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**C1029 – August 18, 2010 – The Amazing Dinosaurs**

Last time we went into how the Christian who accepts the authority of Scripture should interpret fossils that have ape-like and man-like features. What's the explanation for this? Like all questions they are answered from one's previously existing worldview or presuppositions. Everyone has presuppositions which they are committed to and whether carefully thought through or not they play a determining role in the interpretation of data. Since the evolutionary worldview requires a gradual upward development from a single celled organism to all multi-cellular organisms then they would expect to find transitional fossils between all cellular forms. They expected to find in the lower strata of the geologic column more ape-like fossils and in the upper strata more man-like fossils. This, however, has not always been the case. Often fossils more man-like have been found in lower strata than those that are ape-like. The geologic record does not support an upward development of human beings from apes to men. So they turned to comparative anatomy and tried on the basis of reconstructions of fossils to make conclusions from skull shape and size, teeth, hip bones, fingers and toes as to where such fossils fit in the transition from ape to man.

We also point out that several hoaxes and deliberate frauds have been perpetrated in the 20<sup>th</sup> century to further the cause of evolution. We mention Piltdown man that was found in 1912 in Piltdown, England.

It was claimed that they found a skull cap and a jaw and that this was the perfect link, halfway between ape and man. The world's greatest authorities said that Piltdown man was an authentic link and it was used as evidence in the Scopes Monkey Trial of 1925. It was in the textbooks and taught to children for over 40 years until in 1953 it was

discovered that the jawbone was not even fossilized and was probably no older than the year it was found. The skull cap was no more than a couple thousand years old, both the skull cap and jaw were buried by the scientists and that the teeth had been filed down to make them look human. Famous Harvard paleontologist, Dr Stephen Jay Gould writes, "Piltdown's champions...modeled the "facts"...another illustration that information always reaches us through the strong filters of culture, hope, and expectation." How's that for desperation. We don't have any evidence so we make some up.

A second supposed champion fossil of evolution was Ramepithecus. They found a single jawbone. They found out later it was an orangutan like ape and so they finally removed it from the textbooks.

Then you had Nebraska man. They found one tooth and from one tooth they drew Nebraska man carrying a club, his cousin and the environment they lived in. This was commissioned by the distinguished anatomist Sir Grafton Elliot Smith and published in the Illustrated London News in 1922. They found out that the tooth was from an extinct pig. So, I just show you that because you hear the initial news and then thirty years later it turns out so many of these are frauds.

But we also said that some of the fossils are legitimate and show similarities to apes and similarities to men are explained by the Christian presupposition of the Scriptures authority. That the Global Flood of Noah created conditions perfect for the onset of an ice age and that at the Tower of Babel men were scattered out from Mesopotamia. Those at the farthest reaches of the dispersion faced environmental challenges, climate changes; they faced dietary challenges, vitamin deficiencies, eating of raw meat, etc...they faced disease from poor diet and climate. Paleontologists have known for many years that those conditions cause malformation of the skeletal structure. We see the same modifications in modern Aborigines and Eskimo's. So the biblical worldview of a God's unique creation of man distinct from the apes, the Fall of man and nature, the Global Flood of Noah which was the onset of the ice age explain the conditions necessary to cause such deformation of man. Job, who lived in the ice age, described them, "3"From want and famine they are gaunt" that shows physiological

stress, “Who gnaw the dry ground by night in waste and desolation,  
4Who pluck mallow [a plant from salt marshes] by the bushes, And  
whose food is the root of the broom shrub.” That shows food stress,  
5“They are driven from the community; They shout against them as  
*against* a thief, 6So that they dwell in dreadful valleys, In holes of the  
earth and of the rocks.”

