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***What in the World Is a Whale Doing on Top of a
Mountain?***

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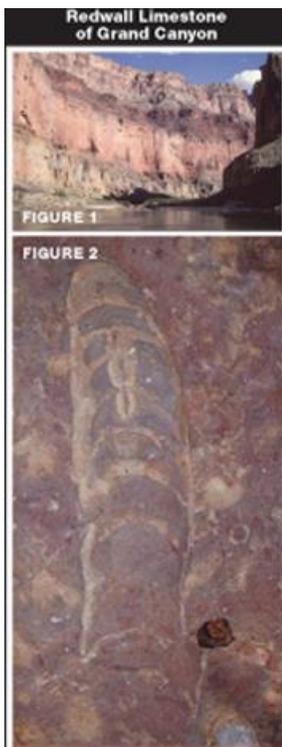
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Did you know the intriguing fact, that marine fossils are found on every continent of the world, and some are even on the tops of mountain ranges high above sea level? How did they get there? Why did they get there? Let's jump in an airplane, fly over each continent and get a bird's eye view of these marine fossils

Let's start in the U.S.A.(North America), in a limestone layer of the Grand Canyon. There we find tons of fossilized nautiloids, a marine cephalopod related to the octopus, squid, and the cuttlefish.(a) The Grand Canyon is an average of 5,600 feet above sea level! It is also 500 miles away from the ocean.



(a)¹

¹ <https://answersingenesis.org/fossils/fossil-record/the-worlds-a-graveyard/>

Once we have flown over the vast Atlantic Ocean, we will fly over Europe. In the Alps, researchers have found sea urchins, sea stars, and snails that once lived in the ocean. The Alps are *mountains*. How were these fossils formed in the middle of this continent, again miles and miles from the ocean?

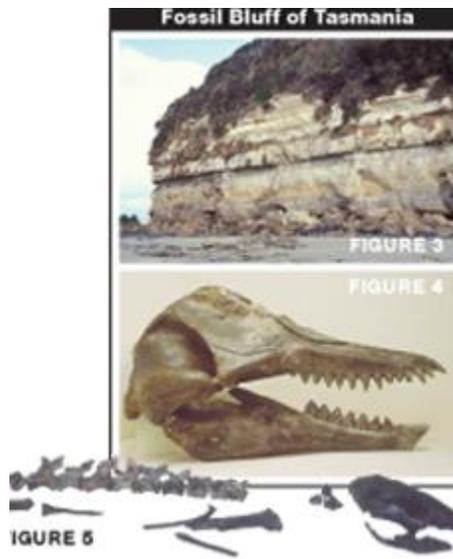
As Europe slips from our aerial view, we get a glimpse of Asia. We see the Himalayan mountain range, highest in the world. Here are fossilized ammonites!(b) Ammonites, now extinct, were coiled marine cephalopods. They once lived in the ocean.



(b)²

Now let's take a right-hand turn in our plane down to Australia. We fly over Uluru Rock, on the mainland of Australia, and down to fossil bluff, on the north coast of Tasmania, a state of Australia. A fossilized whale was found on this cliff along with the fossil of a possum.(c) How did a marine animal and a land mammal get fossilized together?

² <https://answersingenesis.org/fossils/fossil-record/high-dry-sea-creatures/>



(c)³

Let's turn around and go Northwest towards Africa. In Nigeria,⁴ large beds of chalk formed of fossilized seashells have been found.⁵ Naturally formed chalk is a collection of the skeletons of tiny marine animals.⁶In the middle of Nigeria?!

Last, but not least, we will turn our attention and our plane towards Southern South America. In Chile, 120 feet above sea level, off the side of a highway, several whale skeletons have



been uncovered.(d)

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So, let's go back to the original question of this essay. How did all these fossils get stranded

³ <https://answersingenesis.org/fossils/fossil-record/the-worlds-a-graveyard/>

⁴ <http://www.africanchalkandclay.com/blog/what-is-calabar-chalk-aka-african-kaolin-clay/>

⁵ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4683845/>

⁶ Oard, Michael J, Wolfe, Tara, & Turbuck, Chris, 2012. Exploring Geology with Mr. Hibb. Creation Book Publishers, a division of *Creation Ministries International* (US).

⁷ <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/sdut-chile-fossil-whales-in-desert-mystery-solved-2014feb26-story.html>

so far away from their natural habitats? The answers to all life's questions including this one are found in the Bible. The answer to this one is, "And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered."⁸ It also says, "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened."⁹ All of this caused tectonic activity, which, in turn, caused sediments to be churned up. The sediments and the moving water buried these animals on top of the mountains. This happened for one hundred and fifty days. After that, the Bible says, "And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased."¹⁰ These were perfect conditions for creating fossils. "Rapid burial, thick sediments, and chemically rich groundwater streaming up from the broken crust of the earth would be ideal for forming fossils rapidly during Noah's flood. Billions of fossils around the earth are a powerful argument for the reality of the global flood."¹¹

We do not see fossils forming naturally today anymore. This is because, in the flood, the animals were buried rapidly once they had died. Today, animals' bodies decompose or are scavenged by other animals before any chances of fossilization can occur! This tour of the world reveals clear evidence that the flood was indeed global in extent and there is no doubt about it. Marine fossils on every continent, many of which are far from shore, speak loudly in defense of God's Word. While this evidence completely supports the Bible, it is enough that, "The entirety of Your word is truth."¹²

⁸ Holy Bible-Genesis 7:20-NKJV

⁹ Holy Bible-Genesis 7:11-NKJV

¹⁰ Holy Bible-Genesis 8:3-NKJV

¹¹ Oard, Michael J, Wolfe, Tara, & Turbuck, Chris, 2012. Exploring Geology with Mr. Hibb. Creation Book Publishers, a division of *Creation Ministries International* (US).¹²

Holy Bible-Psalm 119:160-NKJV

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