

**Book Review - Refuting Compromise**  
**Chapter 12 – Refuting Old-Earth**  
**Arguments**  
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Sarfati tries to disprove some arguments that geologists and others have pointed to as showing vast ages for the earth. Since many of these arguments have already been rebutted in the rebuttal section of this web site, there is no need to go into them individually.

To see the many rebuttals of young earth claims, see [www.answersincreation.org/rebuttal.htm](http://www.answersincreation.org/rebuttal.htm).

Some claims have not been addressed yet on this web site. For instance, on page 375, Sarfati mentions the old earth claim, “Some modern coral reefs are extremely thick and must have taken millions of years to grow.” To this he responds, “Actually, what was thought to be coral “reef” turns out to be thick carbonate platforms, most probably deposited during the Flood.” His reference for this is an article by Michael Oard, a young earth creationist, which appeared in a young earth magazine. There has been no proof the claims of Oard are true...Oard is merely giving a possible young-earth explanation for this evidence.

Many young-earth claims are like this...they say “This has been proved!” But if you look at the references, it is young earth scientists doing the work, which appears in young earth publications. There are no peer-reviewed articles, and no reputable scientists have accepted these claims. For their young-earth audience, they take this at face value and believe it to be true. However, in the real world, it does not stand up to scrutiny.

### Conclusion

If you are used to taking the claims of young-earth theorists as truth, without investigating them, then you will naturally agree with Sarfati. However, if you are used to looking at the evidence from both sides, you will probably agree with the other 99.9 percent of scientists who say that the earth is old. In this respect, there is no way of getting around this subject...there is a word for people who blindly follow a belief...it is called brainwashed. I’m sorry that I have to use that term, but I cannot deny the truth.

Is there harm in this “brainwashed” young earth community. No, not within the community itself. The harm that is done is to the church as a whole. By painting themselves in a corner, they make outsiders view the church in a negative light, and drive away prospective lost souls. How are atheists born? They see the church, and they see modern science, and see a conflict. Since hard evidence (science) is irrefutable, they leave the church and become atheists.

If someone believes in evolution...great, we can still reach them for Christ. You can be a theistic evolutionist and a fundamentalist, inerrant Bible believer at the same time.

If someone doesn't believe in evolution but knows the earth is old...great...you can be a fundamentalist also!

We need to realize that we need to reach these souls for Christ. Old earth belief (and Evolution) is not the enemy of God...unfortunately, we Christians are our own worst enemy. Let's focus on Jesus, not on creation, and make the church respectable in our communities once again. There is room in the church for both old earth believers and young earth believers, and there is no reason that we can't both be in the same church! Yes, you can believe in an old earth, and be a Bible-believing Fundamentalist! Brothers, let's get to work for Christ! God Bless.