

DEEP-SEA DRILLINGS AS EVIDENCE FOR A GREAT AGE OF THE EARTH--by Dan Wonderly

Preliminary--I intend to stop at about 17 min. & allow time for questions.

INTRODUCTION:

A. I wish to preface this paper by stating that I do believe the Genesis account of creation to have been verbally inspired, accurate, and meaningful. It is only a brief account, but, since language is meaningful, and the Bible was written to be understood, I do believe that the details which are given in the account should be taken as they stand. In other words there is no way that we can merely relegate the Genesis account to the category of poetry or allegory. However, since the word "day" is used in a figurative sense many places in the Bible, including in the Book of Genesis itself, I would not at all take the "days" of creation to be of a mere 24 hours in length.

Also, I believe that a great many facts and principles of our earth are discoverable, and not transient. This is because (a) These facts and principles are based upon stable, natural laws which were created by God, and (b) Man the discoverer is made in the image of God, with rationality as a gift from God. *that so he can understand God's rational world*

B. There are many kinds of overwhelmingly strong evidence found in nature, indicating that the earth is very old. Many of these evidences are completely independent of radiometric dating, and are not too complex for ordinary people to understand. One such evidence is that of the gradual, progressive accumulation of biologically produced sediments on the deep ocean floors. Some Bible-science writers have emphasized the rapid rate at which sediments erode from the continents and accumulate off-shore, but have entirely neglected to examine the types and amounts of sediments which accumulate out in the deep sea (out beyond the range of sediment-carrying currents which occur near the continents).