

Fossil Artefacts Found in Coal

This ladle, or large cuplike spoon, was discovered by Myrna Burdick of Pennsylvania after she burned a huge lump of bituminous coal back in 1937.¹ After cleaning away the residue of brown ashes from her stove, Mrs Burdick noticed the ceramic ladle, which at the time was still intact.

The handle was later broken off, possibly for the purpose of testing by personnel at the prestigious Smithsonian Institution. The Smithsonian researchers who examined the artefact were highly sceptical of the claim that it was originally embedded in the coal. No report was ever released regarding their findings, if any.

The story was first published, in a very brief article, by Harry Wiant in 1976,² who assumed the spoon might represent an antediluvian relic.

This is not an isolated case. A rather extensive assortment of similar man-made objects reportedly have been recovered from coal seams. They include an exquisite gold chain (1891),³ an iron thimble (1883),⁴ an iron pot (1915),⁵ a borer or drill bit (1853),⁶ coins (1901),⁷ a 'steel' cuboid-shaped tool (1885),⁸ even a carved stone plate bearing the image of a man's face (1897)!⁹

The question confronting all of those who have happened upon these remarkable finds has yet to be adequately addressed by evolutionist archaeologists and geologists: How did these 'modern' artefacts arrive in deposits alleged to have originated multiple millions of years ago - supposedly during a time before man had even 'evolved'?

On the other hand, the question does not present such a problem to those who accept the Genesis account of creation, for man was created in the beginning as a highly intelligent being - even capable of metalworking and other complex tasks. Do these



man-made objects represent relics from the pre-Flood era?

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