

## CHAPTER 14

### HIS WAY, HIS TIME

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*"O Lord, it is Thou who didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them".*

Acts 4:24

**W**hen I was a small boy of about ten, long before I wanted to be a geologist, my father and mother took me on a trip to see the wonders of the Grand Canyon. I stood at the edge of a cliff and marveled at the colors of the rocks as I tried to focus my mind on the vast distance to the river below.

That evening we attended a lecture by a park ranger. He told us how the rocks were originally deposited by water and wind over eons of time. He told how the land then rose, and how the Colorado River had slowly cut its path through the rocks to form this Grand Canyon.

An elderly gentleman in the back stood up and said, "Young man, you are wrong. God made this canyon!"

The ranger was taken aback for a moment. Then he replied, "Sir, you are right. God did make this canyon. In *His way* and in *His time*."

What a sensible way to resolve the apparent conflict between science and Scripture. "God made this canyon in His way and in His time."

The Word of God. The word of science. They do not appear to be in conflict at all. But there is a war being waged in the classroom at present. It is known as the Creation-Evolution controversy, and it is being heatedly fought in the courts and in the press, as well as on the high school and college campuses.

Underneath all the rhetoric, the cause of the conflict is very simple: *Both sides are using science to teach religion!* While it may be relatively easy to recognize the elements of religion in creationism, the fact that there are strong religious elements in evolutionism may come as a