

The Stones Cry Out!

Text: Luke 19:28-40

Introduction:

Our Lord rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, as He prepared to take His universal throne, by way of the humiliation of the cross. And many of His followers began to lay down their clothes on the road, while others laid down palm branches, as they welcomed their King with the words, "Hosanna, Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees then came to Jesus, from out of the crowd, pleading with Jesus to rebuke His disciples, for the words they were shouting aloud, as they recognized that they were attributing royal and Messianic authority to Jesus. What would the Romans think, if they were aware of such a commotion taking place, where One, other than Caesar was being proclaimed King? And so, Jesus responds, saying in essence, "Look, if they don't do it; if they are silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

Indeed the stones know their God and Creator, and they are unashamed to speak the truth, which sinful man is often unwilling to acknowledge. How do you come to a time when you have to wrestle with embarrassing feelings from within, while simply taking a stand and proclaiming the evident truth about the power and existence of our God? Only by recognizing that we are a thoroughly hardened people, evidencing the reality that God's judgment is already fiercely upon us!

Indeed, the stones still speak today, but evolutionists would play the ventriloquist, attempting to make them say, that which is quite contrary to what is observable. And when the evidence clearly contradicts their ungodly, immoral conclusions, they merely sweep that evidence under the manmade carpet, labeling it as something unusual and presently inexplicable, because their godless presuppositions must, after all, be true. But, thanks be unto God, that there are some honest Scientists out there, who are willing to let the stones speak for themselves. And when they do, the message is quite clear..."God is the Creator of all things, and His Word is the accurate, historical representation of how He has done this!"

I. Paleontology: What do the Rocks Say?

We spoke about the main machinery of evolution, composed of the two engines of natural selection and mutations, neither of which do anything whatsoever to add information to the DNA of an organism; new information that would of necessity be required to change/evolve one of the created kinds into another.

This morning, we move on to the observable evidence found in rock layers and fossils, which evolutionists would see as the main proof for confirming their "old earth" (billions of years) theory. As we have seen over the last two sessions, millions and millions of years are needed, in order to give Mother Nature enough time to role the dice, and to evolve one kind into another. Well, the fossil record, found in the *supposed* geologic columns (a set order of rock layers), is the primary evidence used by evolutionists, as a means of providing the millions upon millions of years needed to support their system of faith. But as we will see this morning, Lord willing, there are a whole lot of holes in their assumptions about the rock layers. Indeed, the rocks do speak, but in a much different way.

1- The Observable Facts:

a) There are layers of rock found all throughout our world, and there are hundreds of thousands of fossils (dead animal imprints in rocks) within those rock layers. In theory, if you can accurately figure out how old the rocks are, which hold these fossils (I say, "in theory," because methods of doing this are quite flawed with many wrong assumptions), then you can discover how old the fossils are themselves, and thereby discover the ages of the animals which are fossilized.

b) The rock layers are not even remotely as organized, as the evolutionary Science textbooks would have us believe they are. The layers are just not so nicely ordered, and often times there are gaps and out-of-sequence layers, which the textbooks do not tell us about...because to do so, would, after all, raise too many questions about how evolutionists organize different historical time periods based upon the so-called order of the rock layers (the bottom being the oldest...etc). Remember, when you are using paleontology, merely as a means

of supporting your presuppositional evolutionary assumptions, you will force the rocks to say whatever it takes to confirm your assumptions. And when they beg to differ, you will write it off as an anomaly of some sort, to be figured out another time. You take what supports your assumptions, and discard what contradicts...that is how evolution consistently works, and that is where logic leads you, when God is not an option or even a potential factor in the equation. Suffice it to say that the rock layers that cover our world, (which creationists know to be solid evidence for support of Noah's catastrophic flood) do not look even remotely as nice and tidy and orderly as the examples you have, on the sheets that were given out to you this morning.

c) Unstable rocks (especially those formed from magma--igneous rocks), containing what are called "radioactive isotopes," generally decay at a consistent rate toward stability. And if certain factors can be determined about those rocks, you can measure the age of those rocks based upon how much of the original elements (atoms) that make up those rocks have changed into the now new stable elements. The time that it takes for half of the rock's (parent/original) atoms to decay into the now stable (daughter) atoms is called the "half-life." This system of rock dating is called "radiometric dating."