So when we look at the fossil findings this is the biblical interpretation. We know men went out from the Tower of Babel region in Mesopotamia. Notice what happens as you get to the fringes of the dispersion. I’ve ranked the fossils that appeared the most primitive as yellow, less primitive as red and most advanced as blue. What I’m trying to do on this map is to point out that the most primitive appearing fossils are the greatest distances away from the center of the Babylonian civilization. For example, in China the “Peking Man”, in Indonesia the “Java Man”, South Africa, isn’t it striking that those finds are all the most distant from Mesopotamia? And isn’t it interesting that as you move closer to the Tower of Babel area, where we do have finds of early man, you find more advanced skulls? Modern civilization did not begin in Africa as you read in National Geographic and Time magazine, modern civilization arose in Iraq.



Why do we have this apparent primitiveness in the extremities of the dispersion and this apparent advanced-ness in the central regions? I think again the Scriptures are pointing to something. In fact, what has happened to the human form, as they went out into the harsh world of the ice age, the environment, the habit, the food, all the stresses took a toll on their bodies. We don’t know every detail but what I’m challenging you to do is be a Berean and study the Scriptures because they have powers of explanation that we don’t tap into. We study it as a religious book and what can I find that makes me feel good today and

yet the Bible is not a religious book. The Bible is a reality book; it tells us the true history of the world and so every bit of data we come across in the Scriptures is powerful data, it's interpretive data, not interpreted. It's God's analysis of history. What I mean by interpretive data is God has given it to us as an interpretive grid, so that we start with the Scriptures and then we go into nature and interpret what we find in nature, like these fossils, in terms of the Scripture. That's a discipline we have to train ourselves in. Never, never go read any area of life without reading it alongside the Bible, because if you do then you'll be open to deception and you'll slurp up the interpretations of the pagan worldview and we can't go along with that because it's totally opposite of the biblical worldview. So, two can play the game of interpretation. We want to be sharp and that means we have to start with the most important data first, the scriptural data, then I'll look at the evidence and see how it fits. That's what we've done with land bridges and migration routes, that's what we've done with woolly mammoths, that's what we've done with these primitive appearing fossils and that's what we're going to now do with dinosaurs.

Dinosaurs, those amazing dinosaurs. Hardly is there a subject that more interests young people than the mysterious dinosaurs. With their massive size, their terrible teeth, their unbelievable weight. Brachiosaurus, weighing up to 160,000 pounds and standing as tall as a five story building and up to 100 feet long, paleontologists have wondered how he could even move.<sup>i</sup>



The stegosaurus, with his small head, strange plated neck, back and tail holding four spikes, three feet each in length and bones under his neck acting as chain mail for defense.



And of course the most feared of all, Tyrannosaurus Rex, the King Tyrant Lizard, who boasts 40,000 pounds of muscle, bone and flesh with a four foot long mouth containing over 100 razor sharp teeth half a foot long each in a jaw with biting force of 3,011 pounds per square inch compared to man at 175 pounds per square inch. This is one hungry fellow you would not want to see out your back window.

Undoubtedly these are the most magnificent creatures the world has ever seen and merit fully the title they were given by Sir Richard Owen, “dinosaurs,” which is Latin for “terrible lizard.” Where did these terrible lizards come from? When did they live? Have they gone extinct or are some still with us? If they did go extinct how did they go extinct? And did they walk the earth with man? Or were they gone millions of years before man? Does the Bible have anything to say about dinosaurs?

Well, the word dinosaur was not coined until 1841 so you won't read the word dinosaur in the Bible. I have an 1828 dictionary right here and you're welcome to come and search for “dinosaur” but you won't find it. It was not until 1841 when Sir Richard Owen coined this apt title. It came about because in the two preceding decades discoveries had been made in England and South America that led to the modern discovery of an ancient animal of immense proportions, unrivaled by anything living in the modern world. And so modern man was introduced to the dinosaurs. Teams of dinosaur hunters raced off in competition to discover more fossils of these great animals. It was a challenge and it was exciting and today we have dinosaur fossils

representing several hundred different kinds. This led eventually to the interpretation of dinosaurs within the evolutionary worldview and their interpretation of the dinosaurs is that they existed 220 million years ago to 65 million years ago.

