

Exploring Creation with General Science, 3rd Edition – Errata File

This file contains the clarifications and corrections for the 4th Printing: March 2021, of the Textbook.

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Clarifications:

In our effort to provide families with accurate science that glorifies God, this course went through thorough and detailed editing. Yet, although scientific accuracy is a major goal, as with any large instructional work there will be places where information can be clarified.

Page 99 – In the 2nd to last paragraph changes were made in the bold sentences as shown:

Let’s compare those numbers to the New Testament. **It is supported by over 5,800 different copies and the earliest was written only 25-40 years after the original.** The differences between these 5,800 copies are extremely small, which indicates that the New Testament we have today **is faithful** to the original text.

Page 100 – Figure 4.13 – change the New Testament Time Span number to **25-40**.

Page 100 – two sentences in the last paragraph were revised as shown in bold:

Now, the last events of the Old Testament were supposed to have occurred sometime around 450 BC, which means that there is a notable span of time between the original writings and the first available copies. **But between 1947 and 1956, the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Among the manuscripts there are at least 223 copies of the Old Testament.** In fact, one of the scrolls has a complete copy of the Old Testament book of Isaiah.

Carbon-14 dating, pages 104-105 and 180-181 – no edits made.

Carbon-14 could *technically* allow scientists to identify dates that could be tens of thousands of years old. However, to *accurately* date an item, it has to be calibrated with dendrochronology (discussed on pages 102-104). That just means that the carbon-14 dates are supported by dates confirmed using dendrochronology.

Page 223 – In the paragraph under Periodic Table of Elements, change “...each box has 1, 2, or 3 letters.” to “...each box has **1 or 2** letters.” This was written prior to elements #113, 115, 117, and 118 were named. When an element is first identified it is given a 3-letter abbreviation. Once it is named, it receives a 2-letter abbreviation.

Page 223 – Update to Figure 8.8 – Element #117 Ts has been filled in with the red color and the bold line moved to the left of #117.

Page 369 – Experiment 13.1

The following note was added at the beginning:

“Note: Depending on the paper products you use for this experiment, your results may differ. This is because the content of newspaper varies by manufacturer, and many papers use already recycled materials which affect the release of carbon during decomposition.”

Corrections:

Page 25, 219, 420 – Niels (Bohr) was misspelled.

Page 45 – In the creation connection, change the 4th sentence to read:

“They performed experiments showing germs infecting and harming healthy tissue, and after years of further experimentation by Semmelweis and others, Semmelweis’ **hypothesis was accepted as a theory that is still used today.**”

Page 317 – In Figure 11.13 the width measurement should be (9.8 Feet).

Page 361 – In the second to last sentence of the top paragraph, change oxygen to **carbon dioxide** so the sentence reads: “...because of the constant sunlight and lots of available carbon dioxide for photosynthesis.”