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1. Observe - Vertical fossil trees with wood replaced by white silica. Bark on the outside has turned to black coal. Many tree fossils seem to stand on coal seams.



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2. Even horizontal logs have been petrified, yet the bark is coal, whether the tree lies in coal or in sandstone.



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3. Accurate observation requires hard work excavating and cleaning to prove the vertical objects are trees.



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4. Evenly spaced tree rings now show clearly. A car key for scale gives an idea of thickness for this vertical fossil.



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*"But how did these trees get here?"*

*"I'm glad you asked."*

- 6 Vertical fossil trees are called "**polystrate**". Poly means many, strate means strata or layers. These petrified trees stand upright through many layers. To learn how they got there, questions must be asked (and answered) including:
- A. Did they grow where they are found?
  - B. Are the coal seams from swamps on which the trees grew?
  - C. Were tree trunks partly buried by sediment flooding the swamp?
  - D. Did any unburied tree trunk rot off as a new swamp formed?
  - E. Did this cycle repeat over and over through millions of years? **Or.....**
  - F. Did the trees grow somewhere else?
  - G. Were they ripped up, carried along and rapidly buried in vertical position by a catastrophic deluge?

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