Turn with me to Job 40:15. Job lived after the Flood during the ice age. The book written in his name is the earliest book in the entire Bible. Job suffered immensely. There's no one in the Scriptures I'm aware of that had to face the kinds of tragedies Job faced. In a single day Job's ten children were killed, his 7,000 sheep and very many servants were consumed by fire, his 3,000 camels were stolen, and his 500 yoke of oxen and 500 female donkeys were ripped off. Some time later Job was struck with boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. He had nothing left but his wife, and she was a real nag, so Job is having a bad year and for the next 36 chapters Job's friends come to console him and they get into all kinds of speculation as to why such torment has come upon Job and whether God is righteous or not in allowing the righteous to suffer. And Job insists that he hasn't done anything unrighteous and his friends insist he must have and this goes back and forth and finally in Job 38 God bursts on the scene and challenges Job with some difficult questions. Job, if you know so much about the universe then maybe you can instruct Me. And so it's a challenge to Job, it's a challenge to whether God knows what He's doing or not. And in the middle of this long list of unanswerable questions God says, Job 40:15, "Behold now, Behemoth," take a look at this beast I've made, Behemoth is a transliteration of the Hebrew, the translators didn't know what animal this described so they just transliterated it, "Behold now, Behemoth, which I made [with] you;" not "as well as you" but with you we'll talk about that more later. "He eats grass like an ox." Now in your marginal notes it might say this is a hippopotamus or an elephant. Once we finish reading the description you'll be convinced that the marginal notes aren't inspired. Here's the description. "He eats grass like an ox." So he's an herbivore.<sup>ii</sup> Verse 16, "Behold now, his strength in his loins And his power in the muscles of his belly." He has a huge abdominal region. Verse 17, "He bends his tail like a cedar;" now hold it right there and tell me what hippopotamus has a tail like a cedar?



How about an elephant? Ever seen an elephant with a tail like a cedar? Cedars are the tallest trees in the land of Israel and in Texas. If you've been around the Guadalupe River you've seen them towering above everything, massive trees. Does the cedar tree sound like an apt description of the hippopotamus or elephant tail? "The sinews of his thighs are knit together. <sup>18</sup>His bones are tubes of bronze; His limbs are like bars of iron." Note the sinews and the bone structure. The sinews are what connects muscle to bone so we can move, primarily so we can pull things and support body mass. Whatever this creature is he's got tremendous bone and muscle structure. Verse 19, "He is the first of the ways of God;" The chief of the ways of God, whatever Behemoth is, he's the greatest land animal God ever made. Today, the largest land animal is the African Bush Elephant, he's ~20 feet long and weighs in around 15,000 pounds.

His daily food requirements include 600 pounds of vegetation. Yet, he's not the guy in these verses. Who is? We find all over the earth fossils of huge plant eaters with massive abdominals and long massive tails like cedars, some over 100 feet long and weighing 160,000 pounds. Now tell me this Behemoth isn't a dinosaur. Diplodocus was about 90 feet long and weighed over 100,000 pounds.



To support his body mass he would have to consume 15,000 pounds of vegetation every day. That's why paleontologists are pretty well agreed that the great dinosaurs were different from mammals. Mammals are endothermic, they're warm blooded, their bodies self-regulate their temperature but paleontologists look at the food requirements of these massive dinosaurs and conclude they must have been like reptiles, ectotherms, cold-blooded. Their bodies are able to pick up energy from the sun. This is why you see turtles basking in the sun, iguanas sitting on rocks basking in order to soak up the energy from the sun's rays so they can regulate their body temperature. Now, we don't know if all dinosaurs were ectotherms. There could have been some that were endothermic. But if they were ectothermic herbivores and the pre-Flood world had vastly more vegetation than the post-Flood world then they had plenty of food. But after the Flood, the environment changed radically and they didn't have enough vegetation and so eventually they died off. Coupled with that the mass amounts of volcanic ash in earth's stratosphere blocked the sunlight, and so they couldn't pick up much energy from the sun's rays. With low amounts of sunlight you have low amounts of vegetation, so they were low on that source of energy and putting all these environmental factors together they went extinct. We don't have all the details. What we do know is that the beast described here was a plant eater, he was very large, he had a tail unlike any land creature alive today and he was the greatest land creature God ever made. If he was an ectothermic reptile like Diplodocus, and it appears he was, then they never stopped growing, reptiles just continue to grow their whole life, they got bigger and bigger, longer and longer. And after a couple of hundred years they were so big they could hardly move around so to support themselves they would get in the water and utilize the buoyancy factor. Verse 20, "Surely the mountains bring him food, And all the beasts of the field play there. <sup>21</sup>"Under the lotus plants he lies down, In the cover of the reeds and the marsh. <sup>22</sup>"The lotus plants cover him with shade; The willows of the brook surround him." There he is sitting in the water. Paleontologists look at the peg-like teeth of Diplodocus and suggest he ate aquatic vegetation like water lilies,<sup>iii</sup> and here we have description of one sitting right in an aquatic environment. Verse 23, "If a river rages, he is not alarmed; He is confident, though the Jordan rushes to



