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My May 1994 issue of Daylight, a Catholic creationist journal published in English by Anthony Nevard, 1 there is a fascinating article by a French geologist, Guy Berthault, entitled: "The Laying Down Of Marine Sediments - A Revolutionary New Perspective." Anthony Nevard rightly calls the striking series of experiments described here by Berthault, "a creationist breakthrough in secular geology." But before I come to the actual experiments themselves, let me give a little background. Three quarters of the surface of the earth or more are covered with what are called sedimentary rocks. These rocks are found in numerous layers, or strata, and contain the remains of many fossilized animals. There are two competing models or explanations of how these strata, called also the geologic column, were laid down. The older, called the catastrophist model, maintains that they were laid down quickly by the Noachian Deluge, while the more recent uniformitarian model, popularized by Sir Charles Lyell (1797-1875), claims that they were laid down gradually, over millions of years, by processes which are still at work today. The uniformitarian model was eagerly seized upon by Charles Darwin, who needed long periods of time to give his theory of evolution by natural selection any scientific respectability. Darwin claimed that the sequence of fossils discovered in the column from simple to more complex creatures, clearly demonstrated his theory. Here is the Australian creationist, the late Wallace Johnson, commenting on the uniformitarian model of the geologic column: "The geologic column has become scientifically sacred. Yet it has no physical reality. It does not exist in any part of the world. In any one place, you will find one, or two, or three, or four, or five, or six, or seven, or eight, or nine, or ten, or eleven, or twelve, or thirteen, or fourteen, or fifteen, or sixteen, or seventeen, or eighteen, or nineteen, or twenty, or twenty-one, or twenty-two, or twenty-three, or twenty-four, or twenty-five, or twenty-six, or twenty-seven, or twenty-eight, or twenty-nine, or thirty, or thirty-one, or thirty-two, or thirty-three, or thirty-four, or thirty-five, or thirty-six, or thirty-seven, or thirty-eight, or thirty-nine, or forty, or forty-one, or forty-two, or forty-three, or forty-four, or forty-five, or forty-six, or forty-seven, or forty-eight, or forty-nine, or fifty, or fifty-one, or fifty-two, or fifty-three, or fifty-four, or fifty-five, or fifty-six, or fifty-seven, or fifty-eight, or fifty-nine, or sixty, or sixty-one, or sixty-two, or sixty-three, or sixty-four, or sixty-five, or sixty-six, or sixty-seven, or sixty-eight, or sixty-nine, or seventy, or 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