Controversy Over Radiometric Dating Methods

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According to advocates of the Primary Time theory radiometric dating must be accepted 100%. Any talk of an instantaneous fiat creation 6,000 years ago is nonsense:

“But at the present there are no data that independently suggest inductively either a 6-Day creation week or placement of such an event within the last 8,000 years.” (Origins, “Geo And Cosmic Chronology”, Robert H. Brown, Volume 8, Page 20.)

“The picture that emerges from all the data that relate to cosmic chronology appears to be one of dynamic physical processes operating over extended periods of time, during the last 4.5 billion years of which discrete entities on the Solar System have been in existence.” (Origins, “Geo And Cosmic Chronology”, Robert H. Brown, Volume 8, Page 31.)

Dalrymple makes a good case for an age of about 4.5 billion years for the material of which the earth, moon, and meteorites are composed. He evidently believes that he has thoroughly discredited special creationism. His treatment in The Age of the Earth has made it much more difficult to plausibly explain radiometric data on the basis of a creation of the entire Solar System, or the physical matter in planet Earth, within the last few thousand years. In my opinion, the defense of such a position is a losing battle.

Commenting on his approval of Gunter Faure’s book on isotopic geology Dr. Brown states:


Gunter Faure’s book itself states:

“A new generation of geologists gradually replaced the older generations, and with their passing disappeared the requirement that geological theories must agree with the writings of Moses.” (Principles Of Isotope Geology, Gunter Faure, John Wiley And Sons, New York, 1977, Page 1, 2.)

Surprisingly Dr. Brown sides with evolutionist Brent Dalrymple:

Dalrymple’s philosophy is one of total evolutionism and rejection of the Bible:

“Indeed, this literature [Creationism] abounds with direct and indirect references to a Deity or Creator, and citations of the Bible are not uncommon.” (Creation’s Tiny Mystery, Robert Gentry, Earth Science Associates, Knoxville, Tenn., 1988, Page 177.)

“Biblical chronologies are historically important, but their credibility began to erode in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries when it became apparent to some that it would be more profitable to seek a realistic age for the Earth through observation of nature than through a literal interpretation of parables.” (The Age Of The Earth, G. Brent Dalrymple, Stanford University Press, California, 1991, Page 23.)

What does Dalrymple think of radiometric dating and the age of fossils? A recent interview tells us:

Q. “Mr. Dalrymple, is it correct that you think that geochronology establishes an age of the earth, not only that the Earth is several million years old, but also establishes the age of the fossils which are enclosed in the rocks?”
A. Yes. That’s correct.
Q. Then would it be fair to say in your mind that the ages for the various types of fossils have been most precisely determined or measured by radioactive dating or by geochronology?
A. That sounds like a fair statement.” (Creation’s Tiny Mystery, Robert Gentry, Earth Science Associates, Knoxville, Tenn., 1988, Page 117, 118.)

Amazingly the Origins journal claims that Dalrymple’s scenario can be fitted into the Bible account of Genesis 1:8-10 (Origins, “An Age Old Question”, R.H. Brown, Vol. 19, Page 89, 90.). Why state that the dating methods that say life has been here 2,000,000,000 years can somehow be fitted into the Bible? The statement that we must accept radioactive dating is wrong. We must accept the Bible and the Bible only as our number one source. If radiometric dating disagrees with the Bible we throw it out.