his mouth.” What kind of animal can sit in the middle of a raging river? Yet there he is, sitting right in the Jordan River in the Land of Israel, resting in the raging waters of the Jordan. You say what is a dinosaur doing in the Land of Israel? Well, in the north after the Flood, toward Europe you had the ice age, dinosaurs don’t like a cold climate so they would migrate south to warmer climates. And here one found him a nice spot in the Jordan River. The Jordan empties into what is now the Dead Sea and if you’ve been to the Dead Sea or seen pictures you know this is one of the driest places on earth. It rains about 1 inch annually in that region today, there is hardly any life and there’s no life in the Dead Sea itself. When fish come down the Jordan River and hit the Dead Sea they die instantly, so they’ve made a bird refuge where the Jordan meets the Dead Sea and the birds have all the fish they want. That’s the environment today. But in the time of Job it wasn’t the Dead Sea at all, it was fresh waters, it was lush. We read how in Gen 13 Lot chose this area because of its lush vegetation. So it was a well-watered, beautiful area full of lush vegetation, perfect for Diplodocus. You say there was a dinosaur in the Jordan River not 4,000 years ago? Yes, that’s what God says. But that’s not all.

Job 41 describes Leviathan. An entire chapter is devoted to this great creature of the ocean. Look at him, “Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook? Or press down his tongue with a cord?” Here’s another challenge to Job, this fantastic creature of the deep. And of course, translators have suggested from their experience with fish that this must be a crocodile or a whale. Excuse me, but read with me verse 18, “His sneezes flash forth light, And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.” A fire breathing creature in the ocean? Yes. That’s what it says. Verse 19, “Out of his mouth go burning torches; sparks of fire leap forth. <sup>20</sup>Out of his nostrils smoke goes forth As from a boiling pot and burning rushes. <sup>21</sup>His breath kindles coals, And a flame goes forth from his mouth.” Now is that not the strangest description of a crocodile you’ve ever read? That’s not crocodile, that’s no creature now known to man. Look at verse 33, this is an unconquered and unconquerable great sea creature. “Nothing on earth is like him, One made without fear. <sup>34</sup>It looks on every haughty being; it is king over all that are proud.” He’s the king of the deep, the greatest sea creature God ever made. Today the king of the deep is the Great White Shark.

You saw him in Jaws, he has rows of razor sharp teeth, each about 2 ½ inches long, he can get about ~20 feet long, that's a big fish. There are other fish that get larger but few, if any are more terrifying predators than the Great White. Yet he can and has been caught by a hook; he doesn't breathe fire. So he's not Leviathan. Yet we find a creature scientists call megalodon.

Megalodon had teeth up to 7 inches long and razor sharp, this creature is estimated to be about 75 feet in length and weighing over 200,000 pounds. We don't know if this Leviathan is megalodon, but we do know that the greatest sea creature ever was this Leviathan. He breathed fire, and men came into combat with him and no man ever captured him. In Ps 104:26 he's mentioned again, this is 1,000 years after Job, he was still in the seas. "The ships move along, And Leviathan, which you have formed to sport in it." That's to be taken literally. If ships are literal vessels that move in the seas then Leviathan is a literal fish that sports in the seas. You say this creature was in the ocean just 3,000 years ago? Yes, that's what God says.

