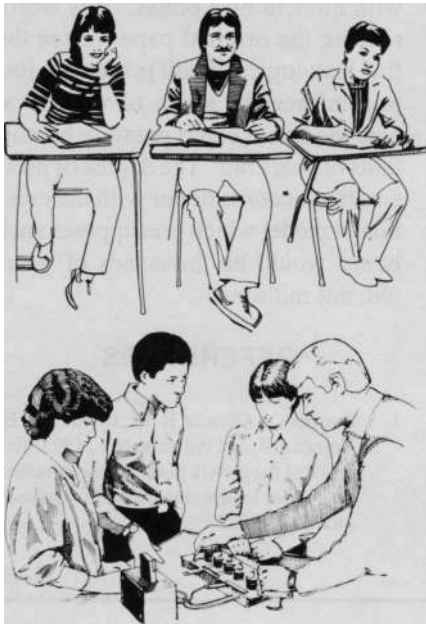


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 Many people do not realize that because of the assumptions behind evolutionary science, the public schools (even where the science teacher is a theistic evolutionist) are effectively propagating an anti-biblical religion.

# Deluge on Mars

The surface of Mars appears to show definite signs of massive catastrophic flooding, followed by an Ice Age.

Baker and his co-workers<sup>1</sup> estimate that an area covering around a third of the surface of Mars was previously covered with water. The maximum central depth of this 'Oceanus Borealis' (see diagram below) was 1700 metres. If the volume of water in such an ocean was distributed evenly over the entire Martian surface, it would be 450 metres deep.

It is estimated that this ocean was filled in the short time of between 11 weeks and two years by the catastrophic melting of huge underground ice masses by active volcanism, forcing the water to the surface. The rising temperature is said to have liberated CO<sub>2</sub>, causing a greenhouse effect which in turn raised temperatures and thus increased the precipitation of rain and snow from this ocean. This caused huge glacial ice sheets to form (the southern icecap in the diagram) which have left their mark on the landscape.

However, today the only 'ice' visible is frozen CO<sub>2</sub> at both poles.

The surface of Mars is dry, rough and cold (average temperature of minus 50°C) with no water of any sort at the surface or in the atmosphere. The huge volumes of water which appear to have helped shape the surface are believed to have returned to the ground.

The irony is that evolutionary scientists have no difficulty accepting, on a planet with no visible water, a past catastrophic deluge in which enough water came from underground to cover the whole planet half a kilometre deep, and caused a subsequent Ice Age (just as creationists maintain happened after the Genesis Flood). Yet on an earth, still mostly covered by huge amounts of water, we are told repeatedly that no global deluge could ever have occurred.

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