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## Did St. Peter Predict the coming of Darwinism?

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One of the characteristics of classic Darwinism is known as uniformitarianism, commonly known by its slogan: “the present is the key to the past.” Using this idea, evolutionists examine present processes to determine what they think went on in the past.

Creationists and other Bible scholars know there have been events in the past that are not occurring today, such as a catastrophic worldwide flood, that could seriously affect interpretations of the past as seen in nature. This idea is called catastrophism.

Since they generally reject the reality of catastrophes in the past, secular scientists can make serious errors such as in determining the age of the earth or in analyzing rock strata.

These scientists should know better. Frequently animal and plant fossils are found where they shouldn't be according to the present climate. One example: the discovery of fossil remains of a crocodile-like creature in the high Canadian Arctic zone shows the climate once was far different from what it is today.

With this in mind, it is interesting what St. Peter wrote in 2 Peter 3:3-7: “First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, ‘Where is this “coming” he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.’ ”

At least one commentator has seen a possible reference to evolution in these words. Mark A. Jeske, writing in the People's Bible series, says about this passage: “In this (uniformitarian) view, a view that seems to rule the world of science today, it is assumed that all physical and chemical processes going on in the world have always been going on, that there have never been any interventions in the world by outside forces. Satan uses these persuasive and reassuring lies to keep people asleep.”

Writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, perhaps Peter could indeed foresee the coming of Darwinism. But more important, he could see even farther into the future—an ultimate catastrophe—the death of our present earth and the coming of a new wonderful heavenly world. For believers, and only for believers, this is good news indeed! *LSI*

—Warren Krug, editor