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The Age of The Earth

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Potentially Embarrassing Fact (for an evolutionist)

The universe looks designed.



“In other words, creationists have a real argument here. They do not always express it very well, but if we take creationism seriously, we find some substance...”

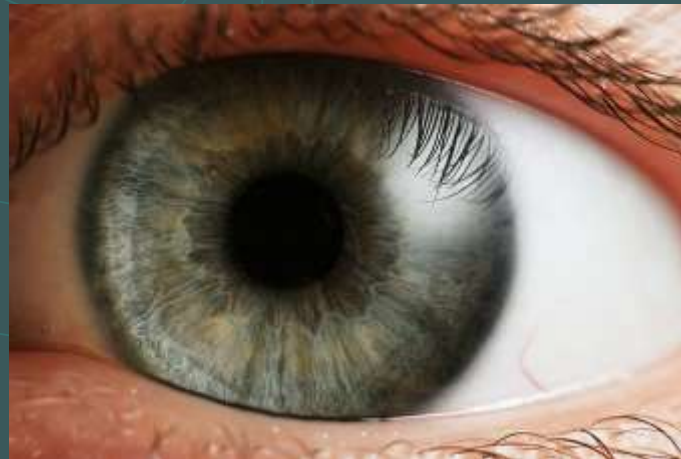
Taner Edis, “Taking Creation Seriously,”
Skeptic 6:2 (1998)

“On the Origin of Species”

Charles Darwin, 1859

Chapter 6: Difficulties of the Theory

“To suppose that the eye...
could have been formed by natural selection,
seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree.”



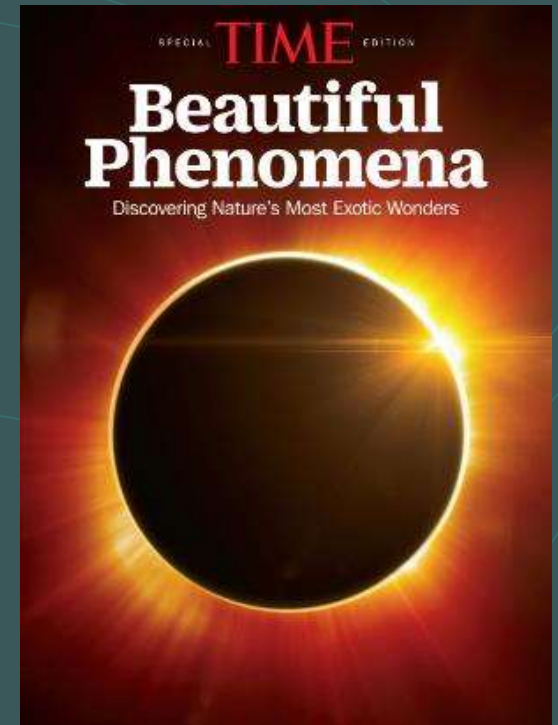


The Context

- “The difficulty... should not be considered as subversive of the theory.”
- “How a nerve comes to be sensitive to light, hardly concerns us more than how life itself originated.”

Even for scientists, there can be a temptation to see the eclipse as something intended to thrill, a sky show put on for the only species in the solar system able to appreciate it.


Time magazine, Aug. 18, 2017





Potentially Embarrassing Fact (for a creationist)

The universe looks old.



“When scientists look at the world and our universe, it is obvious to them that it is billions of years old.”

OldEarth.org

(formerly AnswersInCreation.org)



All a big lie?

Sorry, no.



Old Earth Evidence

1. Astronomy

- Light from distant stars

2. Geology

- Radioactive decay



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STARLIGHT & TIME

SOLVING THE PUZZLE OF
DISTANT STARLIGHT IN A
YOUNG UNIVERSE

FOREWORD BY
KEN HAM

Answers

Research Journal



building the creation model


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Answers Research Journal 3 (2010): 191–207.

www.answersingenesis.org/articles/arj/v3/n1/anisotropic-synchrony-convention

Anisotropic Synchrony Convention—A Solution to the Distant Starlight Problem

by Jason Lisle
September 22, 2010



Answers Research Journal 6 (2013): 279-284.
www.answersingenesis.org/articles/arj/v6/n1/light-travel-time-problem

