

HISTORICAL GEOLOGY - - - The Problem of Thrust Faults

1. The theory of continental drift is accepted by about 50% of the world's geologists today. In 1933 it is estimated that no more than 2% believed this theory true. The current view is that the continents, the ocean floor, and the upper part of the mantle are moving as a unit rather than the older idea that the continents were moving across the ocean floor. Thousands of miles of displacement are involved.
2. Glaciers have moved many hundreds of miles with embedded rocks in their undersides grinding slowly across bedrock. At times this overrides a considerable thickness of ground moraine rather than moving it forward. The point in both cases 1 and 2 is that we have actual "thrust faults" on a very large scale.
3. If the outer crust of the earth were to shift, new portions would be moved over the equatorial regions and these new portions would have to stretch to fit the equatorial buldge. Rift valleys would result from this stretching of the crust.
4. Portions of the earth's crust moving from the equatorial regions to temperate zones would find themselves too large to fit the smaller earth circumference. Thrust faulting on a scale of twenty to thirty miles could result.
5. Displacement of up to 600 miles has been measured for the San Andreas Fault. It is conceivable that wedgeshaped areas might be crowded for room and cause local thrustfaulting, or the thrust might be transferred to an area miles away. Mountains are regularly forced up along the trace of a major fault such as the San Andreas.
6. Deep focus earthquakes along the east coast of Asia show a relationship between volcanoes, deep sea trenches, and crustal movement along an oblique plane.
7. The men who discovered thrust faults were motivated by curiosity and disputed the phenomenon among themselves without any religious doctrine involved in any way. Neither evolution nor atheism was involved.
8. The religious men who immediately opposed thrust faults hoped to use "wrong order" strata and fossils to disprove the general burial sequence of fossils and thereby discredit the concept of Faunal Succession which implied evolution. Two Creations are buried in sequence, and in each "Flood" the slow moving, weaker and bottom dwelling forms are buried first. Faunal succession is merely burial order."
9. Failure of these religious writers to recognize the pre-Adamic creation as separate from the creatures made to be with Adam led them to insist on one Flood to account for all fossils. They could not distinguish Satan's world from man's. Nor do they see Satan as Ruler of today's world.
10. What appears to be very poor quality research, if not deliberate falsification of evidence and quotation out of context, is evident in the writings of a number of prominent catastrophists. In their zeal to disprove the one wrong idea of evolution, they have added a legion of errors and untold confusion to the problem that faced the Bible-believing Christian. The motivation of many a catastrophist is that of upholding the church doctrine rather than to search out the truth of the matter. Each has added his own errors to the confusion of the one before him. The quality of their research is only surpassed by the deception their leaders practice in maintaining the doctrinal errors of the particular denomination.

CONCLUSION--Thrust Faults do indeed exist on both small and worldwide scales. They in no way support evolutionary theory, though they do support the idea of two creations and two destructions by water which buried life forms in a general sequence as the violence of the destruction increased.