Petrified Wood from the Petrified Forest National Park Holbrook, Arizona, U.S.A.

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Petrified tree samples from this National Park have been examined by many geologists and they all agree that there are no visible growth rings. Some trees were originally 200 feet tall (61 meters) and nine feet (2.75 meters) in diameter. The larger trees were *Araucarioxylon arizonicum* and resemble our modern evergreen pine tree.

The following samples were in strata contemporary with large petrified animals that do not exist today.





Two things must happen before petrifaction of a biological specimen occur.

1) The specimen must be captivated in an oxygen-deficient environment, like rapid burial under large layers of sediment, to prevent decomposition for a sufficient duration to permit mineralization and an exchange of organic material for mineral.

2) There must be present soluble minerals like silicates, aluminum, oxides of iron, etc. to penetrate the specimen.

Much like a photographic negatives with different densities of gel and immersed in developing solution displaying visible contrast of the gel density, likewise, minerals will absorb in different quantities according to porosity, stratification, and density of the biological specimen.

Where a plant is grown in a consistent environment, like a temperature controlled green house, with stable climate and moisture, no growth rings are formed; thus, there are no denser portions to accept different quantities of minerals and NO VISIBLE GROWTH RINGS. No such natural conditions exist on earth today and growth rings are even formed in the tropics.

It should be noted that some types of trees, like palms, do not form growth rings but samples look like a fossilized mineralized honey comb; that is not the case in regular trees. These processes are no mystery to a Christian or scientist who believes in a perfect environment before the flood, and who believe the Lord will not take millions of years to evolve another Earth, as the LORD promises in Isaiah 65:17:

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

A last-day Bible code proves Jesus is the Messiah, identifies the "abomination of desolation" He warned of, and supports Bible chronology while identifying the overall timing of the "cosmic conflict" between good and evil. See: English: <u>http://revelado.org/thetimeoftheend.pdf</u> Arabic: <u>http://revelado.org/arabic.pdf</u>

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