Is the Bible really telling us that this marine dinosaur and this land dinosaur once lived alongside man? At the same time? Man and dinosaurs contemporaneous to one another? Are you saying this is like the Flintstones where Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble live alongside dinosaurs? No, I'm not saying that, God is saying that. You say, but how do you reconcile that with the evolutionary worldview that says dinosaurs went extinct 65 million years before man ever walked the earth? I don't, that reconstruction of past history is just flat wrong. It is nothing more than the ancient doctrine of the Continuity of Being, that all is one, that there is only one level of reality and all beings partake of the same being and that there is nothing outside of that being. And that is exactly the opposite of the biblical worldview of the Creator-creature distinction. And if dinosaurs went extinct 65 million years ago then why did we find in the year 2000 soft tissue remains of a T. Rex, containing blood vessels and intact cells," when organic tissue cannot survive even a million years, much less 68 million. This has caused one of the greatest and most heated controversies in the history of paleontology!<sup>iv</sup>

So where did these great creatures come from, Behemoth and Leviathan? Turn with me to Gen 1:21. When did the great Leviathan come into the world? Was he a product of millions of years of evolution? Gen 1:21, “God created the great sea monsters [*taninim*] – that means whales and all great sea creatures like giant squids, the plesiosaurs, the Leviathan, etc...] and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.” It was good, Leviathan was good. You say that terrifying creature described in Job and still existing at the time of David was good? Yes, very good. As originally created Leviathan was not a terrifying, fire-breathing, marine reptile carnivore but a gentle plant eater. You say that’s impossible? I cannot conceive of it? Impossible? Are you saying that possibility is back of God? That possibility exists, all is chance. Then in that case God cannot possibly exist but possibility most certainly does exist. Yet possibility is not back of God, God is back of possibility. Is anything too hard for the Lord?

Now come to verse 24, where did the great Behemoth come from, when did he come into the world? “Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things [*remesh*] and beasts of the earth after their kind”; and it was so.” Notice the creeping things, *remesh*, these are animals that move along the ground. That includes Behemoth and every other dinosaur kind that ever lived. Verse 25, “And God made the beasts of the earth *according to* their kinds and the livestock *according to* their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground” there it is again. And notice the end of the verse, “And God saw that it was good.” Dinosaurs were good? Velociraptors and ankylosaurus and allosaurus’ were good? Yes, they were very good as God originally made them. Verse 26, “Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing [*remesh*] that creeps on the earth.” There they are again. Were man and dinosaurs together? Did they live contemporaneously? Yes. Three times in three verses God wants you to understand that all reptiles that ever lived were created on the same day man was created and lived contemporaneously with man. Remember what we read in Job 40:15,

the opening verse on Behemoth, I said we'd come back to it, "Behold now, Behemoth, which I made with you;" that means on the same day, on the sixth day of creation God says I made the dinosaurs and man within the same 24 hour time period.

