It is immediately admitted that God created various "kinds" of animals and man as mature, or full-blown. But the Bible does not tell us that the maturely created animals and man bore the evidences of all the stages of growth, development, and aging characteristic of their subsequent progeny. There is no basis whatever in the Bible for such assertions.

To create as mature or full-blown, is not at all deceptive, since God tells us that He has done this very thing. however, to posit the conception that God formed the geologic strata with fossils manifesting every evidence of birth, growth, development, struggle for existence, and violent death, to appear precisely as they would have appeared if they had been formed by natural processes requiring vast periods of time, would not only seem to raise questions of an ethical nature, but would also be positing such a conception upon ignorance! For if God does not reveal that He has done such a thing, and if such a conception can not be based upon the record of the rocks then on what basis can such an idea be posited? It must therefore be viewed as pure speculation! And to employ a mere possibility device raising ethical questions and basing itself on pure speculations, would seem to be a desperate attempt to uphold a weak view.

**Flood Geology** -- This is an attempt to offer a reasonable explanation for the data of geology and paleontology, one which upholds the supernaturalism and Special Creationist viewpoint of the Bible while attempting to refute the uniformitarian, completely naturalistic, and evolutionary implications of the present interpretation of those data, as generally held by the overwhelming majority of scientists in those areas. As such, the attempt is commendable.

Flood Geology attempts to explain all of the geologic strata and their fossils in terms of the effects of the Genesis Flood. In <u>The Genesis Flood</u> Morris and Whitcomb state:

It may of course be granted that the principles of stratigraphic correlation by means of fossils, in terms of the accepted sequence, is supported by much evidence. Any theory that could have obtained almost universal acceptance by geologists is obviously not founded solely upon wishful thinking.

On the other hand, it is possible that some other theory may explain the same evidence more effectively . . . And in spite of the general validity of the standard and accepted geologic stratigraphic succession, there are many exceptions and contradictions to it, which have been very unsatisfactorily explained in terms of the accepted theory.

The authors propose that the Noachian Flood explains the evidence quite effectively:

Any deposits formed before the Flood would almost certainly have been profoundly altered by the great complex of hydrodynamic and tectonic forces

unleashed during the Deluge period. The fundamental principle