**Young-Earth Creationist Arguments**

**Afterlife**

**It violates the laws of physics. There is no known way to retain the information that was you, after your cells die.**

**CO2 and sulfuric acid Atmosphere**

**Would have created a Venus-like atmosphere frying all life on The Ark.**

**Carbon-14 in coal**

**C-14 was probably from radioactive decay of the uranium-thorium series from surrounding rocks.**

**Cave Art**

**Dated to 40,000 years. Oops – that’s not going to fit in very well with a 6,000-year-old Earth, is it?**

**Comets**

**They evaporate quickly but are replaced by comets recently ejected from the Kuiper Belt, the Scattered Disk, and the Oort Cloud.**

**Continental Erosion**

**Their argument ignores continental buildup due to many forces including volcanic activity. When people ignore important factors, that is a good sign that your bullshit detector should be activated.**

**Coral Reefs**

**It would take over 100,000 years to have grown that much. If grown since the flood, as YEC’s claim, then a rate in excess of a foot a year is required!**

**Eugenics**

**Eugenics is artificial, not natural selection.**

**Evolution**

**Catholics - no Intelligent Design!**

**They accept evolution (as a group).**

**Evolution and Big Bang compatible with Catholicism evolution as long as God is retained as the Creator.**

**Flat Earth**

**In 250 BCE, the Greeks already knew the circumference of the Earth.**

**The Flood**

**If all dinosaurs were killed in the flood, then all should appear in same layer. But earlier, larger extinctions appear in the record. Did God create other floods, but was too embarrassed to admit all His killings?**

**Construction wood from 5000 BCE has been discovered ...**

**so where's the Ark?**

**You guys claim to find it about every 5 years, and every 5 years it turns out to be another hoax. I thought honesty was one of your Commandments?**

**Fossils**

**The fossils and strata never have inconsistencies when found together, so when only one is available - it is okay to use one to date the other. that is not circular reasoning.**

**Geologic Columns**

**At least 25 complete ones in the world. Details of the column were discovered by Creationists early in the 19th century. Missing strata mean that no sedimentary rocks were deposited during that period. Strata fossils can be out of order due to faulting and folding.**

**Grand Canyon**

**Creationists cherry-pick bad dates in advance and then use only those in their arguments.**

**Helium**

**Creationists ignore helium loss into space thru heating. It escapes at about the same rate it is produced.**

**Human Beginnings**

**What separated us from the other great apes?**

**Before bipedalism, cooking, tool-making, and all the other advances in human development, the event that separated us from the other great apes was the fusion of chromosomes 12 and 13.**

**So humans didn't begin with an Adam “and” an Eve ...**

**we began with an Adam “or” an Eve.**

**Iridium from volcanoes**

**There is not nearly enough iridium in volcanic ash to account for the iridium layer. Only asteroids can account for it.**

**Isotope decay rate has changed**

**Supernovae allows us to check that claim. The result?**

**No change.**

**Jupiter & Saturn cooling**

**Not enough.**

**They could easily radiate heat for another 4.5 billion years.**

**Lava Efflux**

**Creationists made up a fictitious rate and ignored reducing factors.**

**Magnetic Field Decay**

**They only consider the dipole component. As the dipole weakens, nondipole components strengthen, so that the overall energy of the field is stable. Even the data for dipoles does not show 'exponential' decay. In fact, since 1935 it doesn't even show decay at all.**

**The magnetic field has actually strengthened over last 40,000 years. Current field strength is reducing to a 5-million-year average.**

**Micro v. Macro evolution**

**It's like believing in inches but not feet.**

**It actually is a real term (not invented by Creationists) referring to change above species level.**

**Moon dust layer**

**Argument based on faulty data which grossly overestimated the amount. Modern measurements destroyed those estimates.**

**Moon Isotopes**

**U238 has a half-life of 4.5 billion years and will produce TH230 as long as it exists. U236 is currently being produced by nature.**

**Oceanic magnetic field reversals**

**Magnetic polarity is recorded in crystalizing rocks when they cool and harden. Since hotter rock wouldn't harden as quickly, deeper rock should show a hodge-podge of polarity ... and that is exactly what we see.**

**Ocean metals**

**Creationists ignore mechanisms by which metals leave the ocean.**

**Ocean minerals influx**

**Which minerals?**

**Try sodium and you get 260 million years.**

**Ocean salt**

**Creationists ignore removal systems which keep the ocean in balance.**

**Polonium radio halos**

**Gentry used metamorphic, not primordial rocks. Hundreds of millions of years are required for them to form. The claim of "alpha particle" damage is unproven speculation: it would require decay rates, millions of times faster than actual.**

**shrinking Sun**

**That’s like looking at the tide going out and assuming that the ocean is receding. That report has been long since discredited.**

**In fact, in the future the Sun will expand and may engulf the Earth.**

**Survival of the fittest**

**Yet humans have evolved to care of the sick and deformed.**

**That kind of throws a monkey wrench into your theory, doesn’t it?**

**Teach the Controversy**

**You can teach the controversy between evolution and intelligent design if you will also agree to teach the controversy between Yahweh and Allah. What, no takers? Gee, I wonder why not?**

**You can have 10 minutes a day to teach your Creationism in our biology classes if you will give us 10 minutes each to teach evolution in your church. What, no takers? Gee, I wonder why not?**

**Topsoil Buildup**

**Ignores erosion.**

**(Sound depressingly familiar?**

**If nothing else, at least they are consistent in their dishonesty).**

**Trees**

**The oldest are over 8,000 years old. According to you, that makes them older than the Earth.**

**excess helium in Zircons**

**Claim based on sloppy inaccurate research.**