You say, well don't you think it's possible there was a world before this world, a prior creation? I'm now describing the Old Earth Gap Theory - that there was a gap of unknown amount of time between Gen 1:1 and 1:2 in which a whole prior world existed with dinosaurs but without man and that it went on for billions and billions of years and then God destroyed it because of the fall of Satan and when he did the dinosaurs were fossilized and entombed in the geologic strata of the earth. Then God re-created everything in Gen 1:3ff - that's the Old Earth Gap Theory. No, that's not possible. There never could have been a prior world? Why not? Because Gen 1:31, God said, behold, everything is very good, everything God made was very good at the point of Gen 1:31. There was nothing wrecked, ruined, dead and fossilized. There were no fallen angels. Everything God made was very good. God did not create Adam and Eve in a world with Satan already the god of the world and place them in a garden cemetery full of fossils of animals they would never see alive. No, they were put in a perfect garden where there was no death and Adam was the king of the world, Eve was his Queen. Rom 5:12, it was by one man that sin entered the world, not by Satan. Sin and death did not enter this world by Satan. Theologically, that is impossible. Gen 1:31 and Exod 20:11 say it is textually impossible. Exod 20:11 says "In six days God created the heavens and the earth and the seas and" what? "all that is in them." Everything that exists in the material universe came into being in six magnificent, literal days, not after Satan's Fall. You say, well then, when was Satan created and when did Satan Fall? The Scriptures teach that Satan was created very good sometime during creation week and that Satan fell sometime after creation week but before the temptation of Gen 3. So somewhere between Gen 2-3 the Fall of Satan occurred and a third of the angels with him. That's when a terrible thing happened. Charles Ryrie says it was the darkest day the world has ever known. Satan came down arresting the central nervous system of the serpent and deceived the woman who ate of the forbidden fruit and gave to her husband who was with her and he ate and then the Fall of man occurred and ever since

every person born, barring the Lord Jesus Christ, is born in sin. We are born sinners, we can't do anything about it, and we depend solely upon God's solution to our sin dilemma.

Now what happened to these magnificent creatures like Leviathan and Behemoth when man fell? God said when He created them they were very good. They ate plants, they were vegetarian and yet the fossils we find have huge razor sharp teeth, massive muscle structure, immense body size and weight, and they've been depicted for us in Jurassic Park as the creatures that ruled the world and yet God said man should rule over them? How do we explain the change? It's just inconceivable that these creatures once were tame, gentle plant eaters, all of them, including the Allosaurus known as T. Rex. Answer, Gen 3:14, read carefully, "The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life;" What happened to the serpent? God cursed the serpent. When man fell God cursed nature such that it would rebel against man so that man would understand what it meant to rebel against God. What is implied about the serpent before the curse? That he stood upright on two hind legs. Before he did not go on his belly, he stood upright, supported by legs, now he will go on his belly with no legs. You say, that's impossible? If you've been reading the narrative and God created everything that exists in six-literal 24-hour days what is and is not possible is what God says, not what man thinks, not what man's experience dictates. And God says He changed the anatomical structure of the serpent such that it lost its legs. That involves a change in the genetic structure. That involves a change in the physiology. That involves vast changes. We don't know what the original animals looked like. We don't even know what original man looked like. I suppose we would recognize them but I imagine were they to see us they would say, what are you sick? What happened to you? What kind are you exactly? There was a tremendous devolution at the Fall. The most beautiful people to ever walk the earth already walked the earth long ago. Thumbing through Cosmo would be like thumbing through the world's most decrepit, ugly people, the greatest athletes to ever walk the earth walked it long ago. Sports Illustrated would be the world's greatest sports bloopers, those people are long gone. And the animal world, as

we see in the fossil record, the greatest animals of the world are long gone. There was a change anatomically and physiologically such that animals that were once tame and gentle plant eaters were now hurtful, poisonous, dangerous carnivores, hostile to man because man was hostile to God. Can God make those changes? He did make those changes. Gen 3:14.

And so for 1,600 years man had to live in fear of these great creatures. It may have been immediate, it may have been gradual, but by the time of Gen 6:11 the place was a wreck. Look at it, “Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence.” Filled with violence, not just human violence, animal violence. Verse 12, “God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh” not just man flesh, “all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.” It was man at man’s throat, animal at animal’s throat, animals at man’s throat. There is evidence of dinosaurs fighting dinosaurs. We found two dinosaur fossils locked in combat, the world before the Flood is the worst world ever so far. If you thought things were bad today they have not reached the proportions of evil that existed before the Flood. And so God judged the world. You say, well, that explains the dinosaurs, they were all destroyed in the Flood and that’s why we find their fossils. Uh, uh, Gen 7:7, “Then Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood. <sup>8</sup>Of clean animals and animals that are not clean” you know what that means? Clean and unclean are the only two categories of animals on the earth. That means all air breathing animals, all *nephesh* animals on earth got on the ark. “and birds” there were birds on the ark, they couldn’t flutter around and survive through that intense rain and flooding for 371 days, they had to get on the ark. “and everything that creeps on the ground,” where have we seen that description before? Gen 1, the creeping things includes all reptiles, all lizards and yes, dinosaurs, they “went into the ark to Noah by twos, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.” You say, but how could those huge dinosaurs get on the ark, how did they ever get through the door? Remember what we said about their growth? How did they grow? They started out small, these were ectotherms, they hatched out of eggs, they weren’t live birthed. They hatched and we have found fossilized eggs, they were little when they hatched and then

