

Zionophobia: Intro to Charles Clough; 2 Views of Natural History: Catastrophism & Uniformitarianism: Peter's Confirmation of the Former, 2 Pet 3:3-7

- 36. With regard to faith, the cosmologist believes that the Big Bang was be reshith, The Beginning, since to go back one step to its cause would force him to move from empiricism into faith.
- Even so, a strange hypocrisy has developed in the academy. The 37. Progressives have denied those with biblical faith to participate in the cosmological discussion. On the other hand, the theories of the natural scientists have no epistemological proof and therefore must be accepted by
- 38. I remind you of Dr. Russell Kirk's quote from Decadence and Renewal in the Higher Learning:

The Academy sins if the Academy places falsehood on the same platform with truth. And when college or university offers instruction in a subject, this implies that some truth may be found in the discipline. (pp. 18-19)

- 39. The problem faced by the natural scientists in their efforts to certify their theories of The Beginning is addressed by Charles Clough \kluf\ in a series of biblical lectures entitled A Biblical Framework for Worship and Obedience in an Age of Global Deception.
- 40. Clough holds a BS in Mathematics from MIT, a Masters of Theology in Old Testament Hebrew from Dallas Theological Seminary, and an MS in Atmospheric Science from Texas Tech University. He is presently staff meteorologist with the Department of Defense Weapons Research in Aberdeen, Maryland.
- 41. In Cough's Biblical Framework series his early lectures address the conflict between the biblical and scientific views of creation. The Bible asserts an exnihilo creation by God while science tracks time back to a "Big Bang" that, without cause, led to the expansion of the universe to its present state.
- Cosmologists subscribe to a "constant" known as uniformitarianism which 42. asserts that physical processes acting at present rates are sufficient to account for all geological and astrological formations or simply, "the present is the key to the past."
- The biblical view of the universe accepts the concept of catastrophism, the 43. position that certain geological events on earth and astrological events within the universe have been brought about suddenly throughout history by physical forces operating in ways that defy the scientists' "constants" of uniformitarianism.
- 44. Peter, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, expresses catastrophism as a periodic biblical "constant" in:
- 2 Peter 3:3 -Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their scoffing, with restlessness caused by their own approbation and power lusts.
- and will keep on asking, "Where is the promise of His coming? v. 4 -For ever since the fathers [Old Testament prophets] fell asleep all things continue unchanged as they were from the beginning of creation [uniformitarianism]."



- 2 Peter 3:5 For this the scoffers habitually desire based on their emotions to keep on ignoring that by the Word of God the heavens existed from of old and the earth was formed out of water [original distribution of water at the creation to underground storage 1 and by water [the universal flood].
- v. 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed being flooded by means of this water.
- But the present [post-diluvian] heavens and earth by His same Word are now being reserved for fire I destruction of the heavens and the earth at the end of the Millennium], kept for the day of judgment [Great White Throne] and destruction [lake of fire], of ungodly men.
 - 45. Cosmologists have labored to explain the origins of the universe and are constantly speculating about this. Today two space capsules, Spirit and Opportunity, are probing Mars and the Cassini space ship is photographing Saturn and its moons, Titan and Enceladus \en-sel' a-dus\. One of the major reasons for these vast expeditions is "to discover secrets of the origin of the universe" or "to discover the possibility of life beyond the earth."
 - 46. These are rhetorical veils. The not-so-hidden agenda is to validate their human-viewpoint theories which assert that the universe and human life evolved through "natural laws" over the course of exceedingly long periods of time.
 - 47. However, this thesis is shot full of holes although taught to children as if it were settled fact. The implication to children is that there is no Creator, that life just "happened" by random chance through "natural laws" and we are just mass in motion, that there is nothing beyond this universe, for example eternal life, and opinions to the contrary are simply the mythology of religion.
 - 48. However, Charles Clough with his extensive background in mathematics and meteorology puts the cosmologists' theories to challenge by exposing the fallacies behind their beloved theories.
 - 49. In the excerpts we are about to note, Clough will discuss several cosmological theories and show that their conclusions about the origins of the universe and biological life are far less certifiable than the scientific community is willing to admit.
 - 50. Clough's comments will not necessarily be understood by everybody, me for one, but all will get the point: it takes far more faith to buy into the pagan views of cosmic and biological evolution than to accept the biblical views of ex-nihilo creation of the universe and the miraculous creation of man.