Now, this can work well for rocks that can be observed in an environment, where we are absolutely certain of the original make-up of the rock, and that no variables exist which could have hindered the rate of decay in some way. But how can we take observable radioactive decay rates from today, and assume that they have always been constant, when we don't know if all of the variable have remain constant throughout history (certain factors, like: the condition the rocks were in when they were first formed, how a potential fall of mankind could have affected the rate of decay, if a catastrophe existed which could have helped speed things up, among other variable factors, which cannot be observed by merely looking at the rocks today, would all weigh into the equation). Assigning dates to the rock layers, and determining an order to them, is just not that simple, especially when you are dealing with millions upon millions of years.

Carbon-14 dating (Radiocarbon dating) uses the same basic principles of Radiometric dating, only this technique can only be used on things that were once alive.

In both cases, three critical factors must be assumed (and they certainly cannot be assumed) in order for the dating procedure to obtain accurate results:

*The rate of radioactive decay must be known and it must have been constant since the rock formed.

*There must have been no loss or gain of the parent or daughter isotopes from the rock.

*The amounts of parent and daughter isotopes present when the rock formed must be known.

[Locating ages of unstable rock layers, provides estimates for higher and lower stable rock layers...etc]

Conclusion: No one was alive to observe all of these factors, and so we cannot assume that everything has remained status quo from the beginning up to today. There are many variables that can very easily come into play, and these types of variable affect measurements taken on newly formed rocks today, let alone rocks formed thousands of years ago.

2- Major False Assumption (see Ref. sheet)

a) The observable rock layers have formed millions of years apart, with the deeper layers being the oldest...etc, indicating that the deepest fossils contain prints from the least complex and oldest organisms, which have evolved into the more complex organisms in each successive higher layer.

i- As already stated, there are many gaps in the layers, along with out-of-sequence layers.

ii- Again, evolutionists ignore the very relevant possibility for why these rock layers even exist...why are there millions of dead things buried and fossilized in different rock layers, all over the world? What could have caused such a phenomena to take place? Well, a world wide flood would make perfect sense, and by such a means, fossils could actually form very quickly (Mt. St. Helen's example). What is observable, is that a violent, unrelenting flood has taken place. But again, God and His Word are not options for evolutionists.

iii- There are all kinds of displaced fossils; simpler organisms that have managed to somehow make it up to higher layers (millions of years higher), but that is ignored or written off as a mystery of sorts.

iv- There are no transitional fossils, showing one kind in a middle faze, working toward becoming another kind. Darwin, having little fossil evidence in his day, said that as more fossils were dug up, these transitional fossils would surely be found. 250,000 plus fossil species later, and there are still none. [Note the Cambrian explosion--from very simple to very complex---with no transitional layer---should be many more layers between Cambrian and Precambrian.

v- Fossils of animals that have supposedly lived multiple millions of years ago, which have long since evolved, are still found living today. Guess what evolutionists call them? "Living fossils." Just can't explain it, but give it a label anyway.

vi- The rock layers are often bent to an amazing degree (evidence of catastrophic flood)

vii- Recent discovery of dinosaur bones with fresh tissue and fossilized amphibian bones with intact bone marrow, prove cannot be millions of years old.

Conclusion

Paleontology has absolutely nothing to offer the system of evolution, and everything to confirm creation and the flood. We can attempt to make the stones say what we want, when we come in with an agenda, but at the end of the day, the stones cry out with their own voice, and the glory of their Creator is made clearly known!

AMEN!!!