

10. The idea of Nevins that the Capitan reef could have been formed during "our post-Flood era" (p. 246) is without either biblical or scientific basis. Nowhere in the Bible do we find ground for thinking that such an array of complex structures as we have described in ~~the~~ items 8 and 9 above could have been formed since the Flood. Certainly the Bible's description of the rapid and complete end of the catastrophic conditions of the Flood (Genesis 8:13-14, and 9:12-13) do~~n~~ot leave any room for the extensive, and extended post-Flood "tidal waves from seismic disturbances or meteorite impact" which Nevins suggests on p. 247. Furthermore, archaeological excavations of the original cultures of this hemisphere (including the cultures of New Mexico and Arizona) contradict such an idea; e.g., of the Folsom culture of New Mexico.

11. It is lamentable that Nevins' bibliographic sources were so limited. He cites only 13 sources which are devoted to the Texas and(or) New Mexico area, and none on reefs in other parts of the world (except 2 articles on reefs in general). This is an extremely meager list of source references, especially in the light of the fact that there are over 220 separate, technical works and articles on the Delaware Basin and Capitan reef area listed in the bibliography published by the West Texas Geological Society.¹⁸ There is also an abundance of source material on evaporite minerals and deposits, which could have been drawn upon; for, the bibliography published by the American Association of Petroleum Geology in April 1969 lists 670 technical works and articles on the evaporites.¹⁹

In view of Nevins' minimal use of the available literature, and in view of the brief duration of his (practically single-handed) field and laboratory research, it was certainly dangerous for him to formulate the bold conclusions which he did. (Any field and laboratory study on the subject of a large underground structure such as this, requires a large team of workers, laboring for many months, as in the case of the study by Langton cited in item # 5 above. Such elaborate studies as this have been made on the Capitan reef; e.g., the one by N. D. Newell and his associates, and have yielded much valuable data which must be reckoned with.)