

Tabulation of Complaints in the AiG ‘Critique’ of the 2003 book,  
*Unlocking the Mysteries of Creation*, by Dennis Petersen

Pg	#	Book page	True Error	Petty	Critic error	Mis-leads	Critic Opinion	Subject/text
3	1	-				X		“we sought to convey the reasons”
3	2	-				X		“concerns were wide and deep”
3	3	-				X		“focusing heavily on incorrect material”
3	4	-				X		“misled...thinking most evidences... be sound”
4	5	-				X		“input from a number of scientists”
4	6	-				X		“undiscerning creationist groups promote it”
4	7	19					X	Lucas model:“respected scientists reject” “it is completely irrelevant”
5	8	21				X	X	“dubious health beliefs..ignorant of basic facts”
5	9	25			X			Appearance Age: “not discuss shortcomings”
6	10	36			X			Magnetic field: “most mutations are random copying mistakes”
6	11	37			X			“no evidence oxygen will get rid of disease”
6	12	37			X			“everyone would be lining up for oxygen tents”
6	13	37			X	X		“would cause big problems with wildfires”
6	14	37				X		“too much oxygen is a bad thing”
7	15	37				X		“dogmatically basing virtually an entire apologetic on controversial speculations”
7	16	37					X	“longer lifespans... biblically deduced not to be related to the environment”
7	17	37				X		“Noah...stepping into this toxic environment”
7	18	38					X	Ozone: “cause half your audience to turn off”
7	19	38				X		“Sadly, this sort is not uncommon throughout..”
8	20	40					X	Minerals: “extremely inadequate and pointless”
8	21	40					X	“do absolutely nothing to enhance a book”
8	22	40					X	“fruitless.. for ...major tool for creation” “many side issues have no upside”
9	23	43			X			Peleg division: “most likely linguistic”
9	24	50				X		“moondust argument... seriously misleads”
9	25	57	X					Magnetic reversals
10	26	57	X					Helium
10	27	58					X	Shrinking sun: “major blooper... fusion”
10	28	60					X	Redshift: “is in fact the stretching of space”
11	29	61		X				Cold earth rocks: “vague..meaningless”
11	30	63		X	X			Laetoli: “beneath a layer... is false”
11	31	65		X			X	C-14: “How is this supposed to affect”
11	32	65			X			“meteors... do not fall to earth”
12	33	65		X				“expect other than Readers Digest reference”
12	34	79		X		X		“Wrong scientific terminology”
12	35	80		X				“any big bang theorist who would not say”
12	36	81	X					Missing Neutrinos: “doesn’t relate to big bang”

12	37	81			X	“alternative explanations for redshift”
12	38	81		X	X	“anyone with basic understanding... cringe”
13	39	83			X	“an incorrect statement of the law of entropy”
13	40	85			X	Curse: “common theme... open to ridicule”
13	41	87			X	“anyone understanding... would dismiss this”
14	42	89			X	“books show DNA can be altered by mutation”
14	43	91			X	“another unfortunate overreach”
14	44	97			X	Beneficial Mutations: “just plain wrong”
15	45	101	X			Changes: “confusing to say these are minor”
15	46	102			X	Whales: “totally unsatisfying to anyone”
15	47	103	X	X		Archaeopteryx: “This is not true”
15	48	103			X	“favorably mentions idea A. was a fraud”
15	49	107			X	Fossil Dating: “this very book contradicts that”
16	50	107		X	X	Simpson quote: “is a seriously outdated quote”
16	51	113		X	X	Chance: “to imply evolutionists believe”
16	52	126		X	X	Missing Links: “seriously misrepresents R.D.”
17	53	126			X	“this...sort...evolutionist...enjoy tearing apart”
17	54	129			X	Lucy: “this is absolutely false”
18	55	132		X		Java man: “reinforces the misleading myth”
18	56	133		X	X	Peking: “seems likely” “this sort of comment”
18	57	133		X	X	“seems weak point” “if casts are accurate”
19	58	138		X	X	Leaky: “these sorts..mild blunders..so frequent”
19	59	144			X	Malachite: “never properly published...nor subjected to critical analysis”
19	60	144			X	Malachite: “we classify it as unsubstantiated”
20	61	149		X	X	Reptiles: “implies the reason... simply not true”
21	62	154			X	Paluxy: “our concerns are well known”
21	63	154			X	Paluxy: “sowing confusion” “no references”
21	64	160			X	Fossil finger: “poorly documented... dubious”
21	65	160			X	Handprint: “no one able to verify”
22	66	165			X	Ica stones: “appears to strongly suggest”
22	67	167			X	Jap plesiosaur: “been profoundly discredited”
22	68	172			X	Adam light: “wonders about the value”
22	69	182			X	10% brain: “perpetuates the myth”
23	70	184			X	Technology: “this is a bit risky”
23	71	184			X	Technology: “position that will draw flak”
23	72	186		X	X	Cain: “no indication the writer understands what evolutionists are saying”
24	73	190			X	Job 8: “speculation about laptops... no basis”
24	74	190			X	“inventions have to do with God’s blessing”
25	75	190			X	“entire book majors on rhetorical questions”
25	76	200			X	Nothing new: “stretching it to extreme point”
25	77	201			X	Planets: “it is risky to claim there is no proof”
25	78	201			X	Top-secret: (confusing statements)
26	79	202			X	Great Pyramid: “seems somewhat over the top”
26	80	202			X	Crude past: “we are not aware of any evidence”

26	81	203				X	Ancient brain use: “completely speculative”
26	82	204		X		X	Preflood artifacts: “many reasons to think it may have been a miner’s hammer”
27	83	204		X		X	Artifact: “no such thing” (chlorine alloy)
27	84	204			X	X	Artifacts: “major flaw in whole book-completely overlooks almost all the sound arguments...”
27	85	214			X	X	Great Pyramid: “fascination...not unusual in fringe literature.”
27	86	214			X		Flood rock: “quote without disapproval”
28	87	217				X	Spanish: “deep into way out speculation”
28	88	218	X		X		(confused reasoning)
28	89	218				X	Tibet: “misleads to an extent...mind boggling”
29	90	223			X	X	Crystals: “close to new age beliefs”
29	91	224				X	Battery: “hardly enough to justify assertions.. everything.. previously discovered”
29	92	224		X		X	Glider: “remarkable that anyone would seriously believe the ancient.. had airplanes”
30	93	Sum				X	“much of what it argues is plain wrong”
30	94	Sum				X	“potential for many to be seriously misled into believing... a major step backward for creation movement”
30	95	Sum			X	X	“actively warn against uncritically accepting its contents as if they were based on consensus”
31	96	Sum			X		“tragic consequence of people doing their own thing... without... peer review”
total			5	18	16	38	56
			Errors	Petty	Critic errors	Mis lead	opinion

Summary:

Out of 96 tabulated comments in the critique...

5 legitimate errors are noted, acknowledged by the author and will be changed

18 items are of a petty or trivial nature

16 items demonstrate errors on the part of the critic, showing his lack of information

38 items mislead readers by showing an intent to influence or create a negative attitude in readers by insinuation that the critic knows best

56 items show a mild or strong opinion that tend not to give the reader the suggestion that other opinions are held by reasonable people who disagree with the critic.