

Mount St. Helens

When Mount St. Helens erupted it quickly disproved many of the *assumptions* of evolutionists regarding age of the earth. Once again, scientific facts contradict the ever-changing model of evolution and support a young earth.

Facts:

- Mount St. Helens erupted May 18, 1980
- Massive earthquake (5.1) followed by land slide and then by a steam blast
- The initial steam blast was equivalent to 20 million tons of TNT
- The first 9 hours of volcanic ash eruptions were equivalent to 30,000 Hiroshima atomic bombs (works out to 1 bomb per second for nine hours straight)
- The steam blast and an 860' wave from Spirit Lake flattened 150 square miles of forest in six minutes (some trees were 8 feet in diameter)
- The mountain lost a half a cubic mile of original rock material (was 9677' tall, now 8360')

Why is this significant?

1. This proves that thick rock layers can be formed in a very short time period. Previously it was assumed that it took millions of years of slow erosion to cause the rock formations and features we see today. We can drive up to the Mount St. Helens area now and see the same types of geographic formations – only we know that these were formed in hours!
2. Large canyons of solid rock can be gouged out by single catastrophic events, not only via slow erosion-based models. The Toutle River canyon, created quickly by the land slide and steam blast is approximately 1/7 the scale of the Grand Canyon and was formed in hours.
3. Potassium-Argon (radiometric) dating results are significantly off. A portion of the lava dome from Mount St. Helens was sampled and sent off to a high quality lab for dating without being told where the specimen came from. This is unique in that it is one of the rare occurrences when we do know the actual date. At that time, the dome was 10 years old, but the lab came back with dates ranging from .35 to 2.8 million years! <http://www.creationism.org/articles/swenson1.htm>
4. Confirms theories on the disposition of logs and the formation of coal that are contradictory to old earth evolutionary-biased models. Large areas of coal that have been studied without massive mining operations display a texture which bears a surprising resemblance to tree bark. Coal is formed by a layer of peat that is buried and slightly heated. Mount St. Helens peat was quickly made by trees being stripped and sunk, laying both horizontally and vertically at the bottom. These new theories have been proven by the eruption with peat already having been formed at the bottom of the nearby lakes.

If you get out to the area, stop in at the 7 Wonders Museum - <http://www.creationism.org/sthelens/>

Fun evidence for the flood and a single ancestry

Chinese letter symbols are quite interesting. When we invent new words we just make them up from letters (the basis for English). The Chinese invented new words from previous pictograms, combining two or more to become one. Here are some examples:

告 + 辶 = 造
to talk walking to create

丿 + 土 + 儿 = 先
alive dust man first

木 + 木 + 示 = 禁
tree tree God to warn
forbidden

木 + 木 + 女 = 婪
tree tree woman desire
covet

丿 + 田 + 儿 + 厶 = 鬼
moving garden man secretly devil

舟 + 八 + 口 = 船
vessel eight person boat

Conclusion

While the evolutionists continue to cling to their model (and evolve it to make the science fit their conclusion), the creation story is quite simple and clear. As we dig further we continue to find supporting evidence and enhance our understanding in terms of science on how God could have done it. We may never discover His methods this side of heaven but we can know the following:

1. Christianity has nothing to fear from science. Jesus is the truth.
2. Always question the assumptions, motives, and finances put forth by anyone claiming scientific truths (i.e. media, popular culture, etc.).
3. We have good, reasonable explanations (reasons to believe) and in many cases, science is on our side (biochemical systems, radiometric dating, physics, statistics, and even the observable world around us) but remember, science isn't everything.