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Petrifying Ages



And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. – 1 Corinthians 10:4

How long does it take to petrify wood? Scientists who believe in those millions and billions of years that evolutionists always talk about simply assumed it must take thousands of years to petrify wood. It wasn't until the 1970s that scientists bothered to explore this question.

Bone, wood and other once-living materials become petrified when silica replaces the original organic material. It has always been assumed that silica is not very active at temperatures below the boiling point of water. And for the same reason, silica rock formations were thought to take thousands of years to form.

In the early 1970s, a paper was published showing that silica crystals could be grown in backyard conditions in only three years! This means that wood or bone can turn into stone within a few years.

Here is an example of how belief in evolution has retarded science. If no one had ever questioned the long ages claimed by evolution, we would still be ignorant about how silica works in nature around us. This research also helps uphold the Bible's claims that the Earth and life have only been around for thousands, not millions, of years.

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