



**MILLIONS OF YEARS:**

**Where did  
the idea  
come from?**

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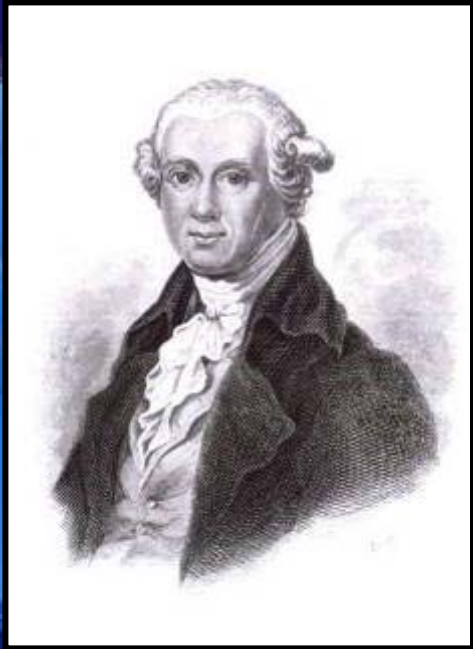
**-Norma Bixler**

## 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

4. for the weapons of **our warfare** are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
5. We are destroying **speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God**, and we are taking **every thought** captive to the obedience of Christ,

# Colossians 2:8

See to it that no one takes you captive through **philosophy** and **empty deception**, according to the **tradition of men**, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.



**Abraham Werner**  
**(1749-1817)**

**Mineralogist**



**James Hutton**

**(1726-1797)**

**Agriculturalist, Geologist**

***Theory of the Earth (1795)***



**Georges Cuvier**  
**(1769-1832)**

**Comparative Anatomist,  
Paleontologist**

***Theory of the Earth (1812)***

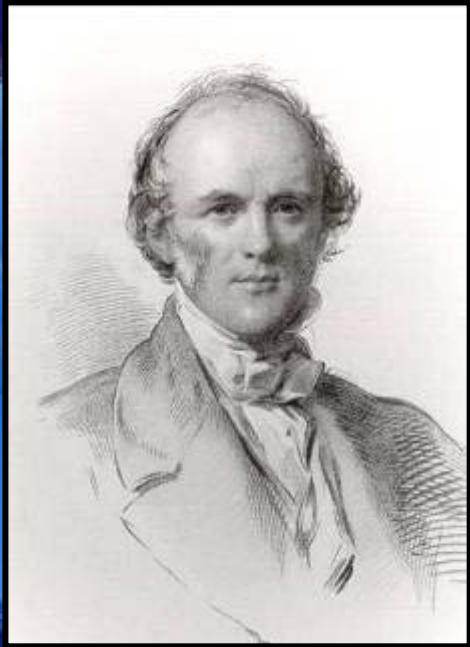


**William Smith  
(1769-1839)**

**Drainage Engineer, Surveyor,  
Geologist**

**'Father of English Stratigraphy'**





**Charles Lyell**

**(1797-1875)**

**Lawyer, Geologist**

***Principles of Geology***

***(3 vol., 1830-33)***

# Old-Earth Theories (1778-1833)

Werner:	<b>Receding ocean, 1 mill. Years</b>
Hutton:	<b>Uniformitarian, no beginning</b>
Cuvier:	<b>Catastrophist, long ages</b>
Smith:	<b>Fossils date rocks, long ages</b>
Lyell:	<b>Uniformitarian, long ages</b>

# Early 19th Century Views of Earth History

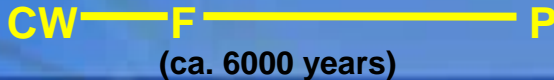
**Catastrophist view (e.g., Cuvier, Smith)**

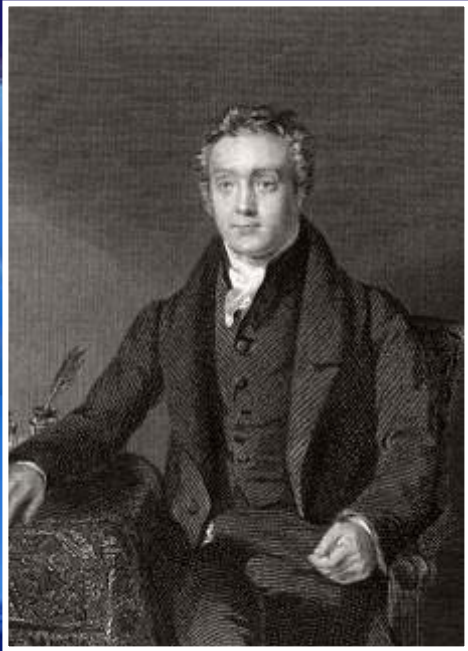


**Uniformitarian view (e.g., Hutton, Lyell)**



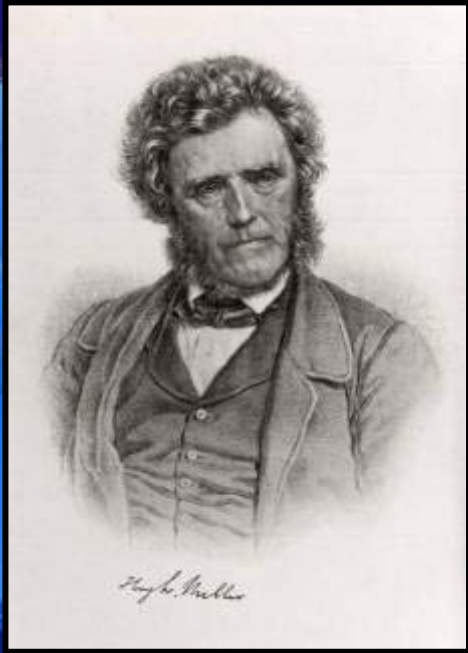
**Biblical/Traditional view (Scriptural geologists)**





