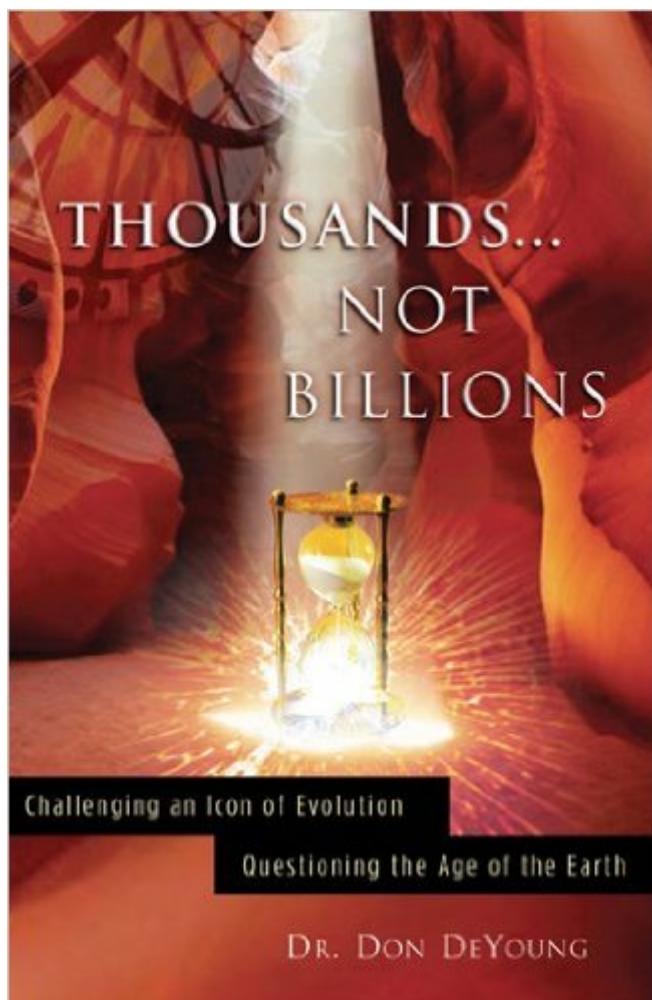


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Thousands Not Billions: Challenging The Icon Of Evolution, Questioning The Age Of The Earth



Synopsis

"Evolutionary models for life, earth, and space are questioned today by a significant group of scientists worldwide. They are convinced that the earth and the entire universe are the result of a supernatural creation event which occurred just thousands of years ago, not billions of years." Why do conventional methods for dating rocks differ so radically? What does carbon-14 found in diamonds tell us? Was there accelerated nuclear decay in earth's history? Are the creation and Flood accounts genuine historic events? These and many other questions are addressed in Thousands...Not Billions. This book summarizes eight years of research by the Institute for Creation Research (ICR) and a team of scientists, whose goal was to explore the age of the earth from a biblical perspective. The project title was Radioisotopes and the Age of The Earth, or RATE. The age of the earth is one of the most divisive topics today, much debated by scholars and laypersons alike. What one believes about the age of the earth goes a long way in determining world views. The Bible is explicit that the earth is young, but many people feel that science has proved our planet is more than four billion year old. Thousands...Not Billions provides a compelling challenge to Darwinian evolution.

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Customer Reviews

So, let me just start off by saying the following: 1. Young-earth creationists will like this book and think that it shows the unreliability of modern dating methods. 2. Evolutionists will dismiss it immediately. 3. Open-minded people who are perhaps on the fence on the issue of the earth's age will benefit from the point of view and the challenges the RATE group's 8 years of research

present. It is clear that the reviews so far of 'Thousands not Billions' support my hypothesis. Now, on to the book. Here's a list of the chapters:

- Ch 1: A Brief History of Radiation Studies
- Ch 2: Overview of Radioisotope Dating
- Ch 3: Carbon-14 Dating
- Ch 4: Helium Retention in Zircon Crystals
- Ch 5: Radiohalos in Granite
- Ch 6: Fission Tracks in Zircons
- Ch 7: Discordant Radioisotope Dates
- Ch 8: Radioisotope Dating Case Studies
- Ch 9: Theories of Accelerated Nuclear Decay
- Ch 10: A Proper Reading of Genesis 1:1-2:3
- Ch 11: RATE Conclusions

Quotes from Ch 11, with summaries by me:

"For some years there has been a growing realization that carbon-14 atoms are found where they are not expected." -Pg 175

Since C-14 only has a half-life of 5,730 years, there should not be any measurable amount of it in substances over 100,000 years old. However, measurable amounts of C-14 have been found in what are assumed "ancient" materials, such as coal and diamonds. Diamonds I think are the most significant, since they are assumed to be like a billion years old, and they are also the hardest natural substance on earth, so they know there isn't any contamination in the system. So the fact that there exists carbon-14 in diamonds that are supposedly a billion years old should raise some flags to people.

The chief complaint against this book seems to be "...This book is another example of TRUE scientific theory mixed with UNTESTED hypothetical ideas (somewhat like "bait and switch"). The end result is that the author claims to prove his ideas when in fact the untested hypotheses are still untested." I would say the same for evolutionary theory since TRUE SCIENTIFIC METHODS CANNOT BE APPLIED IN BOTH CASES. No human being was there during creation or evolutionary beginnings to observe the actual event, so we cannot test and observe either hypothesis. To me, the biggest issue here is not which is the more accurate theory. But rather, both positions cannot be solved scientifically and that it takes a measure of FAITH & a healthy dose of WORLDVIEW to believe which ever side you believe. The author of this book casts significant doubt on the VALIDITY of old earth age radioisotope dating methods which he purports to be the "lynchpin" of old earth views.* The RATE Project tested coal beds throughout North America. They requested & received coal samples from the US Geological Dept. They received coal from the top of the coal bed and the bottom of the coal bed over many sites. You know what they found? The coal samples had the "same" (same within the sample statistics) C14 levels whether it was on the top or bottom.* Also, they tested diamonds from nearly 100 miles within the earth. And you know what? They also had C14 in them. Diamonds are supposed to be billions of years old, one of the first minerals formed when the earth "evolved" 3.5 billion years ago; yet they have C14 in them. We have NO instrument that can measure C14 levels past 100,000 years.

A review by Don the Baptist of the text "Thousands Not Billions" by Dr. Don De Young. I read the text in its entirety. This is a good book, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The text addresses one aspect of the gross misinterpretation of the government supported scientific community: Specifically, the age of the planet including the age of rocks found thereon. In brief, a group of Bible-believing scientists got together, found their own non-governmental support (to insure honesty), and did some valid research "for a change" into a variety of commonly used dating methods. And as Gomer Pyle said (Yes, I'm old enough to remember Gomer. Maybe YouTube has a sample for the young people.), "Surprise, surprise, surprise" - the planet is roughly 6,000 years old. How is this possible? Obviously, removing the US government from the equation is step one. This allows step two, honest scientific investigation. (It is difficult to be honest when your paycheck is based on producing a pre-specified result.) On the positive side, scientific-double-speak is kept to a minimum so that the lay-reader will not be left scratching his/her head. On the other hand, for those who enjoy scientific-double-speak, page 18 directs the reader to the unedited results of the extensive investigations accomplished by the Bible-believing scientists. What could be better? I was completely satisfied with the information presented. One brief negative, as the font size and spacing is somewhat large (a good thing), it only takes a very few hours to read the 190 pages in their entirety (A bad thing, I could have used more.). Best quote of the text, De Young remarks of one of the scientific communities accepted dating practices, "This is a discrepancy of 7.

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