

Carbon-14 and Noah's Flood

The Word of God, the Bible,¹ states that God created Adam and Eve in the year 4004 BC.² But modern science claims that carbon-14 dating is valid to about 100,000 years ago, and shows that man has existed much longer than the Bible says.³ But we show here that carbon-14 dating is valid only up to about 3,300 years ago, about 1000 years after Noah's Flood of 2,348 BC.⁴

In today's climate, the Sun heats air at the surface causing it to rise, expand and cool. Given sufficient moisture, clouds form, releasing heat, causing air to rise more. This can cause violent storms which rise into the stratosphere.

Cosmic radiation transforms a small amount of nitrogen-14 in the strato-



sphere into radioactive carbon-14, which eventually circulates to the surface. It is ingested by living organisms and ingestion stops when the organism dies. Then the carbon-14 decays into nitrogen-14 at a very precise rate, so measuring the ratio of carbon-14 to non-radioactive carbon-12 (98.93% of the carbon⁵), the date of death can be inferred.⁶

Accuracy depends on the rate and constancy that the organism ingested carbon-14, and the rate at which it decays. Given the long half-life, the concentration in the environment will be very even. The recent burning of fossil fuels should be of no consequence to dating long dead organisms.

If the concentration of carbon-14 were constant back to 100,000 years ago, then this method would be accurate back to then. But climate conditions before the flood were radically different from today, and we can only guess what they were.

It appears clear that before the flood it had not rained: "...the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth..." [Gen 2:5](#)

But afterward, God mentions the rainbow, which only occurs with rain, as if it is something new. "*I have set my rainbow in the clouds...*" [Gen 9:13](#) So, if it had never rained before the flood, there could not have been circulation of the air between the surface and the stratosphere, like today. So carbon-14 would have barely existed at the surface, and dating of an organism before the flood would show it very much older than it really is.

The long lives of pre-flood people could be due in part to the absence of carbon-14. If carbon-14 were a part of a biological molecule, the molecule could suddenly become non-functional, so carbon-14 could contribute to aging. Before the flood, lifespan stayed constant at about 900-odd years. But about 1000 years later it became what it is today, about long enough for carbon-14 to approach its steady state concentration in the modern climate.

Dr. Carl Baugh⁷ believes that before the flood there was a canopy of ice crystals around the earth shielding it

from harmful radiation, and was an important factor in the long lives of pre-flood persons. This also would have prevented rain, and would have prevented carbon-14 from circulating down to the surface. He also believes that the atmospheric pressure was about twice what it is today, and that the concentration of oxygen was about 30%, so that a man could run 200 kilometers without fatigue.

Skeptics often note that some genealogies of the Bible skip generations: *“When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son...he named him Seth. After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years ... Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.”* [Gen 5:3-5](#) But, whether Seth was his son, grandson, etc. makes no difference in the dating.

If man had been on the earth for over 100,000 years, as evolutionists claim, there should be massive evidence of many population explosions, so that almost everywhere there would be abundant artifacts. But, there are still vast areas of the earth where there is

very slight or no evidence of mankind. Also, there should be almost no wild animals left.

I believe this is the first human population explosion, and that the present population of the earth is just about what it should be, starting after the flood. Also, the history of ancient China starts shortly after the flood.⁸

Most important of all, the **salvation of your soul** is personal between you and God and does not depend on rites, clerics, traditions, good works, baptism, or belonging to any church or religion: *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works...”* [Eph 2:8-9](#) No matter what kind of person you are or what you have done: *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”* [1 John 1:9](#) Pray today to put your faith in Jesus Christ alone: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

[John 3:16](#) Then study the Bible to live pleasing to God: *“...if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”* [2 Cor 5:17](#)

Please pray like this with all sincerity: "Dear Lord Jesus, I confess I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died to forgive my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. Please guide my life and help me to do your will. In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, Amen."

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