they grew and grew and grew, some of them probably for hundreds of years to the point they were so fat they had to sit in the Jordan River because they couldn't move and just sit there and eat and bathe in the sun! So which dinosaurs do you think God is going to choose to bring to the ark? The big ones that can't even move? No, let's put smaller, younger ones that can still walk and get on the ark. God thought of all that long ahead of time. You say, was there enough room on the ark for all those creatures? Listen, the ark was a huge vessel, not rivaled by any sailing vessel until the 1800's. It was more than 450 feet long by 75 feet wide by 45 feet tall, it had three decks, with a total volume of ~1.5 million cubic feet with the freight capacity of 522 railroad box cars. You could have put more than 125,000 sheep size animals on the ark. And all the animals aren't large, even the dinosaurs. There were dinosaurs the size of a rooster and the average size of a dinosaur based on the fossil evidence was the size of a horse. So you don't have a problem getting all the different kinds of animals God originally created on the ark, not species, kinds, (the kind is a larger classification than species). Studies have shown you need a minimum of 2,000 and a maximum of 16,000 animals on the ark to keep all the original kinds God created alive on the earth. Plus they took the food and the eight people of course. All of that could fit comfortably on a single deck of the ark; that leaves two decks completely vacant, theoretically. I wonder what that extra space was for. Does that hint at the extent of salvation? It was available to more than just Noah and his family. Noah was a preacher of righteousness and he preached the word for 120 years and no one outside of his family responded. There was available space but they didn't believe the word of God, they rejected. So they were destroyed in the flood, along with all the dinosaurs that missed the boat. So most of the dinosaur fossils we find are due to the Flood but two of each dinosaur kind did get off the ark, notice Gen 8:17. "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth," there it is again, the reptiles, lizards and dinosaurs stepped off the ark, "that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So yes, dinosaurs lived after the Flood, we read of Leviathan and Behemoth in Job. And we can be real happy about one promise made in Gen 9:1, "And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. 2" "The fear of you and

the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky;” that would be good information to know as you stepped off the ark, that basically we have a situation where there is fear among the animals, that’s a gracious gift of God that people don’t think about. Now don’t go up to a lioness and take one of her cubs, that’s not saying the lioness will run away. It’s saying that if you just leave them alone, generally speaking they’ll stay away from humans, they’re not interested and usually they hide.

So what happened to the dinosaurs? Well there have been hundreds of suggestions. Most commonly the impact theory where an asteroid or comet hit the earth causing their extinction. The problem for all of them is the same. If all the dinosaurs on all the earth were destroyed, why didn’t all the other animals get destroyed? If a global cause is required then why a global extinction of dinosaurs only. It’s a thorny problem.<sup>v</sup> The Bible again has the answer, people just don’t like the cause or the timing. The answer is when they got off the ark it was a very different environment, the hot oceans and cooler atmospheres caused an ice age that made for a very different climate, there was much less vegetation and sunlight, the two primary energy sources for ectothermic dinosaurs, some would survive for hundreds and perhaps thousands of years after but gradually they went extinct.

It’s possible that the ancient word for dinosaurs was dragons; Isa 27:1 and Mal 1:3 both translate the Hebrew word in the KJV as “dragons”. We find stories in virtually every culture story of dinosaur like creatures called dragons, some that could fly, others that could swim and others that could breathe fire. Dragons that look strikingly like dinosaurs are often found on carvings, statues and cave drawings.





