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***DID DINOSAURS CO-EXIST
WITH MAN?***

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Dinosaurs

- The word “dinosaur” (Greek terrible lizard) was introduced in 1841 by British anatomist biologist, and paleontologist Sir Richard Owen.
- Prior to that, the term “dragon” was used to describe these creatures.

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References in the Bible

- The King James version of the Bible uses the word “dragon” over 20 times, just once metaphorically in referring to the Pharaoh of Egypt as a dragon (Ezekiel 29:3). The other times it is used it refers to animals.
- Psalm 91:13 - “Serpent” or “Dragon”
- Jeremiah 9:11 - “Jackals”
- Jeremiah 51:34 - “Monster”
- Job 7:12 – “Sea Monster”

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Did Dinosaurs Co-exist With Man? Two World Views

1. Evolutionary View / Paradigm*: No, dinosaurs predated humans by millions of years.
2. Creation View: Yes, dinosaurs were created by God at the same time He created man on the sixth day of creation.

**In science and philosophy, a paradigm is a distinct set of concepts or thought patterns, including theories, research methods, postulates, and standards for what constitutes legitimate contributions to a field.*

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Evolutionary Paradigm

- “ The earth is approximately 4.5 billion years old.
- “ Dinosaurs first evolved in the “middle Triassic” period, approximately 240 million years ago, and became extinct approximately 65 million years ago.

These supposed ages were driven by new methods of dating developed by secular geologists around the turn of the 19th century.

Challenges to the Evolutionary Paradigm

New discoveries in the last 30 years or so have proven to be difficult for the evolutionists to deal with.

- Discovery of soft tissue including red blood cells in dinosaur bones
- Discovery of DNA fragments in dinosaur bones
- Discovery of carbon 14 in dinosaur bones. Carbon 14 dating is useful to a maximum of about 70,000 – 100,000 years. Beyond that time range, there is simply no carbon 14 left.

Radioactive Dating Failure: New Zealand’s North Island Mt Ngauruhoe

- Major eruption in 1948 resulted in an estimated 20 million cubic feet of lava flow.
- In 1954 almost 280 million cubic feet of lava flowed from the crater.
- In 1974 -75, eruptions produced 120 million cubic feet of ash and blocks.
- In 1996 eleven samples from these eruptions were sent to a respected commercial laboratory in Boston. Potassium-argon dating yielded ages ranging from <270,000 years to 3.5 million years.

Radioactive Dating Failure: Mount St Helens - Eruption in 1980

- In 1992, geologist Steve Austin collected samples of the new volcanic rock and sent them to a reputable commercial laboratory to date them using the potassium-argon dating method.
- Results yielded a calculated age for the whole rock samples of 350,000 years.
- One sub-sample produced a calculated age of 2,800,000 years +/- 600,000 years.

Creation Model

- Genesis 1:24-26 – Sixth day of creation - All land animals created on the same day as man
- Genesis 1:30 – All these animals and birds were plant-eating creatures
- Genesis 6:19-20 – Noah’s Ark – Two of every kind brought by God. Estimated 50-80 kinds of dinosaurs. Was there room?

Creation Model - Continued

- Job 38:39-41 – Deals with real flesh-and-blood animals
- Job 39:1-30 – Continuation of description of flesh-and-blood animals
- Job 40:15-24 – Behemoth – Sauropod or mythical creature?
- Job 41:1-34 - Leviathan

Support for Creation Model

Medieval Artist Depictions of Dinosaurs and Other Extinct Reptiles

- Angkor temple in Cambodia stone carving circa 1200 AD
- Bishop Bell’s brass behemoths in England circa 1496 AD
- Bronze wine vessel in Henan Province, China circa 3rd century BC

Further Support for the Creation Model...

- Of the twelve symbols used in the Chinese lunar calendar cycle, 11 are real animals. This suggests that the twelfth symbol, the dragon, is real too.
- In “The Travels of Marco Polo,” the author Marco Polo (1254-1324) recounts seeing dragons in China. He described such a beast as being 30 feet long and 8 feet high with large claws and teeth.

Resources

- Creation Ministries International – creation.com
- Institute for Creation Research – icr.org
- Answers in Genesis – answersingenesis.org
- Creation Research Society
- David Rives Ministries – davidrivesministries.org
- Book “Dire Dragons” by Vance Nelson