A Proposal for a New Solution to the Light Travel Time Problem

by Danny R. Faulkner, AIG-U.S.
July 24, 2013

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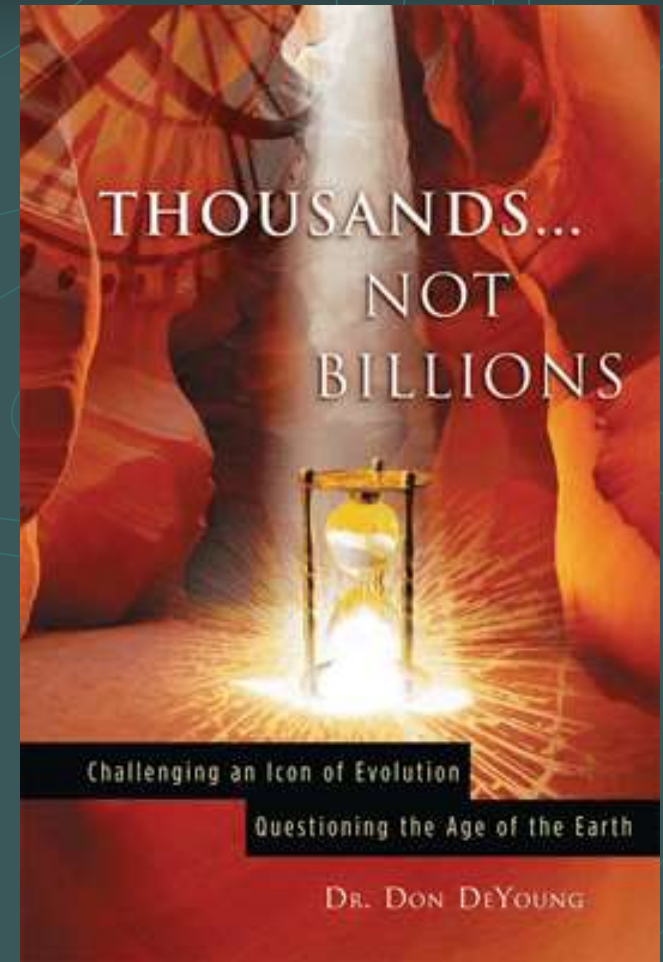
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The ICR RATE Project

1997-2005

Radioisotopes and the Age
of the Earth





Key Conclusions

- “a tremendous amount of radioactive decay (which would take 1.5 billion years at today's decay rates) must have occurred catastrophically during some event in the last 6,000 years!”
- “It is realized that changes in fundamental constants, and also greatly accelerated nuclear decay, are radical suggestions.”



Young Earth Evidence

1. The Bible

- “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God.”
Hebrews 11:3

How Young?

- Bishop Ussher: Oct. 23, 4004 B.C.
- Based on detailed Bible study, thorough analysis of secular history, and some debatable assumptions.





