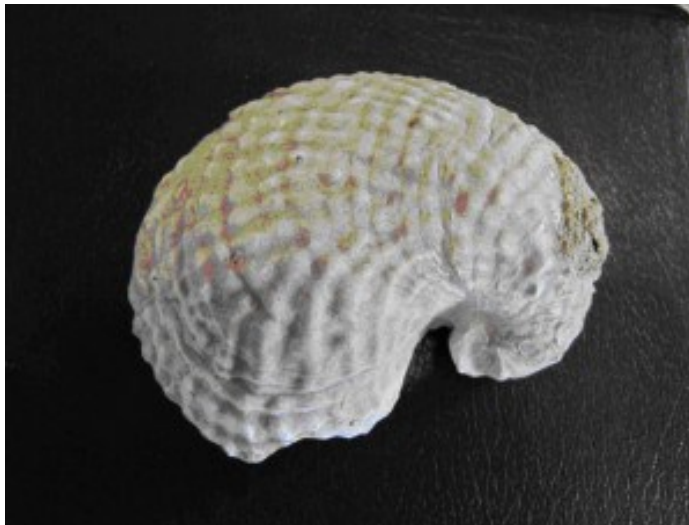


## Fossils – What do they tell us? Gerald McKibben

Across a large area called the Black Belt area of Alabama and Mississippi lies a large band of white limestone (Photo below) known as the Selma Chalk deposits. Like similar deposits around the world, it was formed primarily by the shells of tiny aquatic organisms called *foraminifera*.

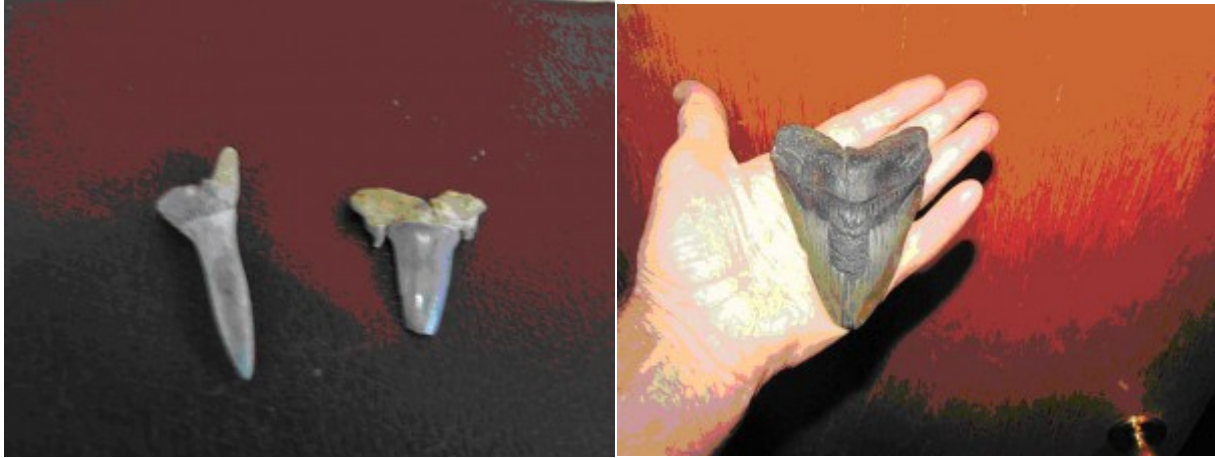


Photo below shows a mollusk collected by the Author in a Selma Chalk deposit in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. They are abundant in this and similar deposits.



The famous White Cliffs of Dover have a similar composition and origin. Similar deposits exist worldwide and bear mute testimony to the extent of the Great Flood described in the Book of Genesis.

Two shark teeth below (left) were collected on a bluff overlooking the Twentymile Bottom in northeast Mississippi. The fossils were found in a distinct layer of dark colored soil about 10 feet below the surface. The giant *megalodon* tooth is from South Carolina. Megalodon, a now extinct shark, is estimated to have been 50 feet long.