In the east, dragons were revered. “A great blue dragon was said to hover over the house where Confucius was about to be born.”

The bones and teeth...were ground up and used as medicine.” They said dragons laid eggs, and dinosaurs laid eggs. The creature whom Beowulf slays named Grendel sounds much like a dinosaur.<sup>vi</sup> Bill Cooper says, “if the earth is...young...as the creation model of origins predicts, then evidence will be found which tells us that, in the recent past, dinosaurs and man have co-existed. There is in fact, good evidence to suggest that they still co-exist, and this is directly contrary to the evolutionary model.”<sup>vii</sup> He demonstrates from Anglo-Saxon and other records their recent existence in sea, land and air. The mysterious Ica Stones from Peru that are considered by many experts to be thousands of years old depict a highly advanced ancient civilization; Indians performing complex brain, heart and c-section surgeries long before modern medicine. Men dressed in loincloths depicted as gazing into the heavens through telescopes long before Galileo. And men riding on dinosaurs much like we would ride a modern horse are also found! The museum in Peru has thousands of these stones, not just a few, pointing to men co-existing with dinosaurs as recent as 600 years ago.<sup>viii</sup>

Now, I don't know if any still exist, but I do know they were created by God and that they were once gentle, tame herbivores. That at the Fall they were changed dramatically to become dangerous, carnivorous, terrifying creatures. Job saw them 4,000 years ago and some still existed in David's time, 3,000 years ago and there is evidence from Isaiah and Malachi that they were called dragons just 2,500 years ago and there is contested evidence long after the time of Christ even 100 years ago in Arizona. Two cowboys claimed to shoot down a flying creature with huge wingspan, perhaps a Quetzalcoatlus!<sup>ix</sup>



Some people think there are some still alive deep in the African Congo and those who live there give depictions of what sound exactly like dinosaurs. They call him Mokele Mbembe.

Some believe there is such a thing called Nessie in Lochness that is an *Elasmosaurus*.



I think most if not all of them have died out; we quote in support of this trend, Isa 51:6, in the post-Flood world this exponential decay curve led to the gradual extinction of many creatures.

God talks of this exponential decay in Isaiah. “Lift up your eyes to the sky, Then look to the earth beneath; For the sky will vanish like smoke, And the earth will wear out like a garment” that means exponential decay, a steady downward evolution, not upward evolution, it’s exactly the reverse. He goes on, “And its inhabitants will die in like manner;” The dinosaurs finally died because of this, they finally could not survive any more with the genetic load and environmental changes. But the end of the verse, “My salvation will be forever, And My righteousness will not wane.” Things are not evolving, things are falling to pieces...but, salvation...not evolution, salvation is God’s plan. He saves to the utmost all who believe in the savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. So give thanks to the Lord for all the great things he has done and that the evidence of those amazing dinosaurs that once walked are reminders for us to marvel at the wisdom of our Creator.

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<sup>i</sup> Duane T. Gish, *Evolution: The Fossils STILL say NO!*

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ii From the fossil evidence most paleontologists think that about 95% of dinosaurs were herbivores. Herbivores have a hinge-like Jaw that only moves up and down and not side to side, this is typical of herbivorous animals. Also gastroliths (stones) have been found in the digestive tract, also typical of herbivores.

iii Jeannie K. Fulbright, *Exploring Creation with Zoology 3: Land Animals of the Sixth Day*, 218.

iv <http://www.icr.org/article/dinosaur-soft-tissue-finally-makes/>

v Other problems are put forth in the Jan-March issue of Answers Magazine, pp 64-66.

vi Bill Cooper, *After the Flood*, pp. 146-161.

vii Bill Cooper, *After the Flood*, pp. 131-145,

viii Dennis Swift, *Secrets of the Ica Stones and Nazca Lines: Proofs that Dinosaurs and Man Lived Together*.

ix Duane T. Gish, *Dinosaurs by Design*, p. 16.

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