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The Young Earth

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Book Condition: New. Publisher/Verlag: Springer Netherlands | An introduction to Archaean geology | ‘What are we going to do with a parcel of old stones?’ wrote the director of an African museum a century and a half ago, when one of my ancestors presented him with a splendid collection of fossils of mammal-like reptiles. Old stones, however intriguing, are difficult to interpret, dusty, and do not fit well in the neatly ordered contents of a house of learning. Archaean geology, which is the study of the Earth’s history in the period from after the end of planetary accretion (4.5-4.4 x 10 years ago) up to the beginning of the Proterozoic (2.5 x 10 years ago) is much the same - a parcel of old stones seemingly impossible to understand. Yet these stones contain the history of our origins: they can tell us a story that is interesting not just to the geologist (for whom this book is primarily written) but instead addresses the human condition in general. | Background: Concepts and field evidence.- 1 Introduction.- 1.1 Purpose and scope.- 1.2 Concepts.- 1.3 Catastrophes vs. uniformity.- 1.4 Archaean stratigraphy and mapping.- 2 Geochronology and other uses of isotopic...


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