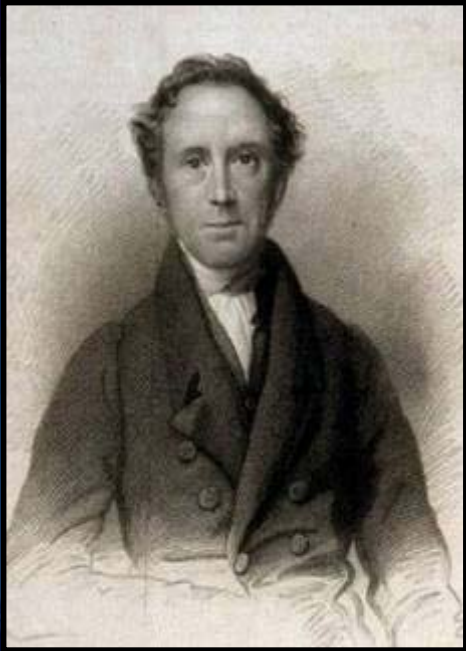
**Thomas Chalmers  
(1780-1847)**

**Presbyterian Minister &  
Naturalist  
Gap Theory**



**Hugh Miller  
(1802-1856)**

**Geologist  
Gap theory  
then Day-age theory**



**John Pye Smith**  
**(1774-1851)**

**Congregational Theologian**

**Local Creation & Local Flood**

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# THE GREAT TURNING POINT



"The Church's Catastrophic Mistake on Geology  
— *Before Darwin* —"



**18th & 19th Centuries**

**Religious-Philosophical  
Developments**

**God**

**The  
Universe**

**Deism**

**The  
Universe**

**Atheism**

**God**

**The  
Universe**

**Christianity**

# Old-Earth Theories (1778-1833)

Werner:	<b>deist</b>
Hutton:	<b>deist or atheist</b>
Cuvier:	<b>deist or vague theist</b>
Smith:	<b>deist or vague theist</b>
Lyell:	<b>deist or unitarian</b>

**“I have always been strongly impressed with the weight of an observation of an excellent writer and skillful geologist who said that ‘for the sake of revelation as well as of science-of truth in every form- the physical part of Geological inquiry ought to be conducted **as if the Scriptures were not in existence**’.”**

**Charles Lyell, lecture at King’s College London, 4 May 1832, quoted in Martin J.S. Rudwick, “Charles Lyell Speaks in the Lecture Theatre,” *Brit. J. Hist. Sci.*, IX:2:32 (July 1976), p. 150.**

“The past history of our globe must be explained by what can be seen to be happening **now**. ... No powers are to be employed that are not **natural** to the globe, no action to be admitted except those of which we know the principle.”

**Hutton, J., 'Theory of the Earth,' *Trans. of Roy. Soc. of Edinburgh*, 1785;  
quoted in Holmes, A., *Principles of Physical Geology*, (UK: Thomas Nelson &  
Sons Ltd., 1965), pp. 43-44.**

# Philosophical Naturalism

1. Nature or matter is all that exists.
2. Everything can and must be explained by **time** plus **chance** plus the **laws of nature** working on matter.

**Philosophical  
Naturalism**

**Bible**



**Evolution  
Billions of years**

**Supernatural  
Creation, Young  
Earth, Global Flood**



# Isaiah 66:2

1. “For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being,” declares the LORD. “But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who **trembles at My word.**”



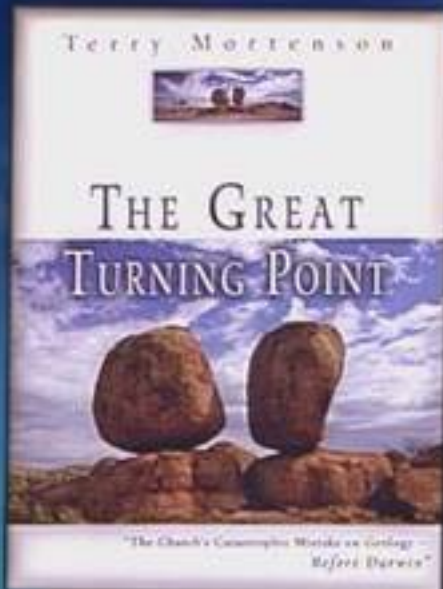
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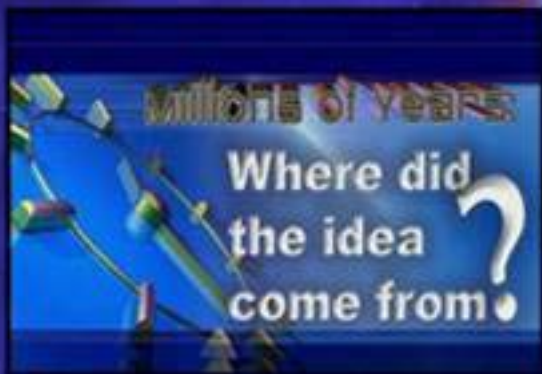
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