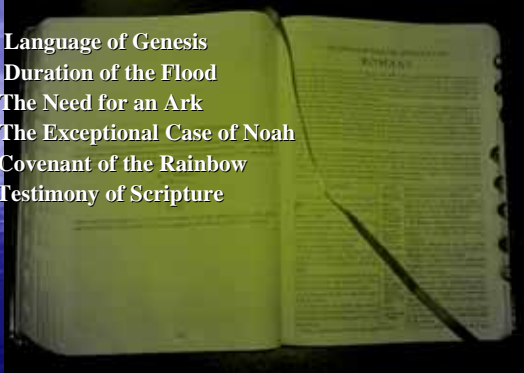
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★ If the Flood destroyed only a part of the human race, then those who escaped the Flood waters were not included in the Covenant of the Rainbow.



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*"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be."*

Matthew 24:37-39

*"By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."*

Hebrews 11:7

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*"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it. Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves."*

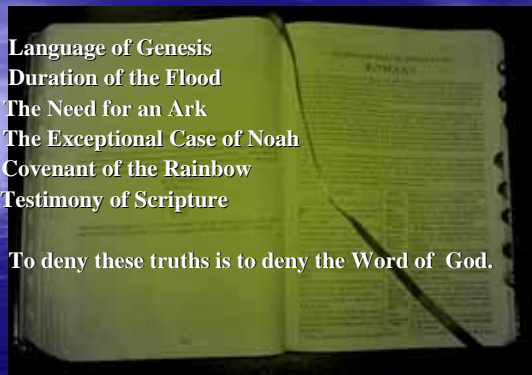
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- ★ To deny these truths is to deny *the Word of God*.
- ★ God has provided the evidence of worldwide judgment and men *ignore* the clear evidence

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*"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."*

Acts 17:30

## Destiny

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