**Noah's Flood** – The flood described in Genesis, with the concurrent underwater earthquakes and tsunamis, deposited huge quantities of sediment over much of the present day land areas of the earth. From these deposits sedimentary rock formed by pressure and high temperature. Most fossils are found in this type of rock.

The flood was brought on by God because of the extreme evil that existed in the world in Noah's day. So the fossils we find today were primarily the result of that great flood that covered the entire earth. Fossils should remind us that death has been the rule on earth since sin entered when Adam and Eve fell, and that God judges sin.

As Drs. Whitcomb and Morris (*The Genesis Flood*, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI, 518 pp) stated: "For that universal catastrophe speaks plainly and eloquently concerning the sovereignty of God in the affairs of men and in the processes of nature."

Bible believing Christians should not be troubled because the vast majority of scientists consider the flood story a myth. After all, many leading evolutionists are atheists or agnostics. A consensus in the scientific community would likely also deny the possibility of the virgin birth of Christ, and also in his resurrection from the dead.

When the Bible is the authority for all things relating to the ancient history of the earth, then all the things we observe today are consistent with this interpretation of the facts. The Biblical viewpoint is *not* consistent with men's fallible theories regarding the history of the earth and man himself.

**Fossils don't teach evolution** - I, like many others, once bought into a destructive philosophy that has turned many away from the Bible and, ultimately, from God Himself. It was a few years later that I realized the error of much of modern teaching as it relates to evolution, and even that some of the most compelling arguments for evolution were fraudulent. The single biggest influence in my awakening was Duane Gish's book *The Fossils Say No*. What a shock! If you're looking for evidence for evolution, you need to look somewhere besides the fossil record. How I had been misled.

**Here is what Moses recorded:** *In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.* (Genesis 7:11,12).

The "fountains of the deep" breaking up likely refer to underwater earthquakes. We know something about the effects of ocean earthquakes in our day; they often cause devastating tsunamis. The one that occurred on December 26, 2004 in Indonesia caused 227,898 deaths,

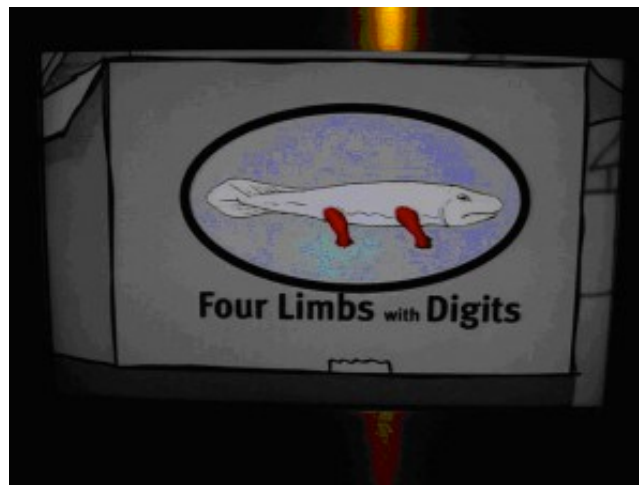
according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The quake itself is rated as one of the ten worst earthquakes in recorded history. The resulting tsunami (“tidal wave”) was the single worst in history. There were several deaths as far away as South Africa due to unusually high sea levels and waves.

We can only imagine the devastating effects of quake after quake occurring worldwide during the flood, with the massive burial of plankton and animal remains under tons of silt. The world has not seen such catastrophic events since.

**Moses further wrote:** *And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man.* (Genesis 7:19,21).

We would do well to remember **Peter’s prophecy:** *... knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.* (2 Peter 3:3-6).

PS: At the time of my last visit to the Field Museum in Chicago, the only fish with legs was this imaginary one (below) in a video designed to indoctrinate kids. (The display was at about my waist level). There are many real fish fossils on display there, but none have legs.



Rapid burial in sediment is required for animals to become fossils as opposed to decomposing, followed by scattering of the bones. Thus fossils are found in sedimentary rock, formed by mass sedimentation. This phenomenon is consistent with Noah’s flood, with its catastrophic upheavals caused by underwater earthquakes.

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