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Ashley Crill — 15 Dec 2007, 21:02

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Pedro Pereira — 16 Dec 2007, 11:13 · in reply to Ashley Crill

From: ash_crill at hotmail.com To: urth at lists.urth.net Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2007 14:02:48 -0700 Subject: Re: (urth) Urth Digest, Vol 40, Issue 15

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The only problem is that there is no indication that the continent is shifting 90 degrees. Not only that, but I don't see WHY it should do that according to present tectonics and sipostion of plaques. And that would also take a lot more time than 100.000-1 million years. Also, such a major rotation would imply that basically the WHOLE of the Earth crust (read

continents and oceans) would also be completely changed and in that sense there would be no point in talking about S.A., N.A. etc. Basically, there would be no recognizable features at all (I mean, at the same level a fictitious inhabitant of Pangea I would find anything recognizable in Pangea II).

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