BJU Position Statement

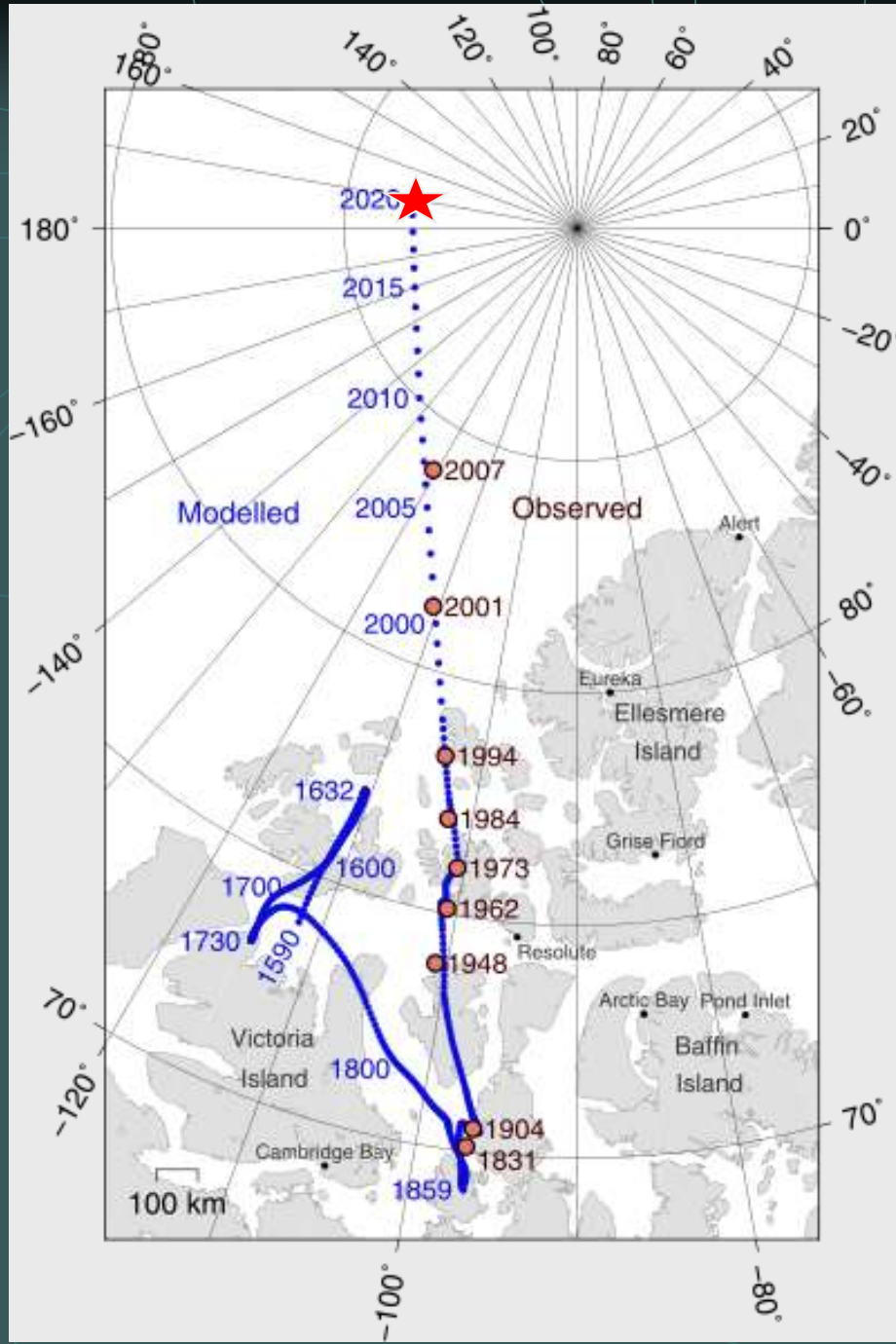
- “We believe the genealogies recorded in Genesis 5 and 11 indicate a date for the creation week less than ten thousand years ago.”



Young Earth Evidence

1. The Bible
2. A dynamic universe

Magnetic North Pole





Young Earth Evidence

1. The Bible
2. A dynamic universe
3. Evidence of catastrophe

Dry Falls, from the Missoula Floods





Attempts at Reconciliation

Theistic Evolution

- Catholic Church, Wheaton College

Gap theory

- C. I. Scofield
- Dr. Bob Jr.



BJU Statement on the Gap Theory

- Many fundamentalists of past generations who espoused the gap theory did so out of a sincere attempt to properly interpret Scripture. They held a high view of the inspiration of the Bible and would be horrified to think that anyone today would consider them to be yielding any ground to evolutionists, an archenemy they opposed.



Attempts at Reconciliation

Day age (progressive creation)

- Davis A. Young (Calvin College)

Christianity and the Age of the Earth

- Hugh Ross (Reasons.org)

Creation and Time

- BioLogos

How Old is the Earth



Young-Earth Answers

1. Apparent Age
2. The Fall
3. The Flood
4. Miracles
5. Limited human knowledge



Why
Science Can't
Answer Life's
Ultimate
Questions

THE
LIMITATIONS
OF
SCIENTIFIC
TRUTH

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