

## **How Old is the Earth?**

As we come to another year, we think how things are aging. We may even wonder, how old is the earth? Evolutionists tell us that the earth is millions of years old. A straightforward reading of Genesis indicates that “God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1) about 6,000 years ago. This is quite a difference and evolutionists claim to have proof that their millions of years are correct. But what is that “proof” and can it be trusted?

The primary “proof” offered for an old earth is radiometric dating. Many of you may have heard that dinosaur bones are millions of years old based on carbon dating. (Yes, dinosaurs are mentioned in the Bible. More in another column.) The indisputable facts are that it is physically impossible to date anything older than 30,000- 80,000 years by carbon dating. Anyone who says that something is millions of years old based on carbon dating has been misinformed. So, how do the evolutionists get millions of years?

In the 1800’s, evolutionists divided the rock layers into various eras which they call the geologic column and assigned assumed dates to these eras. Those dates are still used today. Research with radiometric dating has found many inconsistencies between the reported dates of the rocks in layers and their assumed age based on the geologic column. Other research has found evidence that the earth is “young”. For example, if the earth were millions of years old there would be much more helium in the atmosphere. In short, there is no good scientific way to date the earth. Our best and most reliable source is the genealogies in the Bible. Once again, we see that we can trust scripture and know that God is truth. Please send your questions or comments to Creation Education Resources, P.O. Box 1853, Orange Park, FL 32067-1853 or call/fax (904) 269-9007. Thank you and God bless you.