



Refuting False Doctrine

(2nd Peter 3:8)

Uniformitarianism

- A doctrine/philosophy which insists that what we observe in the *present* is the key to understanding what has happened in the past, and what will happen in the future.
 - Necessitates the *absence* of the God of the Bible, who is *sovereign* and *participatory* in the events of protology, present affairs, and eschatology.
 - Underlying philosophy which drives *higher criticism, naturalistic evolution, etc.*

Peter's rebuttal (vv. 5-10)

Using arguments from...

vv. 5-6: **HISTORY**

v. 8: **SCRIPTURE**

v. 9: **GOD'S CHARACTER**

vv. 7,10: **PROPHECY / DIVINE PROMISE**

Biblical opposition to Uniformitarianism

| EVENT | SCRIPTURE/ERA | RESULT/CHARACTERISTICS |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Creation | Gen. 1—2 | No death, no toil, no pain, etc. |
| Fall | Gen. 3—6 | Death, pain, toil, long life spans, no human government |
| Flood | Gen. 7—10 | Shortened life spans, human (global) government, 1 language, no nations |
| Tower of Babel | Gen. 11—present | Independent nations, multiple languages, multiple ethnicities |
| Tribulation (Antichrist) | Rapture—Second Coming | Global government, religion, economic system |
| Millennial Kingdom | Rev. 20:1-10 | Perfect government, long life spans, no war, coexisting animals, etc. |
| Eternal State | Rev. 21—22 | New heavens/earth, no death, perfection and bliss |

3 Tenses Of Salvation

| Phase | Justification | Sanctification | Glorification |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Tense | Past | PRESENT | Future |
| Saved from SIN'S: | Penalty | POWER | Presence |
| Nature | Single (old) | Dual (old & new) | Single (new) |
| Scripture | Eph. 2:8-9 Titus 3:5 John 3:17 | Jam. 1:21; 5:20 1 Tim. 4:16 Php. 2:12-13 | Rom. 5:9-10 Rom. 13:11 1 Cor. 3:15 |

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding. (5)Who determined its
measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line
upon it? (6)On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its
cornerstone, (7)when the morning stars sang together and all
the sons of God shouted for joy?"

Job 38:4-7 (ESV)

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, (21)to Him be glory...”

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)

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"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8 (ESV)

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"By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible."

Hebrews 11:3 (ESV)

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"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him."

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

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"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, (7)rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith..."

Colossians 2:6–7 (ESV)

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“For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.”

Psalm 90:4 (ESV)

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“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (30) And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

Romans 8:29–30 (ESV)

“It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, ‘Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His holy ones, (15) to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.’”

Jude 14–15 (ESV)

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, (5)even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— (6)and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (7)so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians 2:4–7 (ESV)

“For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”

Hebrews 10:14 (ESV)

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“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (21) who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.”

Philippians 3:20–21 (ESV)

