Eight evidences that the Grand Canyon supports God’s Word!

The following eight statements are factual descriptions of the Grand Canyon. Each statement is followed by a short explanation from a creationists’ perspective that is consistent with a catastrophic formation of the Grand Canyon, a global Flood, and a young earth. For more information, visit the links available at www.CanyonMinistries.com.

**Nautiloids:** Fossils of these aquatic creatures, which averaged 18 inches in length, but reached as much as 6 feet, are related to today's squid and octopus. They are found in abundance in a 6-foot thick layer near the base of the 500-foot thick Redwall limestone.

**Explanation:** For fossilization to occur, the subject must be buried catastrophically, protecting it from decay. The Nautiloids, some reaching 4 feet in length and found buried standing upright, show that at least this layer within the Redwall had to be laid down very quickly, not at the bottom of a calm placid sea, the uniformitarian interpretation.

**The Great Unconformity:** The contact point between the basement formations of schist and granite and the first sedimentary layer is called the Great Unconformity.

**Explanation:** Representing a billion years of missing time and material in a uniformitarian interpretation, the Great Unconformity shows the nearly flat erosion of the underlying surface. This hard surface appears to have been smoothed by an enormous regional-scale flow of water. This is just what would be expected in a global flood.

**Formation of the Grand Canyon:** Stretching 277 miles through the Southwestern portion of the Colorado plateau, the Canyon is carved through sedimentary layers of limestone, sandstone, and shale, and into the basement of schist and granite. It descends over a mile into the Earth and is 18 miles wide at some points.

**Explanation:** How could the Colorado River carve through the 8,000 foot Colorado plateau when the river, in its upper reaches east of the plateau, is at less than 4,000 feet? As demonstrated at Mt. St. Helens, catastrophic processes provide a very plausible explanation for quickly carving canyons like the Grand Canyon. A global flood would provide just such a catastrophic mechanism.

**Contact point between sedimentary layers:** Known as unconformities, many of these contact points form a distinct line that can be seen even from the rim of the canyon.

**Explanation:** If these unconformities represent from 10 to 125 million years of “missing time,” which is the uniformitarian interpretation, why is there no sign of either physical or chemical erosion between the layers? Why is there no sign of channeling, canyons or valleys, as we see with erosion of present-day topography? Could this be classic flood geology on a global scale?

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**Conclusion:** We all look at the same data, the same Canyon; and since man was not there to witness these events, it is the interpretation of the data in relation to the past that provides a conclusion. That conclusion is based largely on one’s worldview, the biases through which one views the world, which ultimately depends on the beliefs one starts with concerning the origin of all things. Creationists do not contend to have all the answers. What they do contend is that their interpretation, based on the Bible’s account of history, provides a very plausible explanation that is consistent with the data, and with the One who was present when the Canyon was formed.

Find more evidence in *Grand Canyon, a Different View*, and *True North Series, Your Guide to the Grand Canyon*, by Tom Vail.

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