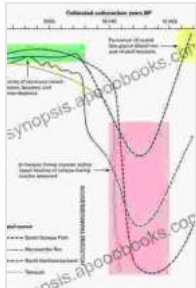


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Sea level has changed dramatically over the course of Earth's history. During the Quaternary Period, which began approximately 2.6 million years ago, sea level has fluctuated by more than 100 meters. These changes have had a profound impact on the Earth's landscapes, ecosystems, and human populations.

The Quaternary Period is characterized by a series of glacial and interglacial periods. During glacial periods, sea level falls as water is stored in glaciers and ice sheets. During interglacial periods, sea level rises as glaciers and ice sheets melt. The most recent glacial period, known as the Last Glacial Maximum, occurred approximately 21,000 years ago. At the Last Glacial Maximum, sea level was approximately 120 meters lower than it is today.

Sea level changes are caused by a variety of factors, including changes in the Earth's climate, the growth and melting of glaciers and ice sheets, and tectonic activity. Climate change can cause sea level to rise or fall by changing the amount of water stored in glaciers and ice sheets. The growth of glaciers and ice sheets causes sea level to fall, while the melting of glaciers and ice sheets causes sea level to rise. Tectonic activity can also cause sea level to change by changing the shape of the Earth's crust.

Sea level changes have a significant impact on the Earth's landscapes, ecosystems, and human populations. Sea level rise can lead to flooding, erosion, and salinization of coastal areas. Sea level fall can expose new land areas, but it can also lead to the loss of wetlands and other coastal habitats.

Sea level changes are a major challenge for human populations. Coastal communities are particularly vulnerable to the effects of sea level rise. Sea level rise can damage or destroy homes, businesses, and infrastructure. It can also lead to the displacement of people and the loss of cultural heritage.

There is a growing need for research on sea level changes. Scientists need to better understand the causes and consequences of sea level change. They also need to develop new ways to mitigate the effects of sea level change.

The book "Quaternary Sea Level Changes: A Global Perspective" provides a comprehensive overview of Quaternary sea level changes. The book covers the causes, consequences, and implications of these changes. It

also provides a detailed look at the sedimentary record of sea level changes.

The book is written by a team of leading experts in the field of sea level change. The book is a valuable resource for scientists, students, and policymakers who are interested in sea level change.

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The book is divided into four parts:

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2. Causes of Sea Level Change
3. Consequences of Sea Level Change
4. Implications of Sea Level Change

The first part of the book provides an overview of sea level change. It discusses the different factors that can cause sea level to change, and it provides a detailed look at the sedimentary record of sea level changes.

The second part of the book examines the causes of sea level change. It discusses the role of climate change, the growth and melting of glaciers and ice sheets, and tectonic activity in sea level change.

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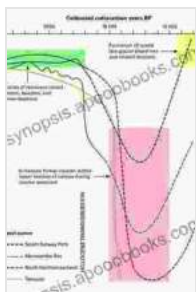
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